



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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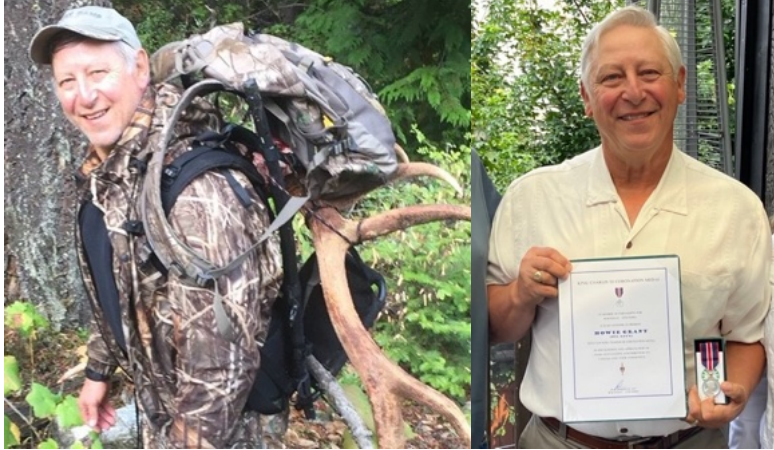
Outdoor Range: 124 Porto Rico Rd (off Hwy 6), Nelson BC

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

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

February 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



SHEEP FEEDING PROGRAM

With the unseasonably mild weather this winter, the activity around the feeding site has been reduced significantly. There have been up to 11 sheep at the feeder, including 4 lambs which is the most in a while.

Of note, we have started 2 salt licks using highway salt in a brine. So far, it seems very popular with the sheep.

A few weeks ago, a group of Selkirk Students attended the site, and 7 sheep made an appearance, including one lamb. This is concerning as the sheep numbers continue to drop.

BIG GAME BANQUET

Our banquet for March 8 is full speed ahead. With only 200 tickets available the committee is gearing up for another sell out, so get out there and grab a ticket. Hope to see you there. There are tickets at Farmers Supply, and Eddy's Music. There is also an e-transfer option available for the out-of-town members who have to rely on the local ferries. Contact Howie Grant, 250 551-1077, for the information on the e-transfer or for tickets.

Howie



Banquet

A message from the Banquet committee

The annual Wild Game banquet is back! We will be having our banquet fundraiser on Saturday, March 8th. As many of you know, this event is a primary fundraiser for our club, with the lions share of profits going toward our conservation efforts around the region. We will also be funding acoustic improvements to our hall, in the form of sound damping and directions panels. The banquet committee relies heavily on donations from local grocers in order to put on this event. However, there is a key ingredient they cannot supply us with, that being, all natural, wild caught and humanely harvested game meat and fish. We would be grateful for any donations from our many skilled hunters, trappers and anglers. If you have a fish, roast, or loin taking up valuable freezer space we would be happy to help you make room! These donations will go a long way to helping us host another great event.

We would also like to ask anyone who would like to volunteer to please contact me. The support of our members is crucial for putting on a great event. We are always looking for individuals to support our historic organization. If you want to get more involved, either with the banquet, one of our conservation efforts, archery, trap or sport shooting, please reach out to the directors. We would be happy to get you involved.

Thank you

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2025 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

Saturday March 8th @ 801 Railway St
The Rod & Gun Club Hall (beneath Cottonwood Falls)

UNIQUE MENU
Silent & Live Auction -Raffle - 50/50

Happy Hour & Fundraiser 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

Tickets @ Nelson Farmer Supply and Eddy Music
Out of town members contact Howie Grant
re e-transfer payment (250) 551-1077

Tickets:
Adults \$50
Youth \$30
(12 and under)

**For further information
or to volunteer
contact Howie Grant
(250) 551-1077**



Social Gaming

Social Gaming Schedule for February

- Sunday, February 2nd, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, February 7th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, February 9th, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, February 14th, Magic Draft Event 6:30 til 11 pm
- Board Gaming, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, February 16th, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, February 21st, Social Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Sunday, February 23rd, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, February 28th, Borad Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm

Outdoor Range

It is a bit frosty out there now but still good shooting for quite a few of us diehards.



And, yes, those are ice crystals. But still not much snow and the paths are clear. Walk in from Porto Rico Road.

Gun show 2025

Accepting table bookings for the Gun show April 4-6

Choice firearms, fishing and archery items as well as collectibles.



WEST KOOTENAY
Gun and Antique Show
Buy Sell and Trade

Hunting, Fishing, Shooting and Collectables
COME FIND A GREAT DEAL!

April 5th & 6th

Admission \$5.00

Children 12 and under are free (Must be accompanied by an adult)

Saturday April 5th: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday April 6th: 9:00am - 3:00pm

MICKEY McEWEN MEMORIAL HALL
801 Railway St., Nelson B.C.

