

# **NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB**

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March 2025 Newsletter

# <u>President's Message</u> <u>Howie Grant</u>



# **BIG GAME BANQUET**

Our banquet for March 8 is full speed ahead and again, is a complete sell out. All 200 tickets have been purchased. We are looking for 4-6 volunteers that could help set up on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Also, on the day of the banquet we need help with the 50/50 draw, the gun raffles, silent and live auctions. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy Turner 250 777-1917.

# Our Chef, Jordan Braun, is also seeking a few more roasts and ground meat (deer, moose, elk). Please contact Jordan at 778 908-9535 or Howie at 250-551-1077.

## **2025 EVENTS**

- Gun Show April 5-6 @ Mickey McEwen Hall
- Membership meeting Saturday May 3 @ 10:00 am @ Outdoor range
- Outdoor range clean up May 3, (after membership meeting)
- National Range Day, Sun, June 1 @ 10 am @ Outdoor Range Volunteers needed
- Fishing Forever June 14 & 15. Volunteers needed Contact Brad Howard
- Membership meeting, Saturday, Oct 4, 10 am, @ Club Hall

Howie

#### Kootenay Lake Fisheries Public Meeting Update

We have moved the scheduled in-person Kootenay Lake Fisheries Public meetings (Meadow Creek and Balfour - scheduled for March 3rd and March 4th) to an on-line platform. We have received direction from our ministry to hold all public meetings on-line instead of in-person to reduce costs. For those of you who printed a poster advertising the meetings in early March and posted it to a storefront or website, could you please remove the poster? If you have circulated the information on a website, could you please update the information, date and time of the meeting? Feel free to circulate this email to anyone you know that may be interested in joining the meeting.

Our online Kootenay Lake Fisheries Public meeting update will now be held on March 11th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We apologize if this is any inconvenience to anyone. The meeting will be held on the Microsoft Teams app, using the "Join the Meeting Now" button below. If you are planning to call in, please call 1-778-401-6289, and use the conference ID number 260 649 94#. When you click on the link below, you will be asked to download the app. You will not be required to create an account; however, you will be asked to enter your email—a verification number will be sent to your email that you will need to enter to join the meeting. After you've entered the verification code, click "Join Now".

Link for joining the meeting (you may need to press the 'ctrl' button when you click the "Join the Meeting Now" button to open the Teams meeting page): Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 276 704 364 629 Passcode: sL6KB3Zk

Eva Schindler - Director, Resource Management, Kootenay Boundary Region

#### Fifth case of Chronic Wasting Disease in B.C. confirmed. Experts to present on CWD strategies in Cranbrook.

Provincial wildlife biologist Holger Bohm and biosecurity expert Jessica Russel will present options to mitigate the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal illness affecting deer, elk, and moose.

The provincial government has confirmed a fifth positive case of CWD in the Kootenays, with four cases from the area near Cranbrook.

A CWD awareness and information session is planned for Cranbrook on March 13, 2025, at 7 pm in the Heritage Inn. The event is being hosted by the East Kootenay Wildlife Association (EKWA), with support from the B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF), the Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund, the Big Game Records Club of BC, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers of BC, and the Oceola Fish and Game Club.

An overview of the provincial government's CWD management plan will be presented by Bohm, a wildlife biologist and ungulate specialist for the Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship. Bohm's work has focused on large mammals through more than 20 years in wildlife management in Europe and Canada. Recent research and other CWD mitigation strategies will be presented by emergency management and ecology consultant Jessica Russel, who has proven success working on national-scale programs.

Russel's presentation "Approaches to managing Chronic Wasting Disease: What we've learnt from elsewhere and what it means for B.C." will review the situation in B.C., disease management principles, and ways to get ahead of the spread of CWD.

