



## **NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

**Indoor Range & Clubhouse:** 801 Railway St, Nelson BC

**Outdoor Range:** 124 Porto Rico Rd (off Hwy 6), Nelson BC

**Website:** [www.nrgcbc.ca](http://www.nrgcbc.ca)

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs)

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**February 2026 Newsletter**

## RANGES AND CLOSURES

### INDOOR GUN RANGE

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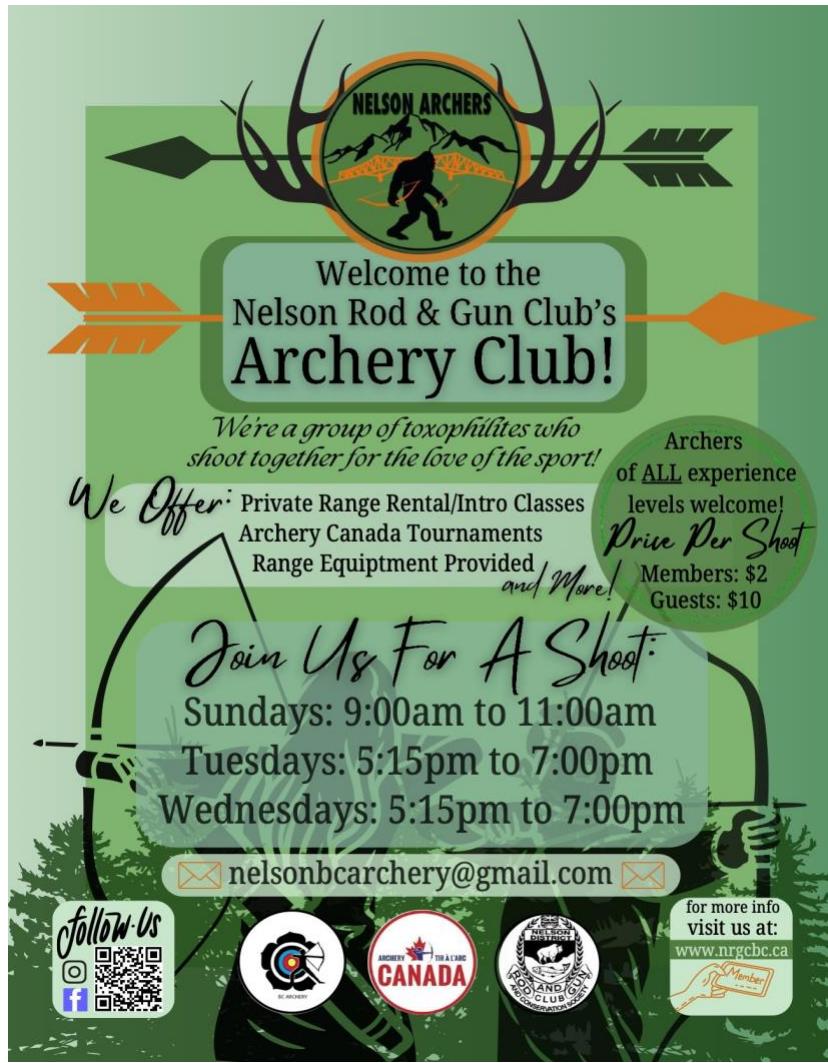
Steve Potters is running our Monday evening indoor session from 5:30 PM till 7:00 PM. Our Wednesday morning indoor shooting is scheduled to resume on January 7th from 10:00 AM till 11:30 AM.

Please have your valid current NDRGC membership card with you when attending the range as well as all the documentation required by the Canadian Firearms Act.

Check the NDRGC website Indoor Range page <https://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/> for any last minute cancellations especially if there is a snowfall and poor driving conditions. Note, if there is a power failure on the North Shore, I will not have computer access to update this page.

For additional information contact Marvin Paisner at [paisners@shaw.ca](mailto:paisners@shaw.ca)

### ARCHERY RANGE



## President's Message Howie Grant



### **SHEEP FEEDING PROGRAM**

With the unseasonably mild weather this winter, the activity around the feeding site has been reduced significantly. There have only been 9 sheep in total at the feeder, including 3 lambs.

