



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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October 2025 Newsletter

President's Message Howie Grant



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Included with this newsletter is the Agenda for the next membership meeting scheduled for 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 and take in our new acoustic ceiling tile project.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. General introductions
BCWF Representatives
2. Presentations
3. Adopt Agenda as circulated
4. Approval of membership minutes for May 3, 2025
5. Reading and approval of financial report
6. Brief Reports of Directors and Committees
7. Other issues from membership to be referred to Directors for Action
8. Unfinished Business
 - Acoustic Tile Project
10. New Business-
 - NDRGC & BCWF online memberships
 - Hay lift Oct 11, 2026
 - Banquet March 7, 2026
 - Outhouse Project
11. Next Membership Meeting – Jan 10, 2026, Club Hall
12. Adjournment

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 want to enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards, give me a call.



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

Membership

In anticipation of the 2026 Membership year and the changes to how Memberships are purchased for the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club for 2026, we have the Membership Team from BCWF scheduled to attend the October 4, 2025, General Membership Meeting at the Mickey McEwen Memorial Hall (801 Railway St, Nelson). Coming from BCWF will be:

Alyssa Masigan, Director of Human Resources & Operations

Amarpreet Kaur, Membership Lead

Loretta Rajeshwar, Membership Engagement Coordinator

The team will walk us through how MyBCWF is set up to access both our and BCWF memberships.

Patti Blomme, the Memberships Coordinator starting for the 2026 year, will also be at the October 4 meeting. Bring your questions and if the answers aren't immediately available, we will source them out.

The expectation is 2026 Memberships will be available for returning members starting on October 15, 2025, in accordance with the club Early Payment Incentive which runs every year October 15- November 30. There will be a promo code announced at the meeting which will access your \$10 discount on 2026 dues.

Also, MyBCWF does prefer credit cards and the ability to automatically renew will be reinstated.

Look forward to seeing you at 10 AM on October 4, upstairs at the hall.

Alan Bond – Membership Coordinator



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The B.C. Wildlife Federation has submitted a petition to the Auditor General of Canada raising urgent concerns about the federal government’s lack of funding for programs designed to prevent the spread of invasive mussels in British Columbia.

“We have taken this unusual step to ensure that the threat of infestation of B.C.’s freshwater systems is properly addressed to avoid economic and environmental harm to British Columbians, fish and wildlife, public utilities, businesses, and First Nations,” said BCWF Executive Director Jesse Zeman.

“If you drink water, pay taxes, enjoy the beach, or fishing, you should be concerned about invasive mussels.”

The petition filed under Section 22 of the Auditor General Act obliges federal Cabinet Ministers to respond to 10 specific questions posed by the BCWF. The petition was prepared in partnership with the Environmental Law Centre.

The BCWF is deeply concerned about the potential impacts of zebra and quagga mussels if they are allowed to take hold in our waterways. Invasive mussels can clog hydroelectric facilities, irrigation systems, and municipal water infrastructure. Their sharp shells can render beaches unusable.

The threat is real. A boat contaminated with invasive mussels (<https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/article/boat-bound-for-bc-was-contaminated-with-mussels-conservation-officers-say/>) and standing lake water in its bilge was discovered on its way to the Okanagan was intercepted last week.

“If the federal government doesn’t act quickly to help prevent the spread of invasive mussels, BC’s lands and water systems could suffer significant damage,” said Patricia Weber, a lawyer at the Environmental Law Centre, which prepared the petition on behalf of BCWF. “The federal government has a legal obligation to protect fish and fish habitat, including through the prevention of aquatic invasive species. B.C. needs increased funding under the federal government’s Aquatic Invasive Species Protection Fund to prevent this problem from becoming an environmental and economic disaster. The choice is clear: pay now to prevent the problem or pay a lot more later to fix it.”

Infestations may lead to declines in rainbow trout and kokanee salmon. Invasive mussels can retain water-borne toxins in their flesh, which exposes the waterfowl and fish that eat them to illnesses such as botulism. When mussels die in the millions, the stench from their decay is intolerable.

The BCWF has mounted a public awareness campaign aimed at boaters urging them to employ Clean, Drain, Dry procedures to prevent the spread of mussels into B.C. water bodies, advocated for a provincial inspection regime, and even contributed financially to B.C.’s mussel defences, in partnership with the provincial government, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

The Government of British Columbia also introduced changes to the Wildlife Act that require mandatory inspections of watercraft entering British Columbia from other jurisdictions. In addition, boaters would be required to stop at watercraft inspection stations within B.C. and follow Clean, Drain Dry procedures.

“What is missing from the fight to save our fish, beaches, lakes, and rivers is a commitment from the federal government to ensure that our efforts are up to the task,” said Zeman. “Without federal leadership and investment, the work already being done by provincial and Indigenous partners risks will be outpaced by the scale and speed of this growing crisis.”

The Province of British Columbia estimates that if zebra or quagga mussels become established the resulting damage could cost between \$64 million and \$129 million annually, and that only includes damage to infrastructure.

