

NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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July 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant

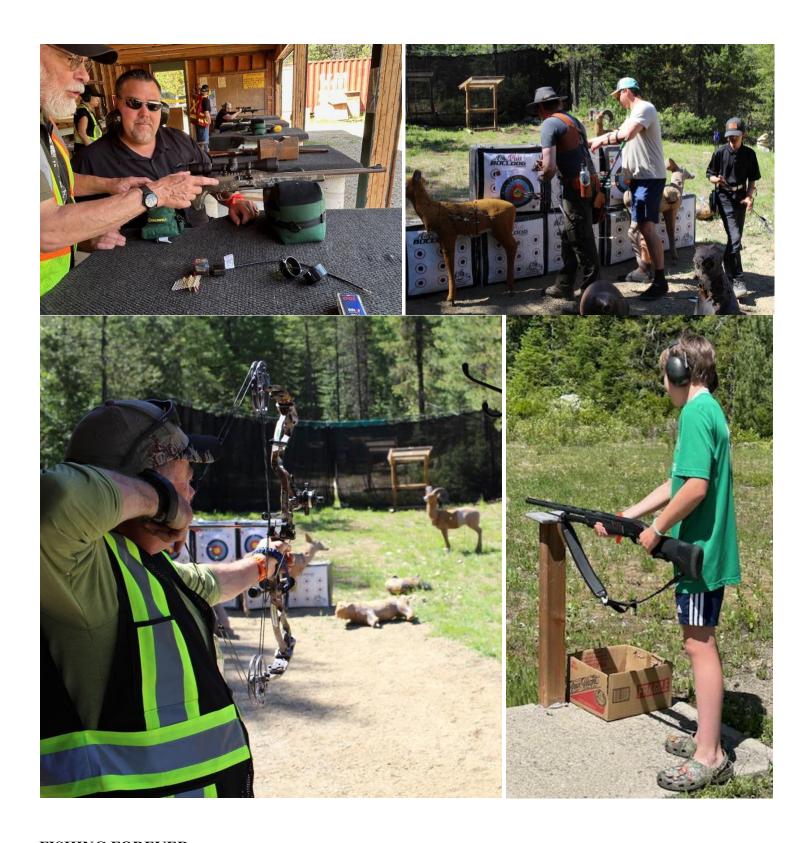


NATIONAL RANGE DAY

On Saturday June 7, 2025, we hosted our 2nd annual National Range Day at our outdoor range located on Porto Rico Road. It was well attended and well organized. We had some incentive this year for on the rifle and archery shoots by presenting them with a medal. It was fun and well received.

A huge shout out to our Director Hoge Tyler for organizing the event. He ensured everything had a place and there were enough range officers for the shooters to have some fun. My sincere thank you to our coordinators Greg Seidelin (Archery) and Jim Brown (trap) and their volunteers. It was a great day having all our venues operating and having such support. It was a happy day

Food, did someone mention food? Well Glen McKen was at the BBQ again and did his usual great job with hotdogs and hamburgers. Thanks Glen.



FISHING FOREVER

I want to take this time to thank Fishing Forever Coordinator, Brad Howard, and Glen McKen and the many volunteers for making Father's Day weekend such a special event. I don't want to take anything away for Brad's submission, but you should know that Glen has been involved with Fishing Forever for 30 yrs. How's that for dedication. Thank you so much Glen.

LEH

The draw for LEH is out and again I wasn't successful. For those of you that were, my congratulations and good luck in the upcoming season. Make sure to spend time at our outdoor range to get your gun dialed in for that once in a lifetime oppourtunty.

JULY FISHING UPDATE

For the first time that I can remember, the Lardeau River is open for fishing downstream of Mobbs Creek (the first named creek downstream of Trout Lake). Also open are Duncan and Kaslo Rivers and Keen Creek

DUNCAN RIVER: MU 4-19

Exempt from spring closure, exempt from regional Nov 1-Mar 31 bull trout catch and release, bait ban

Rainbow trout daily quota = 5 (any size), bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size)

No Fishing downstream of Duncan Dam to the confluence of the Duncan River and the Lardeau River

KASLO RIVER: MU 4-18 Bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size)

