



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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August 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



SHEEP FEED HAY LIFT

Saturday, Oct 11, 2025, has been set for the annual sheep hay lift on the Salmo Creston Highway. Last year we delivered 50 bales of hay and 3500 pounds of pellets, and our plan is pretty much the same for this year. If you're interested, and enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards, give me a call.

MICKEY MCEWEN HALL ACOUSTIC PROJECT

By the time you read this in the newsletter, our acoustic project should be finished or pretty darn close. Our contractor, Nick Johnson, did an amazing job making the tiles, and attaching them to the ceiling, it certainly looks incredible. And wow, do they make a difference. I am very pleased we were able to source out this project locally and Nick certainly did a commendable job.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next and final membership meeting for this year will be Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, from 10:00 am to noon. This meeting will be held downstairs as the hall is being rented later that day.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

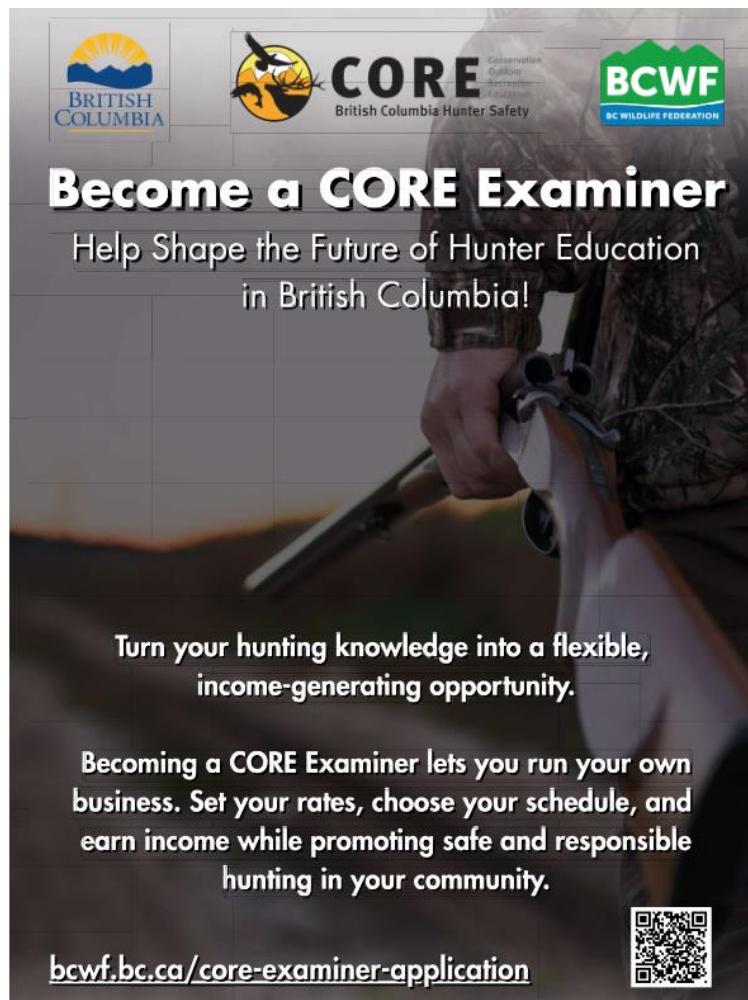
I invite all NDRGC members to our Board of Directors meeting on August 5, 2025, at 6:30 pm, to hear Angus Glass, from Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, give a 15-minute presentation on the Western Toad and its annual migration. The migration happens around the end of July / first few weeks of August in the Summit Lake area. Its celebrated locally as TOAD FEST. It will be very interesting. <https://fwcp.ca/events/toadfest.html>




Note that the meeting takes place in the basement of Micky McEwen Hall and I encourage you to stay after the presentation.

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




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OP-ED: The rush to mine BC is stealing from future generations

Link to article: <https://castlegarsource.com/2025/07/08/op-ed-the-rush-to-mine-bc-is-stealing-from-future-generations/>



By Jesse Zeman, BCWF Executive Director

The provincial government's rush to approve mines is essentially stealing from future generations without compensation. That must change.

Every non-renewable resource that we pull from the ground is lost to future generations. While pitching widespread mining, powerlines and roads across Northwest BC, the government promised to set aside and protect lands that will not be exploited. It is a false bargain.