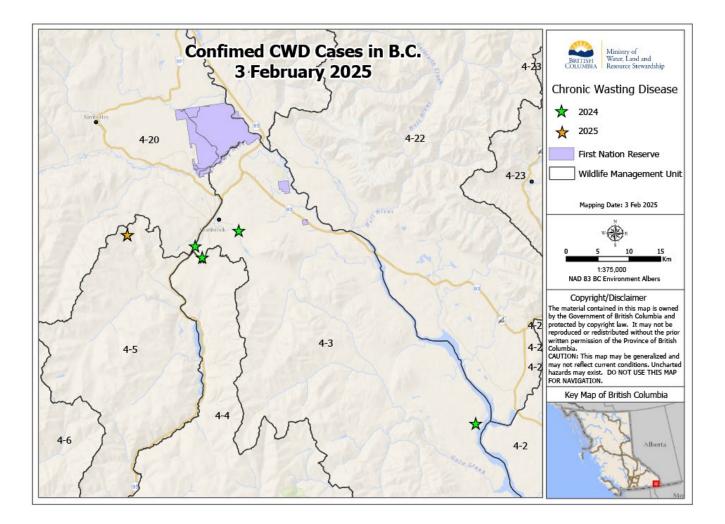
There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the experts after the presentations.

"With new cases being confirmed in the Kootenay region, this is a perfect time for conservationists and interested citizens to review what has been done to date and what other options are available to slow the spread of CWD," said Glenn Flynn, past president of the EKWA and a director at the BCWF.

So far, CWD cases in B.C. are confined to the Kootenays, which presents an opportunity to use hunting pressure to help control its spread. A study released in January led by U.S. government biologist Wynne Moss found that "maintaining hunting pressure on adult males is an important tactic for slowing CWD epidemics within mule deer herds."

"While prevalence remains very low, the B.C. Wildlife Federation believes we have an opportunity to take decisive action to limit its spread," said BCWF Executive Director Jesse Zeman. "The BCWF is committed to working with the province to improve our response and management of CWD. The recent study conducted in Wyoming concluded that hunting is the best tool for managing CWD, meaning B.C. has the tools and opportunity to keep prevalence low."

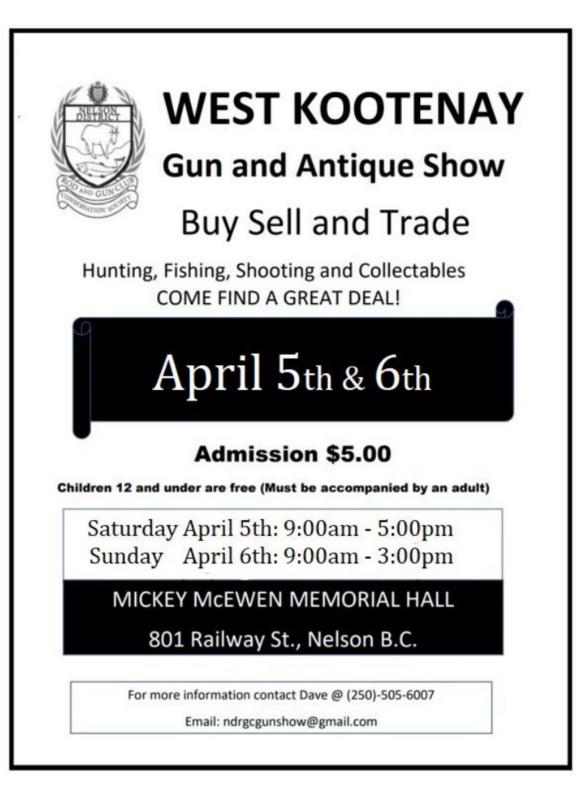
https://bcwf.bc.ca/news-updates/



# Gun & Antique Show

Tables are \$50 each - Book Now! – Only some tables left. Contact Dave White 250-505-6007. The concession and kitchen will be open – Breakfast, soup, chilli, sandwiches and drinks. There will be a Winchester 22LR Raffled off with the winner drawn on Range Day.