Bait ban

KEEN CREEK: MU 4-18 Bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size

LARDEAU RIVER: MU 4-29 and MU 4-30

No Fishing downstream of fishing boundary signs at Trout Lake outlet, to fishing boundary signs approximately 600m downstream

near the confluence of Mobbs Creek

Exempt from spring closure (Apr 1-Jun 14), exempt from trout/char release (Nov 1-Mar 31)

Rainbow trout daily quota = 5 (any size), bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size)

EVENTS COOK NEEDED

Glen McKen will no longer be the cook at NDRGC events, and we are looking for someone to fill his big shoes. Please contact me if you can help the Club

Howie

Wanted: Hunting Partners/Mentors

If anyone is looking for a hunting partner or open to mentoring someone new this fall, I'd be happy to connect. I am relatively new to Nelson and I'm looking to meet like-minded people. Last year was my first year hunting with an experienced friend of mine near Pincher Creek and I loved it - we got within archery range of a bull elk on our first trip and successfully harvested a nice 3-point whitetail on the second trip during rifle season.

I have been training both physically and mentally for several months now and I am slowly getting all of the gear to be as prepared as I can. I just bought my own rifle recently and have very little experience with archery, but I just want to get out there either way. I'd be especially interested in joining someone who's focused on whitetail deer, elk, bear, or big cats this season, but I am open for anything. I will be going to the Yukon for a little hunting trip in the middle of August but will be back in Nelson before September.

For anyone who values reliable company out there, whether for short day trips or longer hunts, I can be available any day of the week as I am lucky to have complete freedom with my schedule. I am 33 years old and I'm committed to taking this seriously and putting in the time to learn while enjoying the process, having fun, and meeting some new people in the area. John Waters - johnny.waters@live.ca - (226) 236-2028

<u>Leadership Opportunity with</u> Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

There is a rare opportunity to help lead the club into the future as the Membership Coordinator.

BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is taking the lead on memberships, starting with the 2026 membership year, for any BCWF associated club in the province that is interested. We are.

BCWF is utilizing a computer program called iMIS to accomplish this. They have been working on it for some time and have pilot clubs already participating. We are not a pilot club but have been aligning our business practices with BCWF to make the transition as easy as possible.

The next update on iMIS for us will be sometime in July or August. It would be a benefit if the next Membership Coordinator participated on the call with me. BCWF realizes we will start selling 2026 memberships on October 15 (every year) via our Early Payment Incentive program. October 15 is the target date for the new way of doing business.

The position was not going to be available this early as I expected to be in the role throughout the transition, perhaps as late as next January. However it is apparent decisions will be made between now and October 15, that the next Membership Coordinator will want to influence. The membership program decisions should include the person who is going to put in the work to maintain the membership program.

Membership Coordinator will be a shared responsibility until the new coordinator is comfortable with the program. IF you were ever thinking of stepping up to the plate; now is the time. Call me, 250 352-2289 to answer your questions and provide additional background.

Alan Bond Membership Coordinator Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

Wanted: Hunting Partners/Mentors

I'm new to hunting, and living in the Koots, and I'm looking for potential hunting partners or mentors to join for some deer/elk hunting in the fall. I know it's a bit of a hard question to ask, without knowing who you're talking to, but I'm hoping someone in your organization can help point me in the right direction for finding folks who might be in the same boat or are open to taking someone under their wing.

A little bit about me:

- I'm 30 years old and live in Nelson
- I've completed the CORE program and have my PAL.
- A month ago I did a hunting field skills workshop with a group called Eat Wild (https://eatwild.ca/products/hunter-field-skills-workshop).
- I love the outdoors, spending time on activities like hiking, fishing, and skiing!

Thanks in advance for your help, Ryan Rancier rancierr@gmail.com

Tick Season

With the seasonal outdoor activities currently enjoyed by our members and their families, it is important for people to maintain a heightened awareness and take precautions for an often-overlooked hazard.

Unlike the usual buzzing and biting pests normally encountered on a hike through the woods or meadows, ticks of various species are waiting to hitch a ride on an unsuspecting passerby whether it's a person or the family pet. Numerous sources of information are available on the internet and the following links offer valuable advice.