“For years, the Okanagan Basin Water Board has raised alarms about invasive mussels, and BCWF’s petition highlights how urgent this issue has become. We need immediate federal leadership and funding to ensure B.C. is not left facing the devastating costs of an infestation,” James Littlely, Chief Operating Officer, OBWB.

The petition details the federal government’s legal obligations to environmental, economic, and cultural crises under a variety of federal statutes, such as the Fisheries Act, the Species at Risk Act, and the Canada Shipping Act, and Ottawa’s commitment to UNDRIP and DRIPA.

The petition poses questions about Canada’s weak response to the threat posed by invasive mussels to the ministers responsible for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Northern Affairs Canada.

“It’s past time for the federal government to justify its inaction in the face of a significant environmental and economic threat, or act in proportion to the threat,” said Zeman.

Read the entire petition here. (<https://bcwf.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025Sept15-EnvironmentalPetition.pdf>)



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Outdoor Range

Signage is up in three locations noting the 8AM to Dusk rifle shooting period.



Thanks to Home Building for donated materials.

Steel has been repaired. Please bring blue and yellow paint if you can.

Brushing is needed at 200 and 300. Thanks to Gord Stone for brushing.

Burning of old targets will have to wait for wet weather in the Fall.

Mouse House burn piles will also be burned later in the Fall -

Austin Anderson has agreed to provide a Mini-excavator during that burn.

Please contact me if you want to help, likely some weekend in October or early November.



Picnic Tables:

Our application for a donation of at least (50) 2x6x10' was not approved.
We have fasteners and the 2x10 for tops and seats - Just need 2x6 for legs.
Let me know if you can help.

Outhouse:



The Outhouse has been completed and is in use.
Thanks to Stu MacMillan for his hard work on the siding.
Thank you Howie and Wally for final painting.
It is a urine diversion system.
Please pump the pedal eight times when you finish using the toilet.

Hoge

Cottonwood Creek

A 2024 Fish Habitat Assessment by Living Lakes of Canada for Cottonwood Creek is available at: <https://data.cbwaterhub.ca/dataset/cottonwood-creek-revival-project/resource/bdaa7e1a-d2f4-45cd-af09-8d818dd58754>

Living Lakes is still pursuing an aquatic habitat enhancement project in the lower reaches of the creek, but downstream of the CPKC-owned lands and is also continuing with water quality monitoring throughout the watershed.

Paul Thomas
Cottonwood Creek Co-Coordinator

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 Schedule for October !!

- Friday, October 3rd, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic, 5 to 10 pm, downstairs. Use side rear door to enter. Post if your attending 😁
- Sunday, October 5th, Board Gaming, Warhammer and Magic, 2 to 6 pm, downstairs. Use side rear door to enter. Post if your attending 😊
- Friday, October 10th, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic, 5 to 10 pm. Post if your attending 😁
- Sunday, October 12th, "Warhammer 40k Colosseum Event", 12 noon to 7 pm.
 - Board Gaming is also happening 1 to 6 pm. Post if your attending 😊 😊
- Friday, October 17th, Kootenay Con is happening, 3 to 10 pm, tickets available at the door
 - Venders, Demonstration and gaming. Board Gaming, Magic, RPG's, Warhammer 40k, Battlegroup, X-Wing, Pirates, Painting demo and more 😊
- Saturday, October 18th, Kootenay Con, 10 am to 10 pm
- Sunday, October 19th, Kootenay Con, 10 am to 8 pm
- Social Gaming is Cancelled Friday, October 17th and Sunday, October 19th
- Friday, October 24th, TBA
- Sunday, October 26th, TBA
- Friday, October 31st, TBA

Calvin Hacking

Trap Range

Trap is beginning to wind down after a rather successful season. Hunting season and inclement weather will spell the end to this year's trap season. We will try another weekend or two before we call it quits. In the meantime I would like to extend a big shout out to the following folks that helped move two tons of clays from the Silver City Range to our own range: Peter Stent, Warren Russell, Brad Fuller and Lewis Juell. Although it would have been nice to see more folks help out, this small but mighty workforce managed to get this big job done by noon on moving day. Thanks guys! Also a special thank you to our own Howie Grant for securing four flats (40 boxes) of shells from Cabela's that were on sale while he was visiting family on the Island. These efforts from our volunteers help keep our prices down. Having said that there will be a small price increase for next year, as the price for clays has gone up \$4.00 per box. Sorry about that!

Jim Brown
Trap Coordinator

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:

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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



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Nelson Rod & Gun Club's
Archery Club!

*We're a group of toxophilites who
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We Offer: Private Range Rental/Intro Classes
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Join Us For A Shoot:
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Sunday 28  Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00  Gaming	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 2  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 3  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00 Downstairs	Saturday 4
Sunday 5  Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00  Gaming	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 9  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 10  Gaming	Saturday 11
Sunday 12  Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00  Gaming	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 16  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 17  Kootenay Con	Saturday 18  Kootenay Con
Sunday 19  Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00  Kootenay Con	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 23  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 24  Gaming	Saturday 25
Sunday 26  Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00  Gaming	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 30  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 31  Gaming	Saturday 1

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