



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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June 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



NATIONAL RANGE DAY

On Saturday June 7, 2025, the NDRGC will be joining the B.C. Wildlife Federation and many other clubs across the province in celebration of National Range Day.

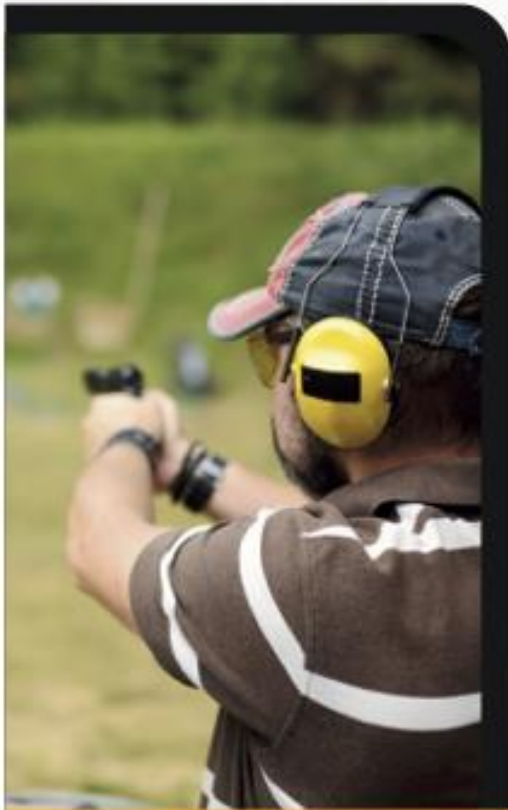
We are inviting the public to spend the day learning about a sport that is open to people of all ages and abilities. Currently there are more than 2.3 million Canadians that are licenced firearms owners.

On National Range Day, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, qualified NDRGC club members will be on hand to teach safe handling skills for firearms and archery. There will also be some fun events such as small calibre target shooting, archery and trap shooting.

Bring your family and friends to the NDRGC Outdoor Range located on Porto Rico Rd, 20 minutes south of Nelson. Look for the balloons at the road entrance. Main Jet Motorsports will also have ATV's on display.



National Range Day



Join us for safe, family friendly fun at the range!

There are 2.3 million licensed gun owners in Canada.

Visit your local fish and game club on National Range Day for family-friendly fun and to learn more about our Canadian heritage.



Qualified club members will be on hand to teach safe firearms handling skills, run sharpshooting competitions, and answer questions.

bcwf.bc.ca/national-range-day

Saturday, June 7, 2025

MICKEY MCEWEN HALL ACOUSTIC UPGRADE- ReDi Grants

The ReDi Grant applications that were submitted this spring have been finalized. We were competing against a number of other community projects, and we were fortunate to receive funding for \$12,100.00. We are very thankful for this as it is certainly a great starting point, but we are short by \$8000. Wally Penner and I are currently looking at other fundraising means to cover this shortfall.

GRIZZLY BEAR ALERT



Please be aware there is a grizzly sow with a cub and a male grizzly in the area of the Porto Rico Road Outdoor Range. The attached photo depicts the male that made his appearance on May 3 shortly after everyone had left the Outdoor Range clean up. It appears the bears are focused on feeding on what appears to be sawdust, although the contents haven't been determined yet. The Conservation Office is investigating the incident and looking for information on person or persons responsible for leaving this attractant in the bush. Area residents are concerned because that portion of Porto Rico Road is a drop off and pick up point for the school bus. If you have information regarding this incident, please contact the Conservation Office.

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).



May 15, 2025

BCWF welcomes former COS chief Doug Forsdick

The B.C. Wildlife Federation is delighted to announce that Doug Forsdick, the former chief of the Conservation Officer Service, will chair the Federation's Enforcement Committee.

The Committee is dedicated to building a strong relationship between the BCWF and B.C.'s conservation enforcement community, including Natural Resource Officers, Conservation and Protection Officers, and the Conservation Officer Service. Through the Enforcement Committee, the BCWF supports investigations and compliance actions.

As chief of the COS Doug supported consistent outreach and collaboration between the Service and the BCWF, building lasting, productive relationships with a goal of protecting fish, wildlife and habitat.