For more information contact Dave @ (250)-505-6007
Email: ndrgcgunshow@gmail.com

Tables are \$50 each - Book soon! - Thirty-seven tables available.

The concession and kitchen will be open - Breakfast, soup, chilli, sandwiches and drinks.

There will be a Winchester 22LR Ruffled off with the winner drawn on Range Day.

This is an important fundraiser for the Outdoor Range.

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Archery

I am happy to welcome Chris and Peter as our new range officers. They both successfully passed the Archery Canada Range Safety Officer certification. Apologies for all the range time cancellations last month; unfortunately, Sunday practice will be cancelled for the month of February but should resume in March. The winter rush has begun at the range, so make sure to come early if you want a spot on the shooting line. Guest archers pay \$10 per session, with shooting line priority given to members. All archers must know how to safely shoot, or they must take the Introduction to Archery course. The course will be available by request and outside of range hours. The Introduction to Archery course is two hours of indoor instruction and all equipment provided--it is \$50 per person. Email NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com for booking or inquiry.

Greg Seidelin

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, Slokan, 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).

BCWF testifies to the Standing Committee for Environment

The B.C. Wildlife Federation is British Columbia's largest and oldest conservation organization, with over 40,000 members and 100 clubs across the province. Our clubs and members spend hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and dollars conducting wildlife, wetland, and fish habitat restoration, as well as advocating for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes to support a future that includes healthy fish, wildlife and habitat.

Over the past two years in the world of fish, wildlife, habitat, water and wetlands, the BCWF has delivered over 100 projects worth more than \$7 million while partnering with over 50 indigenous communities. This includes 71 beaver dam analogues built in 2024 and nearly 45,000 kilograms of garbage removed from the tidal marsh in the Fraser River. Since 2021, we've delivered over 230 projects and more than \$11 million in project work for the benefit of the environment.

Our partners and funders include indigenous communities, ENGOs, local communities, private landholders, the Government of Canada, and the Province of B.C. Our 2016 estimate of volunteer contributions by our members was over 300,000 hours per year. I believe we greatly exceed that now.

Our membership is dedicated to the conservation of fish, wildlife and habitat, donating hours and dollars to science and on-the-ground stewardship. However, our membership is also extremely concerned about the future of public access to fish, wildlife habitat and nature in general.

The BCWF is deeply concerned that Bill C-73 does not ensure a future in which Canadians can camp, hike, backpack, birdwatch, and hunt and fish sustainably. These sustainable lifestyles and activities must be front and centre for new land designations.

This Bill provides the Minister of Environment and Climate Change powers that do not include adequate Parliamentary oversight. The Bill talks about collaboration but does not ensure that stakeholders in British Columbia will be consulted. And the bill provides authority to set aside public land and delegate control to unelected management authorities. Consultation includes provinces, indigenous peoples of Canada and an advisory committee. There is no stipulation about the representation of the advisory committee.

We have a number of examples where the Minister of Environment and Climate Change has failed to consult and represent the public, including caribou recovery in northeast B.C., which has set a number of our communities back by decades, and a lack of leadership around ensuring public access for sustainable lifestyles and sustainable outdoor recreation around mechanisms to achieve “30 by 30” targets. We believe that connecting British Columbians and Canadians to nature is good for their mental and physical health, and that people connected to the land are people who will protect it.

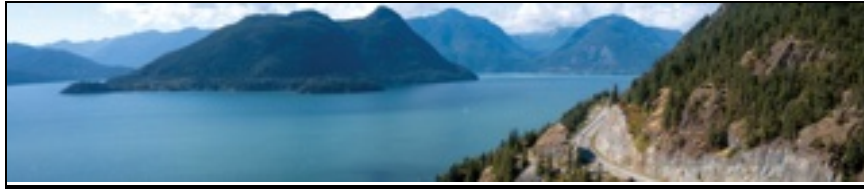
The BCWF supports increased conservation. However, there is significant concern that this comes at the expense of eliminating sustainable use and sustainable outdoor recreation. The BCWF has experienced this with the proposed South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve in the same area where our members have funded, donated to and volunteered for the largest and most collaborative mule deer research project in the province’s history. Throughout this project, our members have assisted in capturing, GPS collaring and doing mortality investigations on mule deer, as well as deploying and maintaining over 150 remote sensing trail cameras and reviewing millions of pictures.

These same people are now being told by the Government of Canada that it does not want to see them hunting in their own backyard because it’s being turned into a national park reserve. We have also experienced declarations of moratoriums on licensed hunting through other federally derived conservation mechanisms.