Links to Additional Information:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/plant-health/insects-and-plant-diseases/home-garden/ticks

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/tick-borne-diseases



A conservation hatchery could give hope to steelhead beset by deteriorating habitat and pinniped Predation

Review by Dr. Murdoch McAllister identifies potential hatchery strategy

Link to study here: Interior Fraser Steelhead Hatchery Supplementation Review

A review of the risks and benefits of a conservation hatchery for Interior Fraser Steelhead by scientists at the University of British Columbia suggests there may be a way forward for steelhead runs that are teetering on the brink of extirpation.

Hatchery programs produce mixed results when they are poorly designed, but Dr. Murdoch McAllister and his colleagues approached the review without bias to learn what reliable studies say about both successes and failures.

The B.C. Wildlife Federation and its member clubs helped fund the review to learn if there are potentially effective options to recover these iconic fish.

Using multiple models, researchers evaluated the outcomes of various hatchery program methodologies that could be applied to the specific issues facing steelhead populations in the Thompson and Chilcotin River systems.

Many variables were considered, including using wild broodstock to preserve the characteristics that give the greatest chance of survival, and timing the release of juvenile fish to help them avoid predation. Simply releasing large numbers of hatchery fish and hoping for the best isn't always a winning strategy as they draw the attention of predators such as wild birds and pinnipeds, who then scoop up so many fish that the number of wild-origin fish can be driven down even further.

But the researchers found examples of small conservation hatchery programs that offer a template for success. While there are risks associated with any hatchery program, doing nothing is no longer an option.

The Thompson and Chilcotin populations are classified as an Extreme Conservation Concern. Extirpation of these runs is imminent.

The steelhead spawning population for the Chilcotin watershed is currently just a few dozen individuals, down from 3,149 in 1985, putting it on the brink of extirpation. The Thompson River steelhead are similarly depressed with populations sinking to a few hundred fish from thousands.

Further complicating conservation efforts, Steelhead spend part of their lives in the ocean, which includes a gauntlet of risks. Exploding seal populations are driving steelhead marine survival rates to critically low levels. Ocean survival rates are likely the single biggest driver of steelhead populations.

Murdoch also warns that low spawning numbers are severely eroding the genetic diversity of Interior steelhead, which may lead to inbreeding.

A hatchery program carefully designed to supplement existing wild stocks may be their only hope. When a spawning population drops to just a few dozen fish, a single event affecting their environment such as a forest fire or a change in water temperature could push them to extirpation.

Simulations conducted during the review demonstrate that even a conservation hatchery will not turn things around if ocean survival falls below 6 per cent. Additionally, the population becomes non-viable below 1.7 per cent regardless of the hatchery program.

Only a major intervention is likely to change the trajectory of the Interior Fraser River Steelhead. A focused, cutting-edge approach to hatchery supplementation may help keep these fish from extirpation, but improving their ecological conditions, especially marine survival, is where the biggest potential returns lie.



Strengthening land stewardship, cultural site protection in Squamish Nation territory

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and the Province have signed an agreement to guide forest stewardship in Squamish Nation territory at a ceremony held at the top of the Sea-to-Sky gondola overlooking Átl'ka7tsem (Howe Sound).

"This agreement is a major step forward in asserting our Nation's role as stewards of our lands," said Sxwíxwtn Wilson Williams, Councillor and elected spokesperson, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). "This will ensure our cultural sites and key environmental areas are protected for future generations. These have been our lands for thousands of years, and the fact they are now back under our direct control provides a greater sense of security for our people, and a strong optimism for our future."

The Land Use Planning Agreement establishes 33 Siiyamin ta Skwxwú7mesh cultural sites that will recognize areas of historical and cultural importance to prevent harvesting, new roads and tenures. On top of this, there are six Special Cultural Management Areas (SCMAs), which will be guided by enhanced forest stewardship and cultural management, bringing economic opportunities and increased predictability on the land base for the forestry sector, while protecting important cultural values.

"Forestry is about people and the lands they call home, and by prioritizing these in our vision for forestry, we can build a future rooted in respect and reconciliation," said Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests. "This agreement reflects years of meaningful work between the Province and Squamish Nation. By honouring Squamish Nation's connection to the land and applying their values to forest management, we are charting a path forward that supports economic opportunity and environmental stewardship for our province."