#### This is an important fundraiser for the Outdoor Range.



# Social Gaming

Social Gaming Schedule for March

- Sunday, March 2nd, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, March 7th, Social Gaming is cancelled 😕
- Sunday, March 9th, Social Gaming is cancelled 😕
- Friday, March 14, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Sunday, March 16th, Board Games and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, March 21st, AETHERDRIFT Magic Draft Event, 6:30 til 11 pm 😁
- Also, Board Gaming, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, March 23rd, Warhammer 40k 1000-point Event, 12 noon til 6:30 pm 😃
- Also, Board Gaming, 2 til 7 pm
- Friday, March 28th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, March 30th, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 8 pm

# **Outdoor Range**

Outdoor Range is still snow laden and in moderate use. Things are warming up. Range Cleanup set for May 3 - Earlier if the snow goes Please volunteer

Gun show is coming up April 4,5 and 6th Please book you tables - There are some left. Contact Dave White 250-505-6007

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#### **Fishing Forever**

Circle June 14,15, 2025, on your calendars as "FISHING FOREVER" Weekend. We need volunteers. Greatest need includes transport of equipment and the set up/take down for 3 hours at the club and Hall. We need small, light Boats (to 16 ft) with electric motors along with boat drivers.

Please make yourself known to either Brad Howard (250-444-1953) or Glen McKen (250-505-5006) well in advance, stating where & how you would like to participate.



### **Archery**

February has been a challenging month at the indoor range. First, the water main froze due to low snow level and a cold snap. Then, there was a blocked rainwater drainpipe. The resulting puddle leaked into the archery range. It was discovered on Sunday morning and luckily it was caught early. At that point, water was only leaking in by the target wall. All the bows and equipment were stored next door. The target wall was dismantled, all 3-D targets and benches were moved out of the way. Thanks to Drew Turner, Howard Grant, Glen McKen, and Warren Russel for diverting the water away from the southwest corner of the Clubhouse and dismantling the target wall. A flood restoration company was called in and they installed fans to speed up the drying. Howie and Warren sealed some of the gaps in the concrete wall to prevent this from happening again. A few volunteers and I will be there Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am to close the walls and to clean and reset the range. If anyone is available to help, we would really appreciate it!

On a positive note, the indoor range practice every Sunday morning from 9am until 11am has resumed.

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 <u>NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com</u> 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, 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

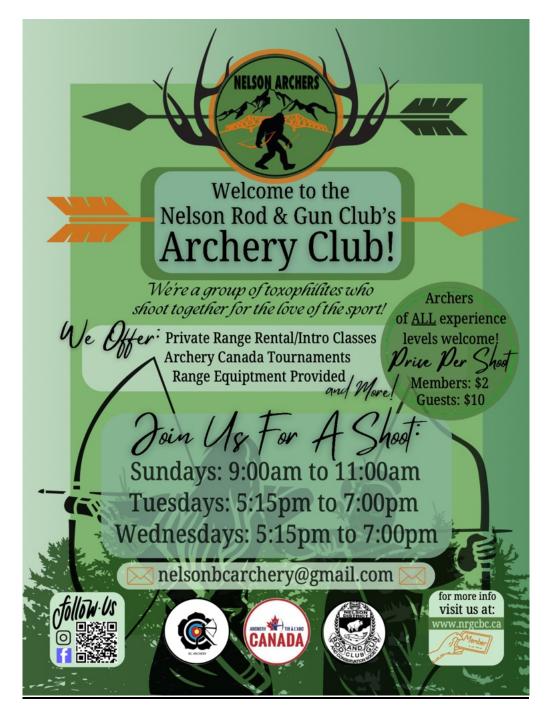
# **INDOOR GUN RANGE**

The 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/indoorrange/

# ARCHERY RANGE



Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
Range Reno 09:30 – Gaming 12:30-21:00			Indoor Firearms 10:00 – 12:00 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Big Game Banquet 5PM
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# **NEWSLETTER**

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