



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

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

May 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



MEMBER UPDATE

On April 15th, 2025, Frances Brown underwent surgery for a hip replacement. I'm pleased to report that the operation went very well, and Frances is now back home in St. Albert, AB undergoing physio. Wishing you a speedy recovery Frances, and we look forward to seeing you in the summer.

RANGE CLEANUP & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This spring, we have planned 2 events at the outdoor range, Porto Rico Road, for May 3, 2025:

At 9:00 am we will begin our spring range cleanup. The range will be closed to facilitate the cleanup until 3:00 pm. Hoge has included details of the work in the newsletter.

Then at 10:00 am we will hold our membership meeting. We want to keep it short so we can get back with the cleanup.

I encourage all the members to attend not just for the meeting, but also to help with the cleanup. Coffee, water, and pastries will be available.

NATIONAL RANGE DAY: JULY 7, 2025

The NDRGC will be hosting our 2nd National Range Day on June 7, 2025, at the outdoor range. We anticipate an increase in attendance, and we need volunteers. Give me, Hoge or Marvin a call if you would like to help.

Again, there will be alternating archery, rifle demonstrations and a trap shooting demonstration this year for the public to see.

Our local Conservation Officers and your local police (NPD and RCMP) will be on hand (call load dependant) to answer questions from those in attendance.

We will also be announcing the winner of the he Winchester .22 Sport Bolt Action Rifle raffle at 2:00 pm. Lots to see and do so come on down.

Hearing protection and safety glasses will be available for those that don't have them, but we encourage the volunteers to bring their own and any extras they may have

The gate will be open to the public from 10 am to 3:00 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee pop and water will be available for a small donation.

BLACK BEARS AND TURKEYS

With the arrival of Spring, it means black bears and turkeys are open. I like to encourage our members to get out and harvest these game animals, there's plenty of them. The field to table aspect of hunting is a healthy alternative to store bought meat and the memories with family and friends last a lifetime.

I've been out plenty, ending up with this nice tom but no black bear yet. What is really nice this time of year is the number of animals you see out in the bush. The elk, mule deer and whitetails are very actively feeding right now. Be careful driving at night or during the early morning hours.

Send us your pictures and stories of your adventures. We would love to hear from you.

Howie

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).



National Range Day



10:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday
JUNE 7 2025



124 Porto Rico Rd
(watch for the balloons on Hwy 6)



- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Trap Shooting - (12:00-3:00 pm)
- ✓ .22 Rifle Shooting

Hamburgers/Hotdogs



Come and see our outdoor range.
Meet your local Conservation Officer
Meet your local Police - NPD and RCMP

For further information contact Hoge Tyler, 250-551-7645



April 8, 2025 BCWF News & Updates

Election 2025: In challenging times, don't forget wild foods are tariff-proof

By Jesse Zeman

Amid all the anxiety about Canada's future and our relationship with our neighbours to the south, it's easy to forget about the things that make this country great.

Hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting are integral to the story of Canada and our access to wild places and our devotion to outdoor pursuits is unique in the world. As an added bonus, wild foods are tariff-proof. The B.C. Wildlife Federation has joined 11 other provincial wildlife federations to form the National Fishing and Hunting Collaborative with a goal to guarantee access to public lands and resources for all Canadians. In simpler terms, we must make sure that Canadians are not locked out of the lands we share, that we are not denied access to fish and wildlife, and that decisions about public fisheries and wildlife are based on science and shielded from political interference.

To get there, the NFHC has adopted five policy positions for this federal election. Ideally, every party will adopt these positions and more importantly act on them when the next government is formed.

We are asking candidates and parties to commit to a national strategy to promote hunting and fishing. Canada is home to three million anglers, more one million hunters, and 2.4 million licensed firearms owners who spend \$19 billion each year on outdoor pursuits. Directing a meaningful portion of the GST charged on hunting and fishing gear to conservation could provide dedicated funds for fish, wildlife and habitat restoration.

The federal government must also commit to legislation preserving public access to public resources and wild places for all Canadians who consider hiking, camping, hunting and fishing an important part of their culture and heritage.

The current government's wrong-headed attack on licensed firearms owners is going to cost billions of dollars with no hope of improving public safety.

Canada's licensed firearm owners have a safety record that is the envy of the world, because we know firearms are simply tools that we use to harvest wild food. Licensed owners are less likely to commit crimes with firearms than other Canadians and millions of Canadians participate in hunting and shooting sports, where we excel at the highest levels.

The federal government's prohibition on "assault-style" rifles and the planned buyback program is a gargantuan waste of taxpayers' dollars. It also makes little sense, since actual assault rifles have been prohibited in Canada for decades. The buyback program is aimed at firearms that are aesthetically similar to assault rifles, but with none of the functionality.

Think of what we could achieve for fish and wildlife conservation with those billions.

