



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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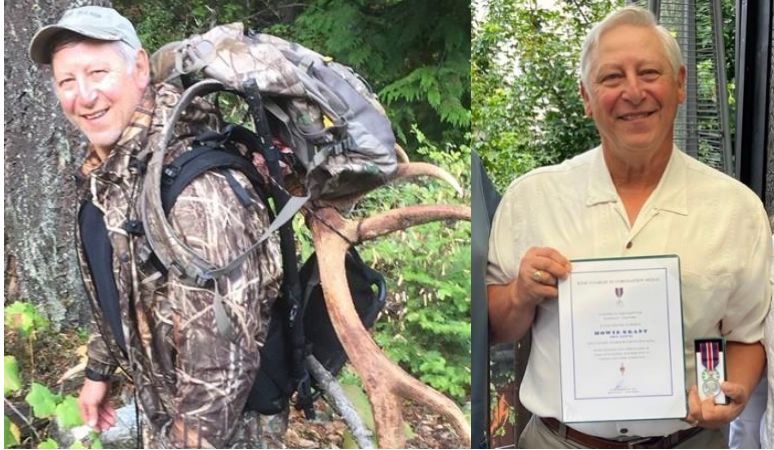
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January 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



JANUARY 2025

Now that Christmas is over, I want to take this time to wish everyone a happy and healthy start to the New Year.

We have plenty of things happening this month starting with our AGM on Jan 11, 2025 @ 10:00 am at Mickey McEwen Hall. Elections for 5 Director positions will be held so I am looking forward to a good turn out from the membership.

We are also in the early stages of planning our Big Game Banquet for March 8, 2025, and our Gun Show for April 4-6, 2025. These are our largest fundraisers, and we will need volunteers for both of these events.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

SHEEP FEEDING PROGRAM

The sheep have finally showed up at the feed station. As far as we can tell, there are 12 animals that we have seen at the site including 4 lambs which is very good news. We are hoping more sheep are in the area and will come down as the snow load increases.

If you want to become involved with the feeding program, please contact me at 250 551-1077



Our Member of Parliament, Rob Morrison will be talking about the gun buyback program and the new list of guns declared as illegal by the current government.

He will also be taking questions about these policies at the following locations, dates and times.

Creston: Creston Rod and Gun Club meeting on Jan 6 at 7PM

Fernie: Jan 7 location is 2nd edition workspace (old free press building) 11:30-12:00

Elkford: Jan 8 at the Elkford Community Center 11-11:30 AM

Nelson: Jan 10 at 10AM at the Chamber boardroom

Howie

Outdoor Range

This year has been a good one thanks to volunteers and generous people.

Rifle / Pistol range building renovation

A ton of new targets to shoot and all donated.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep the Range Safe and Clean.

Well - it is Winter now and still lots of shooters using the Range daily.



And the snowblowing will continue for a while yet.

What is next in 2025?

New Locks and New keys coming

Gunshow April 4th to the 6th

Range Cleanup in the Spring (May 3rd and 4th) - Brushing, Weeding and Burning of Wood Waste

Rebuilding the Targets and Frames

Picnic Tables needed - 4 to 6?

New environmentally correct Outhouse needed to allow access for mobility challenged individuals.

The mousehouse - Rebuild or demolish?

Barrels filled for Fire suppression

Shelter for Trap shooters

National Range Day in early June

Mowing

Please consider helping out.

Contact me if you have materials, time or resources to donate.

Hoge Tyler

Social Gaming

Social Gaming Schedule for January, Happy New Year 🍷🎲🎮

- Friday, January 3rd, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, January 5th, Star Wars X-Wing Demo Games and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, January 10th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, January 12th, Board Gaming, Start of Scythe Campaign, 2 til 8 pm 😊
- Friday, January 17th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, January 19th, Warhammer 40k Colosseum Event, 12:30 til 8 pm
- Friday, January 24th, Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Sunday, January 26th, Battlegroup Demo Game and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, January 31st, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm

Archery

All archers must know how to shoot, or they must take the Introduction to Archery course. The course will be available per request and outside of range hours. Guest archers will still pay \$10 per session, with shooting line priority given to members. The Introduction to Archery course is \$50 per person for a two-hour session with instruction and all equipment provided. Email NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com for booking or inquiry.

Greg Seidelin

MEMBERSHIP

All the Early Payment Incentive, plus a few more, membership cards and keys are in the mail as of today (December 27). There are a little over a dozen that were either just picked up at Farmers Supply or we are waiting for required information to complete the membership cards or send out range keys. Please check your email, including spam, and voice mails in case you missed our contact. Including dependents, there are 216 membership cards in the mail as of today and hopefully, with a little cooperation, we can get the last 13 cards we have payment for out by years' end. Memberships will be available at the AGM on Saturday, January 11, 2025. If you want to purchase your membership there, please come early.

Alan Bond
Membership Coordinator

B.C. to sample 200 Cranbrook, Kimberley urban deer for chronic wasting disease

The province is looking to test 200 urban deer for Chronic Wasting Disease in Cranbrook and Kimberley. (Corey Bullock/Cranbrook Townsman file)

The province is looking to collect samples from over 100 deer each in Cranbrook and Kimberley over the winter months to determine the prevalence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in urban deer populations.