Doug has long been a staple at BCWF conventions, where he and his team engaged our members, sought feedback, discussed big picture issues, and designed collaborative solutions. His officers also regularly attended B.C. Wildlife Federation club and regional meetings across the province to build local relationships. Under his leadership, Conservation Officers regularly attended trade shows and community events to educate and earn the trust of anglers, hunters and the public.

Doug was instrumental in supporting the B.C. Invasive Mussel Program, advocating for funding and capacity to attempt to keep B.C.'s waters free of these invasive species. Those efforts were recently rewarded with changes to the Wildlife Act that give new protections the force of law.

Doug recently retired from conservation service after 35 years, most recently serving as the Executive Lead at the Compliance and Enforcement Division of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Doug began his career as a Conservation Officer in 1990 and served in nearly every capacity the CO Service has to offer. A graduate of Royal Roads University and the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Doug is also the author of *Mind the Gap: Navigating Your Leadership Journey*. Doug is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and is a Certified Executive Coach with the International Coaching Federation and operates Doug Forsdick Coaching and Consulting Services in Victoria, B.C.

Doug has served as president of the Canadian Natural Resource Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, Biathlon BC, and the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association.

"We look forward to continuing our work with Doug Forsdick," said BCWF Executive Director Jesse Zeman.

"He already has several lifetimes worth of accomplishments to his credit, and we are excited to see what we can accomplish together as he begins his next chapter."



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

The indoor range had another flood, but luckily it was caught right away and should now be fixed. The past two heavier rain events have tested it, and so far, so good.

On Friday November 23rd, a grade 8 Class from Trafalgar Middle School came for a tour of the Clubhouse. Sixteen students were divided into groups and rotated through three stations. Dave White was offering his experience as a PAL instructor, and Marvin Paisner provided his knowledge of the indoor pistol range. Derek Ludwar and Warren Russel shared their passion for conservation and our club history in the boardroom. I presented the various forms of archery practiced at our club, followed by some trick shots. The kids were accompanied by a parent and their teacher. Everyone left smiling, better informed about our club, and looking forward to National Range Day.

Outdoor Range set up and membership meeting

The outdoor range is set up for summer. Please only shoot broadheads at 3D targets, not the bulldog targets. Broadheads should not be used when the range is busy. Walk back tuning only with broadheads, please do not take your first shot past 20 yards. Feel free to contact me if you need clarification on this or help with your tune.

