



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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September 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



OUTDOOR RANGE SHOOTING HOURS

Last month, I received a noise complaint regarding the outdoor range from a resident who lives approximately 5 kms away. He has been at that location since 1985.

He said on Friday Aug 15, shooting started at the range at 6:40 am and continued until 10:00 am. The early start was bothersome for him and his partner, who is ill. He also said that one firearm in particular was extremely loud, and he hears this particular shot at least once a week.

I took the time to meet the complainant at the range, and we toured the facility, pointing out our new structure. We spent approximately 45 minutes talking about the outdoor range. The complainant was very cooperative and also complimentary on the whole range.

Afterwards, I spoke with our BOD and a few things came to light. As a club we need to adhere to the RDCK noise bylaw, we must work at keeping our neighbours happy, and we must be aware of the school Bus pick up on Porto Rico Rd (between 7:30 am and 7:45 am). We definitely don't need any negative attention from the public given the current state of affairs.

As a result, we have decided to have 3 posters (16"x16") made up with the following wording:

"Outdoor Shooting Range Hours"

8:00 am to Dusk

These hours do not apply to the outdoor archery range

My thoughts on this are it is within RDCK noise bylaws, it is after the kids are picked up for school, and it shows our due diligence in working with our neighbours to keep them happy.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next and final membership meeting for this year will be Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, from 10:00 am to noon. We will have BCWF representatives at this meeting discussing the new online membership applications. Come and hear what they have to say, it will be interesting. The meeting will be upstairs in the hall so come early.

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.

DONATION

The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club is proud to support and donate to the KLH Foundation for their Breath of Spring Campaign.

The donation will help purchase essential medical equipment, specialized treatment chairs, and other key furnishings for the newly renovated Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic at Kootenay Lake Hospital.



Pictured with KLH Foundation Executive Director Bryna Idler are NDRGC Directors Derek Ludwar and Warren Russel

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

**WISHING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THE BEST OF LUCK THIS HUNTING SEASON.
ENJOY THE OUTDOOR MOMENTS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.....THEY
MAKE THE BEST MEMORIES....**

Howie

Membership

First off we want to welcome Patti Blomme as a new face in Memberships. Patti has recently retired and is looking to support Nelson District Rod & Gun Club. Thank you and welcome aboard Patti.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE for 2026

There will be a new procedure for Memberships for the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club for 2026. Memberships will be obtained from BC Wildlife Foundation (BCWF) via the MyBCWF program, which is available to all affiliated clubs across the province. Roll out date for us is October 15, 2025 to coincide with the Early Payment Incentive (EPI). EPI, for the \$10 savings, will still be available from October 15 to November 30. Also BCWF has an Auto Renewal Program for your convenience.

The BCWF Membership team will be at the Saturday, October 4 General Membership meeting, at our Mickey McEwen Memorial Hall (clubhouse) to present what the Membership program (MyBCWF) will look like and answer any questions. Alyssa Masigan, Director of Human Resources & Operations and Amarpreet Kaur, Membership Lead are scheduled to attend. We have extended the invitation to other BCWF staff and key volunteers who have expertise in other areas. We are looking forward to an interesting get together. See you October 4.

Alan Bond - Membership Coordinator



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IT TAKES A SOCIETY




A Field Guide to Pacific Salmon Identification

Recreational salmon fisheries have opened in tidal waters and in-river stretches of the Fraser River and in marine waters on the South Coast of B.C., but harvestable species vary by area.

While pink and sockeye salmon are currently plentiful, openings and limits apply by species to protect salmon populations of concern. Coho are particularly prone to catch-and-release mortality and some steelhead runs are on the brink of extirpation.







To minimize the risk to non-target species from catch and release, try to identify the species of salmon on your line before bringing it out of the water. If you intend to release the fish, use the gaff release method to remove the hook.

If you are unsure of the species on your line, ask other anglers for advice. Below is a field guide to Pacific salmon and steelhead. Know before you go.



PACIFIC SALMON ID GUIDE

A Quick Guide to Identifying B.C.'s Salmon Species

 <p>Coho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium size, light mouth, white gums• Silvery body, upper back/tail spots• Medium teeth	 <p>Chinook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large size, dark mouth, black gums• Large back & tail spots• Small eyes, big teeth
 <p>Chum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium-large, slender near tail• White mouth & gums• No body or tail spots	 <p>Pink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small size, white mouth, black gums• Small scales, pointed lower jaw• Large oval spots on tail
 <p>Sockeye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium size, white mouth & gums• Large eyes, big scales• No spots on tail or back	 <p>Steelhead (Trout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium size, slim, silver body• White mouth & gums• Fully spotted tail, pink flank streaks

Steelhead trout and Pacific salmon species migrate up B.C. rivers to spawn from late spring through autumn. Each species has distinct features.

Outdoor Range

This has been the best year ever at the Range. The weather has been awesome and it is still green out there in spite of the recent hot days. Let's hope it keeps up. The Outdoor Range is seeing lots of use as hunters are sighting in their weapons in preparations for the Fall Hunting season.

Some things to note:

- Please no shooting before 8AM.
- Steel Casings are not to be put in the Brass Bins. Put them in the Trash.
- If you shoot steel, occasionally please bring in yellow or blue paint.
- Please remove paper targets before leaving.
- Thanks to everyone for sweeping up and leaving things ship-shaped.

New Outhouse



The new outhouse is nearly complete. Since this photo siding similar to the Rifle Range building is nearly complete. In about ten days the outhouse will be ready for use.

I want to thank everyone who has pitched in their time or materials.

- Andex Rentals for the Porta Potties and the use of their excavator.
- Home Building Center for dimensional lumber and plywood.
- Walmart for plexiglass and plywood.
- Ryan Coates for construction and materials donation.
- Marvin Paisner for his shovel expertise and pipe fitting.
- Dave White for labor donation and materials donation.
- Vic Learmonth for Materials donation.
- Warren Russel for some fine painting.
- Maglios for Paint donation.
- Nelson Ready Mix - concrete.

This outhouse should provide a facility that reflects NRG values about taking care of the environment as well as providing access to those who have mobility challenges.

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Archery

Indoor Range

The indoor range will be **closed Tuesdays** this summer. Tuesday archery will be back in the fall. 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.

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

Social Gaming

Nelson Social Gaming September schedule !!

- Friday, September 5th, 5 to 10 pm, Downstairs
- Sunday, September 7th, TBA, check Nelson Social Gaming FB page for posting if gaming is scheduled
- Friday, September 12th, TBA
- Sunday, September 14th, TBA
- Friday, September 19th, TBA
- Sunday, September 21st, TBA
- Friday, September 26th, TBA
- Sunday, September 28th, TBA

Calvin Hacking

Trap Range

Trap shooting will start at 9:00 am. On Sunday. We have enjoyed a good turnout and hope that it continues.

Jim Brown

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).

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

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/indoorranger/>

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 ✉

Follow Us
QR code and social media icons (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube)

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

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

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