We could start with effective management of disease threatening deer, elk and moose, and create a robust response to invasive species that are threatening freshwater ecosystems.

When chronic wasting disease spreads unchecked, it can affect up to 85 per cent of a herd and CWD is 100 per cent fatal in deer, elk, and moose.

The federal government must commit to an immediate prohibition on the movement of these species across provincial and territorial boundaries and to phase out commercial farming of affected species to reduce the risk of massive transmission events.

If you care about fish, drink water or pay taxes, you should know that invasive mussels will clog and foul municipal water and hydroelectric equipment costing us hundreds of millions of dollars. Their sharp shells can also make beaches unusable and when they die in the millions the stench is unbearable. Parasites and invasive fish species are also a threat to Canada's native species, especially salmonids.

The federal government must commit to permanent, dedicated funding for prevention, education, early detection, and rapid response to invasive threats.

In addition to the NFHC's election priorities, the B.C. Wildlife Federation has concerns about Pacific fisheries management. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has a long history of conflicts, failure to conserve fish, and failure to support the public fishery. Scientific reports are routinely altered for political reasons and our wild fisheries are paying a steep price.

The next federal government must reorganize DFO to focus on conservation of wild fish and properly fund salmon habitat restoration. That means topping up the Watershed Security Fund with \$600 million, accelerating Species at Risk assessments, and getting ocean-based salmon farms out of our waters.

To ensure that Canadians have access to public fisheries, DFO must make fisheries decisions based on science and address an exploding pinniped population that consumes tens of millions of salmon a month.

Canada is facing serious threats at this moment in history. There are hunters, anglers and sport shooters who want to spend money in your community and on conservation, but the government is saying no. It is vital that we don't lose our sense of what it is to be Canadian.

Jesse Zeman is the Executive Director of the B.C. Wildlife Federation, B.C.'s largest conservation organization.



Bear Smart Community Program

Every year, hundreds and sometimes thousands of bears are destroyed as a result of conflicts between people and bears.

In rare instances, people are injured or killed as a result of these conflicts.

Most of these problems begin when people give bears access to non-natural food, such as garbage.

The program

The Bear Smart Community Program has been designed by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in partnership with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

It's a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses and individuals to work together.

The goal is to address the root causes of human-bear conflicts, thereby reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of bears that have to be destroyed each year.

This program is based on a series of criteria that communities must achieve in order to be recognized as 'bear smart.'

The responsibility to manage human-bear conflicts rests with everyone.

The Bear Smart Community Program requires participation from the B.C. government, municipal governments and local citizens to be successful.

Resources and publications

A brochure outlining the program and a technical background report are available:

Be 'Bear Smart' Community Brochure (PDF, 7MB)

Bear Smart Community Program: Background Report (PDF, 527KB)

The background report is intended for communities interested in pursuing this initiative and provides detailed information on each of the criteria, including examples of their successful application.

Learn the differences and similarities between black bears and grizzly bears:

Who's Who: Know Your Bears Brochure (PDF, 359KB)

Check your bear spray expiration date!

Bear spray typically has a shelf life of 3 to 5 years. After this period, the propellant pressure may decrease, making it unreliable. It's recommended to replace bear spray after the expiration date to ensure it's effective.

Congratulations to the 12 B.C. communities who have successfully attained 'bear smart' status:

Castlegar
Coquitlam
Kamloops
Lions Bay
Naramata
New Denver
Port Alberni
Port Hardy
Port Moody
Squamish
Tofino
Whistler

Orphaned black bear cubs

In BC, our approach to orphaned black bear cubs is based on the latest wildlife management science, suitability criteria for rehabilitation and rearing best practices, and prioritizes public safety.

Provincial response guidelines for incidents involving orphaned black bear cubs give authorities several options when determining the appropriate course of action, including rehabilitation at a permitted rearing facility.

Human help may be appropriate in some cases but not every cub requires intervention. Some animals have better chances of recovery when left in the wild. Sometimes, the best course of action is to let wild animals remain wild. Cubs suspected of being orphaned will be monitored for 48 hours before a decision on capturing is made.

The Province - which includes the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with the Ministry of Environment and Parks, wildlife biologists and the provincial wildlife veterinarian with the Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) - and authorized rearing facilities, each have a role in response to orphaned black bear cubs, and work together to determine how and where to respond.

The public also has a key role to play to help keep wildlife wild. People are encouraged to ensure attractants on their properties are securely stored to prevent bears and other wildlife from accessing them. This includes common items such as garbage cans, compost bins, birdfeeders, and barbecues. For tips, please visit WildSafeBC.com.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlifeconflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife/bears/bear-smart>

Contact the Conservation Officer Service if you have any questions:

conservation.officer.service@gov.bc.ca



Fishing Forever

WANTED :
VOLUNTEERS FOR FISHING FOREVER
(June 13,14,15) We need
people and boats.