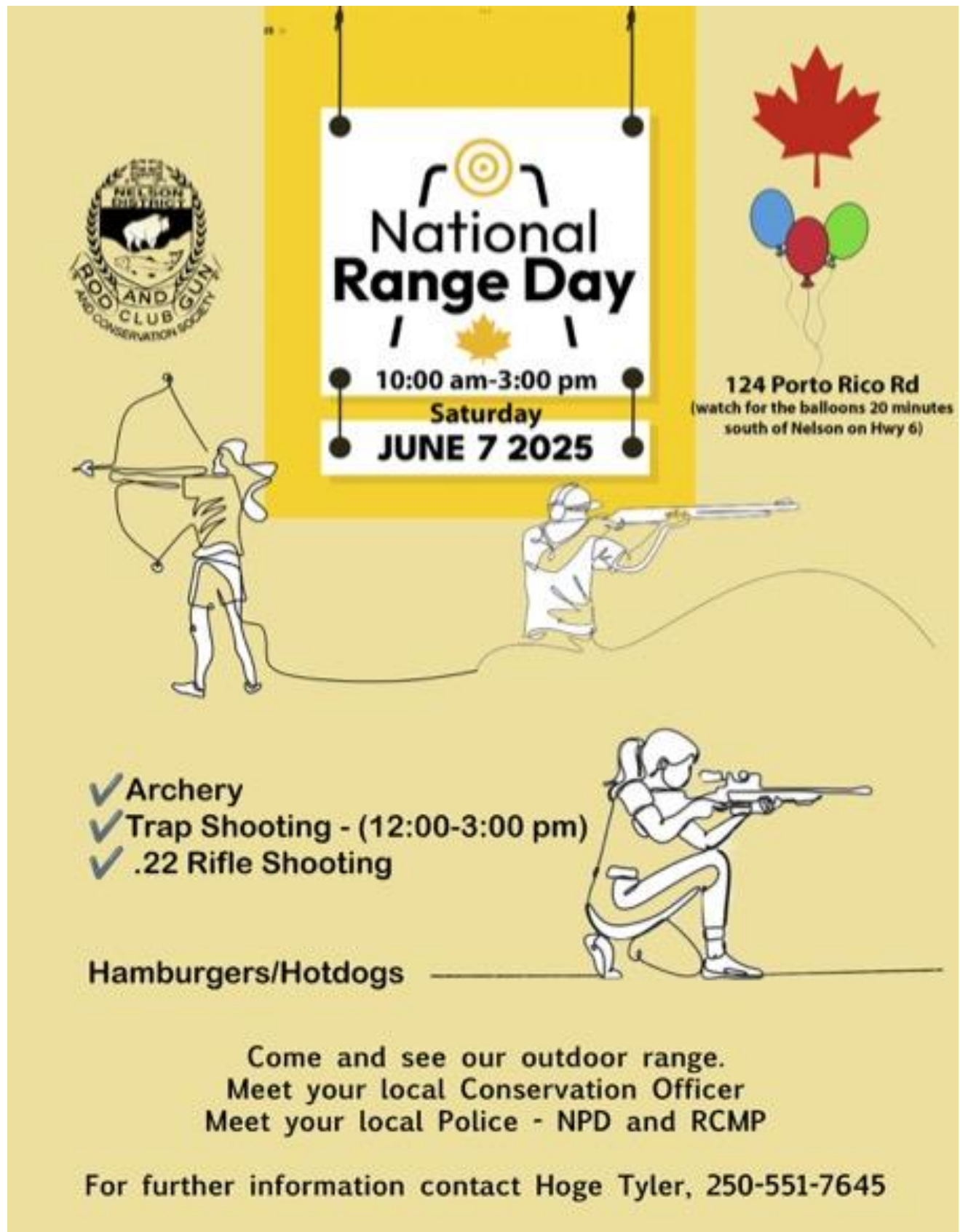
Thank you so much to Warren Russel, Kevin Arcuri, Mark and Walt, Matt Hawkins and Sam for setting up the range. Unfortunately, we did not have enough help or time to set up the 3D course.

A load of gravel was donated by Craig Upper from Porcupine Creek. This will smooth out the area in front of the shooting line. This will be safer for the kids and visitors on National Range Day.





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.



The poster features a central white sign with a target icon at the top, the text "National Range Day" in large bold letters, a small yellow maple leaf, and the event details: "10:00 am-3:00 pm", "Saturday", and "JUNE 7 2025". To the left of the sign is the Nelson and District Rod and Gun and Conservation Society logo, which includes a bison head. To the right is a red maple leaf above three balloons (blue, red, green). Below the sign, there are three line drawings: an archer on the left, a person in protective gear firing a rifle on the right, and a person in a crouched position firing a rifle at the bottom right. A list of activities with checkmarks is on the bottom left, and the location and contact information are at the bottom.

 **National Range Day**
10:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday
JUNE 7 2025



124 Porto Rico Rd
(watch for the balloons 20 minutes south of Nelson 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

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 with all equipment provided--it is \$50 per person. Email NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com for booking or inquiry.

Greg Seidelin

Outdoor Rifle Range

Outdoor Range

The May 3rd Outdoor Range cleanup was the best ever!



Rifle Range Crew - There were many more people than those shown in the picture but some had left. The Mouse house is gone! Some shed a tear but these were mostly Pack Rat Tears. Lots of target frames were repaired or new ones built. Danger trees cut and cleaned up. New 400 yard target frames enlarged. Brass cleanup and building cleaned up. Picnic table planks prepared for the upcoming table construction. Many loads of road gravel were placed to level the Mouse house pit and upgrade the road surface. Brushing of the Range done. New walkway at the 200 yard line -Thanks to Vic and Shane Learmonth. Thanks to everyone who helped. Archery and Trap Ranges were cleaned up and targets setup.