The parks-for mines trade-off is political sleight of hand and ultimately leaves future generations worse off. Starting with two untouched tracts of land and promising not to destroy one piece of land in exchange for mining another provides no compensation for the damage done. This is akin to withdrawing your RRSPs for a weekend in Vegas.

We propose creating a multi-billion-dollar trust for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and habitat funded by a share of the profits from non-renewable resource extraction.

Non-renewable resources taken out of the ground are lost to future generations. They must be compensated for that loss.

The government is preparing to exploit B.C.'s Golden Triangle, which is home to some of the world's largest deposits of gold, silver, copper, and other minerals. The province plans to do this by sidestepping existing environmental assessments, fast tracking permits, and reducing regulatory oversight. This area is also a sprawling wilderness stretching 370 kilometres north from Prince Rupert and 200 kilometres wide just south of Dease Lake.

The immediate impacts of roadbuilding, powerlines and mining through such a vast region will be harmful to fish, wildlife, and habitat, and that's if everything goes well.

B.C.'s track record of regulating and managing mining is spotty to say the least. We know from the Mount Polley Mine disaster that short-circuiting government regulatory oversight doesn't always go well, and that a tailings pond breach can have permanent, long-term impacts.

To speed up the application process for large infrastructure projects, the province also proposes to waive environmental assessments for wind energy projects, transmission lines, and expedite the review process for any other project that it deems in the province's interest.

Even renewable energy projects carry risks if they are not done properly. Installing wind turbines and transmission lines can disturb rock formations leading to acid rock drainage and heavy metal leaching.

The provincial government learned this lesson the hard way after rock cuts on a section of Highway 97C washed acid and metal contamination into Pennask Creek and Pennask Lake. B.C.'s Ministry of Transportation was successfully prosecuted for the damage.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, and the provincial Ministry of Environment participated in field investigations at and below the rock cuts. Ten charges under Canada's Fisheries Act were laid against the MoT as the result of these investigations. In 2005, the ministry pleaded guilty to two criminal charges.

Cleanup and mitigation measures have cost taxpayers millions of dollars in the intervening years.

Rushing the process and bypassing environmental assessments for an energy project or a mine raises the risk of serious damage to vulnerable fish and wildlife populations, then multiply that risk by dozens of projects across pristine wilderness.

If B.C. is going to increase renewable and non-renewable extraction, we need to get it right, and future generations need to realize some of the benefits. We cannot rebuild mountains that have been mined, and we aren't making more land. The best way to take care of future generations is to invest in a multi-billion-dollar trust that focuses on conserving and enhancing fish, wildlife, and habitat in areas adjacent to resource extraction.

The B.C. Wildlife Federation is B.C.'s largest conservation organization.

This post was syndicated from <https://rosslandtelegraph.com>

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.

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

Social Gaming

Social Gaming schedule for August

Social gaming meets on Friday, 5 till 10 pm and on Sunday, 2 til 8 pm. During the month of August, Social Gaming meetings will be Scheduled on short notice and are subject to short notice cancellations. Check the “Nelson Social Gaming” FB page the day before of meetings notice or Cancellation Notice. If not cancelled please post if your attending 😊😊

Calvin Hacking

Trap Range

For August, in order to beat the summer time heat, trap shooting will start at 9:00 am. On Sunday. We have enjoyed a good turnout and hope that it continues.

Jim Brown

For Sale:

Caldwell Ballistic Precision Chronograph with Bluetooth

Like New! Only used twice at the range!

Comes with the chronograph body, 2 sun strips, 4 sun strip poles, and carrying bag! Plus instruction booklet if I can find it. Requires 3 AAs (Not Included)

Priced to Sell - \$120 | Brand New \$160 + taxes & shipping

Contact via (778) 962-4570 or shooting@boestes.com.



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

**Leadership Opportunity with
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

RANGES AND CLOSURES

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

The outdoor range will be closed for the NCPD September 19th and October 8th

INDOOR GUN RANGE

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

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

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:
Wednesdays: 5:15pm to 7:00pm

✉ nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com ✉

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visit us at:
www.nrgcbc.ca

Logos: BC Archery, Archery Canada, Nelson District Rod and Gun Club

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

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NEWSLETTER

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