The agreement will increase protection for riparian and wetland ecosystems, areas of old cedar forests and culturally modified trees. A riparian area is land adjacent to rivers, streams and lakes that support plant and animal life important to ecological balance. By incorporating enhanced riparian management practices, the agreement aims to address the growing impacts of climate change, while protecting fish streams, culturally important plants and food supply.

"Successful land-use planning includes building positive, lasting relationships and trust between First Nations and the B.C. government, communities, stakeholders and the public," said Randene Niell, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. "This agreement, which provides increased protections for riparian and wetland ecosystems, demonstrates what can be done when people work together in good faith to achieve mutually beneficial goals."

The next step will be to complete a ministerial order, which will include consultation with First Nations, and engagement with the public. It aims to establish objectives for the forestry sector to follow in alignment with the agreement and provide the Squamish Nation certainty in sites of high value.

B.C. is continuing commitments to work alongside rights and title holders to conserve the province's oldest and rarest trees, while supporting sustainable forestry that adds more local jobs for every tree harvested. The agreement outlines 5,081 hectares of old growth that will not be harvested, 925 hectares within the Siiyamin ta Skwxwú7mesh cultural sites and 4,155 hectares within the SCMAs, while enabling harvest opportunity to approximately 9,800 hectares of the Timber Harvesting Land Base that was temporarily deferred during negotiations.

Approaching forestry and land-use management in this way secures a more sustainable future for First Nations that benefit from local forests for their economic strength, while ensuring a sustainable land base for harvesting.

Ouick Facts:

This agreement builds on a previous Land Use Planning Agreement signed in 2007 between the Government of B.C. and the Squamish Nation.

In 2019, B.C. committed to Squamish Nation to negotiate an agreement regarding areas of interest throughout Squamish Nation territory.

Negotiations began in 2020 and, with this agreement, have completed.

The Timber Harvesting Land Base is used to determine the Annual Allowable Cut.

Learn More:

To view a copy of the agreement (a signed version will be added Friday, June 27, 2025),

visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Squamish Nation AOI Agreement.pdf

To learn more about Squamish Nation, visit: https://www.squamish.net/

To read about Forest Landscape Planning,

visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/forest-landscape-plans

Fishing Forever Weekend – June 14,15 2025

What a weekend we had at Cottonwood this year!! The weather was fantastic!

Attendance		Saturday	Sunday	Total	
	Guests	104	168		272
	Volunteers	21	19		40
		125	187		312

Glen McKen told me this weekend resulted in the second most number of Burgers and Dogs he remembers moving and he's done this for 30 years. Richard Green agreed it was a very busy, successful event. Freshwater Fisheries Society stocked the lake with 1500 rainbows May 1, then another 1000 on the prior Wednesday (June 11) so lots of fish were caught and pretty well everyone got some type of action.

I was told that one little boy, holding his cleaned fish in a bag, wearing his "Fishing forever" hat and medal, went to Richard Green to get his new Rod and Reel prize. He said "this is the best day of my life"!!

I would Like to personally thank the following volunteers. Estimated Volunteer hours totaled over 500 hours or 23 hours per volunteer on average. Special shout out to Ken Nelson, Rose Raymond, Roy Wood, Deb Bint, Dustin Trickett and George Mentz who worked their first (and hopefully not their last) event.

Volunteers (pat them on the back when you see them!)

Brad Howard	Gary McCandlish	Dustin Trickett
Glen McKen	Richard Green	Deborah Bint
Rose Raymond	Marvin Paisner	George Mentz
Steven Perillo	Ocean Allan	Roy Wood
Bev Johnson	Peter Defaeo	Derek Ludwar
Al Bond	Joani Trickett	Jim Torrans
Calvin Hacking	Lorne Tricket	Ken Nelson

We will need a lot more help in the Kitchen next year. Glen, Rose and Bev were stressed to meet the demand. We also had two boats on shore because we didn't have operators for them. But the 6 operating Boats handled the load with little crowd waiting on sunday. However, We did have three attendees add their names and numbers to next years volunteer list just because they enjoyed themselves so much. More asked about Club membership and others directed to the Club website for Archery, gun range and other items.

This event also again benefited from many local sponsors providing goods and services needed to make his event possible.