Randene Neill, the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, confirmed the ministry is working on plans to collect samples and test for the disease within the urban deer populations of both municipalities, given the density of both urban herds.

"We think that those testing numbers will give us a good indication of how much Chronic Wasting Disease there is on those areas and those communities," Neill said, during an interview on Dec. 19.

While hunters in the southeast corner of B.C. are required to submit their harvests for sampling as per hunting regulations, there hasn't yet been much sampling of urban deer populations within East Kootenay communities.

Neill says hunters have been an integral part of the CWD surveillance program, with over 3,300 samples submitted to the province to date — a large portion of which came from this past hunting season and are currently being tested.

Test results from urban deer samples being collected soon should be known by late January or early February, according to Neill.

What happens then will be determined by the experts, but an urban deer cull is one potential option if recommended by wildlife biologists.

"I think at this point what we need to do is understand where we are with how many infected deer we get from this sampling of 200 deer over the next couple of months and then I will listen to the science," Neill said. "So, if our scientists say that a cull is the best option, then that is something we would look at, if they say it isn't, then that is something we would look at. That is how we intend to move forward.

"At this point, we are not looking at a complete and total cull. We are looking at testing enough animals to get an accurate picture of how many animals have been infected with Chronic Wasting Disease and then look at the next steps."



<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/wildlife-health/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-surveillance-and-testing#dropoff>

Advocates with the BC Wildlife Federation have raised concerns about the density of urban deer populations potentially serving as a vector for CWD and have been calling for a cull as well as more resources to manage and respond to the issue.

The province says resources going forward will be informed by its CWD management plan, ongoing monitoring, surveillance, and metrics. The planned budget for the 2024/25 surveillance and management is \$716,000, according to a ministry spokesperson.

British Columbia confirmed its first cases of CWD in January this past year; one being a female whitetail deer that was roadkill south of Cranbrook, while the other was a male mule deer harvested in the South Country. Since then, two more deer — both harvested by hunters near Cranbrook this past fall — have tested positive. The B.C. government has set up a management zone and introduced mandatory testing in various management units in the East Kootenay region. The province has also restricted transporting carcasses outside of the management zone and has also increased testing capacity at a lab in Abbotsford to speed up turnaround times.

Based on the number of samples submitted this year, the province acknowledged that additional testing capacity will be needed in the future years and that it is working on plans to ensure it has all operational needs in place for future sampling efforts.

CWD affects cervids, such as deer, moose, elk, and caribou, and is a condition of the central nervous system caused by infectious agents called prions, which kill cells in the brain as they accumulate and lead to neurological disease.

Prions, a type of protein, also accumulate in other tissues and may be shed by the infected animal into water or on plants and bedding through saliva, urine and feces.

It is 100 per cent fatal to wildlife with no known treatment.

However, it is not known to affect humans or livestock, although public health guidance recommends that animals with CWD should not be consumed.

Trevor Crawley – Cranbrook Townsman

How to report a sick animal

Early in a CWD disease outbreak it is unlikely to see animals exhibiting symptoms as most infected animals will appear healthy. That said, if you observe an animal exhibiting any of the symptoms, please report this to the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277 or the BC Wildlife Health Program at CWD@gov.bc.ca or 250-751-3219.

Firearm Licences and BC Hunting Licences



REQUIRED TRAINING FOR FIREARMS (PAL) AND HUNTING LICENCES (CORE): Booking now for the fall courses. Classes in Nelson, Salmo, Slocan, Nakusp, Revelstoke and the Okanagan. Limited seating, book your seat early. For more information about classes, dates and locations check out www.dbozconsulting.ca or contact Dorian Boswell, 250-265-8323 (cell), dbozconsulting@gmail.com If your community wishes to sponsor a course I can travel to your community to do a course(s).

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

The Wednesday Indoor Firearms Range morning shooting sessions are open to club members.

Check the indoor range webpage for weekly updates. <http://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

ARCHERY RANGE



The sign features a central logo with a silhouette of an archer in a forest, surrounded by antlers and an arrow. The text is arranged in a friendly, hand-drawn style with various fonts and colors (green, orange, black, white) against a green background with a subtle forest pattern.

**WELCOME TO THE
NELSON ROD & GUN CLUB'S
ARCHERY CLUB!**

We're a group of toxophilites who shoot together for the love of the sport!

We Offer: Private Range Rental/Intro Classes
Archery Canada Tournaments
Range Equipment Provided *and More!*

Archers of ALL experience levels welcome!
Price Per Shoot
Members: \$2
Guests: \$10


























Join Us For A Shoot:
Sundays: 9:00am to 11:00am
Tuesdays: 5:15pm to 7:00pm
Wednesdays: 5:15pm to 7:00pm

✉ nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com ✉

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for more info visit us at:
www.nrgcbc.ca
[Member Card Icon]

Logos for BC Archery, Archery Canada, and Nelson Rod & Gun Club are also present.

Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
 Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 12:30-21:00			Happy New Year	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
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Club Contact List

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NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com