Site prep was started for the Outhouse Project.

Special thanks to Jamie Yasek and Brady Wright.

The NRGCC put up these signs to commemorate their many years of donation.

We could not have a Range like this without them.



Range Day June 7

The NRGCC will host a Canada Range Day June 7.

It is all free.

Please bring your families. Look for the sign on Porto Rico Road.

Come and shoot 22's at the Rifle Range

Shotguns at the Trap Range

Bows at the Archery Range

Please park outside the gate.

Please Register at the Rifle Range Registration table first.

Lunch is on us - hotdogs and hamburgers. Glenn is cooking.

Hoge Tyler

PROJECT MAPLESEED UPDATE



A Mapleseed event is designed to provide structured and safe rifle fundamentals to hunters and shooters of all ages and provides a solid framework of basic rifleman skills that benefits new and experienced shooters alike. For the new shooter we can teach you to use your rifle safely and also be able to hit your target. For the seasoned shooter we can teach you to shoot more accurately - even out to 500 yards.

<https://mapleseedrifleman.com>

The NDR&GC is hoping to host a Project Mapleseed training session at our outdoor firearms range again this year. Our club has been in contact with the Project Mapleseed folks but at this time they don't know if they will be able to come to our area.

If Mapleseed is able to offer us a training date there may not be much lead time before the event takes place so it would be helpful to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part this year, if they are able to come.

If you or someone you know may want to attend please contact me at: paisners@shaw.ca

thanks,
Marvin Paisner

Social Gaming

- Sunday, June 1st, Board Gaming and Magic, 2 til 7 pm, downstairs
- Friday, June 6th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm, downstairs
- Sunday, June 8th, Warhammer 40k Clash & Conquer/Colosseum Event, 12 noon til 7 pm 😊😊
- Friday, June 13th and Sunday, June 15th, Social Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Fishing Forever Weekend, come out and help out the club, contact me for more information 😊😊
- Friday, June 20th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm, Downstairs
- Sunday, June 22nd, Battlegroup, 2 til 7 pm 😊😊
- Friday, June 27th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, June 29th, Board Gaming and Magic, 2 til 7 pm

Trap Range

The outdoor range at Porto Rico Road is maintained by volunteers who spend a great deal of time, effort and money to enhance your shooting experience. Our club puts very few limitations on our members to use this range. There are obviously safety rules in place to ensure that everyone goes home without any issues and of course you are asked to pick up spent hulls and keep the range clean. It's really not that difficult folks especially if we all did our part! Over and above the club rules there are rules issued to each of the three venues by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO). Disobeying any of these rules can result in serious consequences for the outdoor range and the club. With this in mind, I will address the rules issued by the CFO in our Shooting Range Approval for the Trap Range; NO Handguns and NO Rifles. The Trap Range is approved for trap shooting only with lead shot sizes #9, #8 and #7.5, NO slugs, NO Steel shot, NO skeet shooting and NO sporting clays shooting. The range will be inspected at the discretion of the Chief Firearms Officer to ensure the range continues to meet public safety requirements and continued compliance. Any member using any one of the venues at the outdoor range should make themselves aware of the Shooting Range Approval for each venue. We don't want to be shut down!

Finally, and on a more positive note, trap shooting has started on Sundays 10:00 am until 12:00 pm weather and participation dependant. As before I will send out an email on or around Wednesday to determine if there is any interest for the upcoming Sunday and then I will send out another email on Friday advising whether or not there will be trap shooting. Trap fees will remain the same as last year; \$7.00 for clays and \$15.00 for a box of shells. We are able to maintain prices thanks to Jordan Braun for not only picking up the shells that I ordered last year but purchasing more because of an even better sale price! (He even managed to get my shells for the lower price!). While I am at it, I would like to thank the folks that came out on Saturday May 3rd for range clean-up day a lot of good work was accomplished, and last but not least thanks also to Sandy Russell for erecting our canopy very handily.

Jim Brown
Trap Coordinator"

Banquet Raffle Winner



Congratulations Marvin Paisner! You won this .22 Winchester!!!