Sponsors

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BC Wildlife Federation
Freshwater Fisheries Society
Andex Rentals
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Archery

The indoor range will be **closed Tuesdays** this summer. Tuesday archery will be back in the fall; would you prefer for this session to have a later start time? Let me know. Wednesdays and Sundays will remain the same as they have been. Please email me if you plan on coming late to practice; if I am shooting alone, I may leave early.

The indoor range had another flood, but luckily it was caught right away and should now be fixed. A downspout was still feeding the underground drainpipes; these pipes are most likely obstructed. The past two heavier rain events have tested it, and so far, so good. Hopefully this is the last of any further flooding, as the next step would be to dig under the front entrance to inspect the foundation.

National Range Day

What a great day we had at the archery range, thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers. I would like to thank John Waters, Spencer and Kendal Brinson, Tera Schneider, Mark, Walt, and Charlotte for welcoming and informing archers. And thank you to Warren Russel and Phoenix Smuga for their help and experience at the shooting line. Many new archers of all ages were instructed; the day was steady with new and known faces. Warren Russel is in the top left picture with a perfect shot on that deer.







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

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 sposor a course I can travel to your community to do a course(s).

Outdoor Rifle Range

The Canada Range Day was really fun. All the venues were active - the burgers were good - weather was good. What a nice day!



Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a success. We will be mowing soon - Thanks to Vic Learmonth. For those who shoot steel, please bring yellow and blue paint. Remember to remove paper targets when you finish shooting.

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

During the months of July and August the Social Gaming Schedule is subject to short notice cancellations. Check the "Nelson Social Gaming" FB page the day before of meeting of Cancellation Notice. If not cancelled please post if your attending 😀 😛

July gaming schedule

- Friday, July 4th and Sunday, July 6th are Cancelled 😩
- Friday, July 11th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, July 13th, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 7 pm (
- Friday, July 18th and Sunday, July 20th are Cancelled 😩
- Friday, July 25th, Board Gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, July 27th, Board Gaming and Warhammer, 2 til 7 pm 😀

Trap Range

Outdoor Range Day was held on June 7th and by all accounts it was a very successful day. At the trap range we gave a quick demonstration on shooting singles and then doubles. We had many spectators and over 20 members of the public that wanted to try their hand at breaking clays. It was a good mix of ages and gender. The majority of the public had not fired a shotgun before so we doubled up an experienced shooter with a novice shooter to ensure safety and teaching them the finer points of shooting a shotgun. Loud cheers and clapping from the spectators was given when a clay was broken. We even managed to get a couple of new members to our trap group.

Finally, as summer approaches we will start shooting a little earlier than normal, 9:30 instead of 10:00 to beat the

heat. We may even start earlier if it gets really hot so stay tuned.



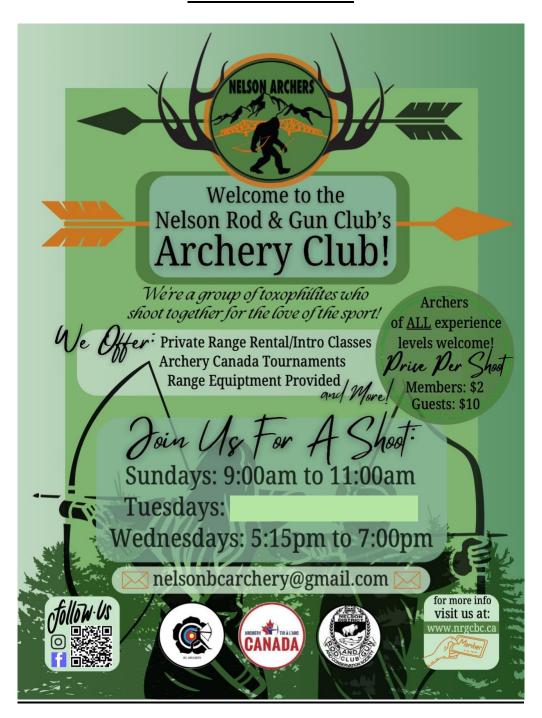
RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

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

https://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorrange/

ARCHERY RANGE



Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Indoor 09:00 – 11:00 Gaming 14:00 – 19:00 Downstairs		Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Gaming 17:00 – 22:00 Downstairs	National Range Day
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NEWSLETTER
Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com