This Bill does not give us comfort that British Columbians and Canadians will be able to enjoy and interact with nature in the same places and in the same ways we can today. If Canadian families are out camping, hiking, backpacking, hunting, and fishing sustainably, the Government of Canada should be saying: “This is great. We want more people and their kids off their screens and out connecting with nature.” The Government of Canada should be encouraging and supporting sustainable lifestyles and sustainable outdoor recreation, and that should be recognized in this Bill.

To close, everyone needs to see themselves in our shared future.

<https://bcwf.bc.ca/bcwf-testifies-to-the-standing-committee-for-environment/>



Pacific Partners Boating Bulletin

February 2025

Comments in Canada Gazette, Part I - Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations

We are pleased to inform you that the comments received during the consultation on modernizing the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR), held from September 14 to November 28, 2024, have been published.

The comments can be accessed in the Canada Gazette, Part I. These comments provide valuable perspectives from participants and will help guide the next steps in the modernization process.

We thank all participants for their time and input during the consultation.

To stay informed about future updates on VORR modernization or other initiatives related to marine safety and security, please contact the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) Secretariat at cmac-cmc@tc.gc.ca and request to be added to their distribution list.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

Careless Operation and Boating Sober

Avoid Dangerous Behaviors

Never try to spray swimmers or cut in front of or try to jump the wake of other vessels. Some of the worst boating incidents happen when operators misjudge speed or distance.

Operate at a Safe Speed

Remember that you may have to stop or turn suddenly to avoid a collision, so operate at a safe speed. A safe speed depends on:

- your ability to see ahead – slow is the only safe speed in fog, mist, rain and darkness;
- current, wind, and water conditions;
- how quickly your boat can change direction;
- how many and what types of vessels are near you; and
- the presence of navigational hazards such as rocks and tree stumps.

Be very careful when boating where visibility is poor, such as entering or exiting a fog bank.

A boat's wake can damage other vessels, docks and the shoreline. It can also be a risk for swimmers, divers and people on small boats that might capsize. Be aware of how your boat's wake might affect others when choosing your speed. You will be responsible for any damages or harm you cause.

Impaired driving on the water

Boating under the influence of alcohol, or drugs is illegal. It is also a danger to yourself and others. Staying sober is your responsibility. Boating while drinking or taking drugs can lead to dangerous situations. When boating impaired, you are not just a danger to yourself but to others too. Each time you operate a boat, you are responsible for the safety of your guests and other people using the waterway. You must always be prepared and alert. Mixing alcohol and drugs with boating is far more dangerous than you may realize. Fatigue, sun, wind and the motion of the boat may dull your senses. Alcohol and drugs intensify these effects, leaving you with reduced fine motor skills (for example, hand-eye coordination) and impaired judgement.

Consequences

Impaired driving, whether on land or water, is punishable under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Convictions for a first offence can result in:

- fines
- prohibition from operating a boat or motor vehicle
- seizure of the boat for a period of time
- possible prison terms

The laws and penalties for when a boater is considered impaired follow provincial and territorial driving laws.

Disposal of expired flares

Anyone wishing to dispose of expired marine flares contact the distributor for instructions on how to do it in a safe, environmentally appropriate way. Here is the list of current flare distributors and other entities that accept flares for disposal in Canada:

Distributors	Location	Flare types accepted	Contact information
CIL	Lachute, QC	Orion Other brands for an addition disposal fee	450-566-0655
DSS Marine	Darmouth, NS	Comet Pain Wessex	902-835-4848 info@dssprotection.com
Spartan Industrial Marine	9 locations in Atlantic Canada and Quebec	Nammo Hanson Pyrotech Other brands for an addition fee if it is not visibly damaged or in poor condition that could pose a health and safety hazard	902-468-2111 info@spartanmarine.ca
Collection Services	Location	Flare types accepted	Contact information
Fireworks Factory Inc.	Rockyford, AB (Western Canada)	Any marine flares subject to a disposal fee	1-403-533-3899 (Office) 1-844-404-6767 (toll free) admin@fireworksfactory.ca
Canadian Ammunition Disposal Services (CADS)		Able to dispose small quantities of marine flare subject to a disposal fee	905-977-9899 tom@CADSAmmunitionDisposal.com https://cadsammunitiondisposal.com/

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

The winter session of the Indoor Firearms Range is underway, for information please check the club website

The Nelson Police have the indoor firearms range booked Monday morning, Feb 3rd, 2025 from 09:00-12:00.

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

ARCHERY RANGE

NELSON ARCHERS

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 ✉

Follow Us
QR code and social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

for more info
visit us at:
www.nrgcbc.ca

Logos for Archery Canada, Nelson District Rod and Gun Club, and a Member card.

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NEWSLETTER

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