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 ✉

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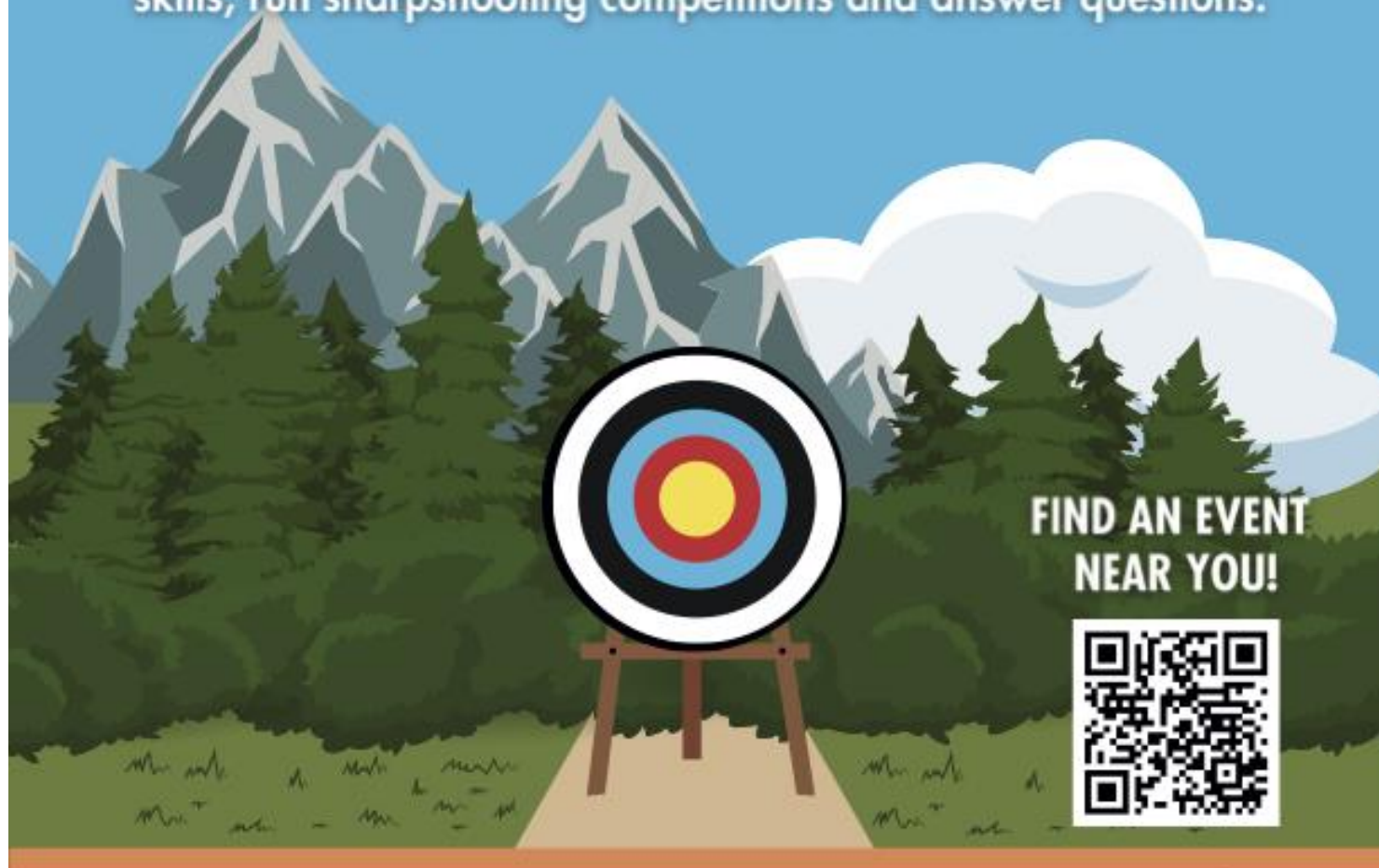
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FIND AN EVENT
NEAR YOU!





























National
Range Day



Saturday, June 7, 2025

Join us for safe, family friendly fun at the range

bcwf.bc.ca/national-range-day

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
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Club Contact List

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Coordinator	Fishing Forever	Brad Howard	250-444-1953	bradhoward@telus.net

NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at

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