Boats powered by muscle or electric motor, a size appropriate for Cottonwood Lake.

People with trucks to help set up on the Friday afternoon (June 13th) and especially for Sunday (June 15th).

Please consider giving us a few hours of your time to this great event !!!

Call Brad Howard 250-444-1953 or email bradhoward@telus.net



The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club
Presents

Fishing Forever

Saturday
June 14, 2025
9am to 4pm at
Cottonwood Lake

An annual opportunity for disabled people to enjoy a day of fishing without having to bother with the logistics.

We Provide

- Boats
- Life Jackets
- Equipment
- Lunch
- Prizes & Gifts
- On site washrooms

No Licence Required!



Sunday
June 15, 2025
9am to 4pm at
Cottonwood Lake

Family Fishing Day



A hassle free fishing experience for any family to enjoy.

Boats, fishing gear and lunch will be provided.

No Licence Required!

Volunteers welcome!

Call Brad @ 250-444-1953 for further information



Archery

Outdoor Range set up and membership meeting

A reminder that our next membership meeting is scheduled for **Saturday May 3rd at the outdoor range, on Porto Rico Road @ 10:00 a.m.** We will meet at **9 a.m.** at the **outdoor archery range** to set up targets and nets for the outdoor season. There will be a BBQ at noon at the rifle range. **We need volunteers, please!**

BC Indoor Provincial Championships

Phoenix and I went to the Indoor Provincial Championships in Richmond on the Easter long weekend. The event was held at the Richmond Curling Club (targets everywhere!). Although we always do our best to train like we would compete and add challenges to our training, competition is always different. The bright lights and a packed shooting line made for a hard transition. We both shot below our average on Saturday but found our groove on Sunday and both shot very well. Phoenix is bringing home silver for the Under 15 Barebow and I finished 4th in the Barebow 21+ division. I received the World Archery Black Pin Award for shooting a score above five hundred at a championship. One hundred and fifty archers and archeresses came from all over BC, Yukon, Alberta, and Washington state. Phoenix and I both look forward to the next championships.





National Range Day

We are **looking for volunteers** for National Range Day on Sunday June 7th at the outdoor range. This is a fun community event for all ages. Please email me if you can help.

Indoor Range

Guest archers pay \$10 per session, with shooting line priority given to members. All archers must know how to shoot safely, 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

Outdoor Rifle Range

Outdoor Range

Cleanup May 3/4

Lots to do for the cleanup

Bring brush cutters, rakes, wheelbarrows, wrecking bars and carpentry tools

Also, carpentry tools if you have cordless tools

We need to haul some building waste to the dump if you have a truck

Hot dogs available a lunchtime

Range Closed morning of May 8 - City Police Training

Thanks to Maglios and Hipperson's Home Building for donations of plywood and lumber

NRGC GUNSHOW 2025

Thanks to everyone who helped make the gunshow a success:

Calvin Hacking Club Table, Mark McBride Club Table, Glen Mcken Kitchen, Alan Bond Cold Counter/ Advertising, "Paul Thomas, Shelley Dagorne" Security /Admittance, "Warren Russell, Sandy Russell" Setup/Admittance, Brad Fuller Gunshow Signage, Joseph Capot Blanc Parking, Grace Nakano Kitchen, Nazzy King Setup, Zach Burleson Setup, Howie Grant Raffle/ Kitchen, Derek Ludwar Raffle / Setup, Marvin Paisner Setup, Hoge Tyler "Co-Ordinator/Firearm Transfers", Dave White "Co-Ordinator/Firearm Transfers".

Hoge Tyler

Social Gaming

- Friday, May 2nd, Board Gaming and Magic, starting at 6 to 11pm, downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if your attending
- Sunday, May 4th, Board Gaming and Magic, 2 til 8 pm
- Friday, May 9th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm, post if your attending
- Sunday, May 11th, Social Gaming is Cancelled !! Mother's Day 🥰🥰
- Friday, May 15th and Sunday, May 18th, Social Gaming is Cancelled !!
- Friday, May 23rd and Sunday, May 25th, Social Gaming is Cancelled !!
- Friday, May 30th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm, downstairs, use side rear door to enter, post if your attending

Lost and Found:

Did you, or someone you know, buy a partner press from Brian Yeo?
Brian found some extra parts and the user manual, you are welcome to them.



RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

The regularly scheduled Wednesday shoot at the Indoor Firearms Range is over for the season

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

ARCHERY RANGE



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 (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube)

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

Logos for Archery Canada, Nelson Archers, and Nelson Rod & Gun Club.

Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
 Indoor 09:00 – 11:00		 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 18:00 – 23:00	Outdoor Range Set-Up & Membership Meeting 09:00
Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
 Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 20:00		 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	
Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
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Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
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Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31
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NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at

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