A few weeks ago, a group of Selkirk Students attended the site, and only 2 sheep made an appearance, a ewe and a  $\frac{3}{4}$  curl ram. This is concerning as the sheep numbers continue to drop. However, winter conditions have not been very challenging as in previous years. No doubt this has contributed to the lack of sheep presence.

The Nelson Leafs Recycle center is donating all funds received from donated can/bottle returns for the month of February to the club. These funds will be directed to our Bighorn sheep winter feeding program. Helping to pay for feed and hay shed repairs. Thank you Leafs for your support.



### **BIG GAME BANQUET**

Our banquet for March 7 is full speed ahead. We are sitting pretty good with meat donations, but we still require about 50 pounds of ground to top off the menu.

There are only 200 tickets available, and the committee is gearing up for another sell out, so get out there and grab a ticket. You can purchase tickets for this unique menu and event at Farmers Supply, and Eddy's Music. There is also an e-transfer option available for the out-of-town members who have to rely on the local ferries. Contact Howie Grant, 250 551-1077, for the information on the e-transfer or for tickets.

Howie



# 2026 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

Saturday March 7th @ 801 Railway St  
The Rod & Gun Club Hall (beneath Cottonwood Falls)

**UNIQUE MENU**  
**Silent Auction / 50-50**  
**Live Auction & Rifle Draw**

**Happy Hour & Fundraiser 4:00 PM**  
**Dinner 6:00 PM**

Tickets @ Nelson Farmer Supply and Eddy Music  
Contact Howie Grant  
for e-transfer payment (250) 551-1077  
Credit Cards Accepted at Banquet for all purchases

**Adults \$65**  
**Youth \$40**  
(12 and under)



Help the Nelson Leafs and our club fund the Bighorn sheep feeding program. Bring your cans/bottles to the banquet. The Leafs van will be in our parking lot for your convenience.



Indoor ranges open from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

## Membership

### Welcome to February!

A good start to the year for memberships. As you will note below that there are two processes in play for joining or renewing your club membership

#### BCWF Applications:

- Your membership with the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club is immediate
- Use the My BCWF member portal (fig. 1) to navigate to the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club \*Join\* icon (fig 2.)

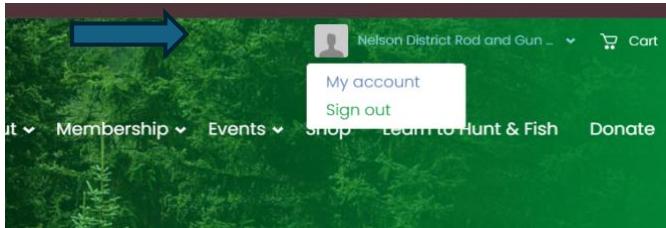


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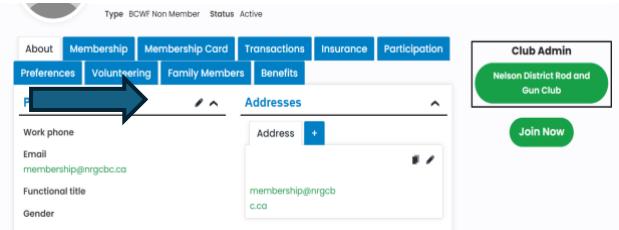


fig 2

- Your BCWF/NDRGC membership card will be immediately available for downloading or printing upon membership purchase. (see fig .2). A plastic card can also be purchased for \$5.00 through the BCWF store.
- Please note: BCWF has issued new member numbers. (Your original NDRGC member number are permanent and remain the same)
- Only new NDR&GC members who have renewed online will issued a paper NDR&GC card with their permanent club number.

#### Manual applications:

- Forms will continue to be regularly picked up at Farmer's Supply.
- Paper applications will be processed monthly and cards mailed out by the 3rd week of the month.
- If sending membership dues via e-transfer please indicate: Membership type and description of amounts (i.e. Key and/or donation if included)
- Please continue to submit Form A if renewing by e-transfer. Fill-able forms can be found on the NDRGC website and emailed to [membership@nrgcbc.ca](mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca)

#### Keys:

- Keys are \$25.00/year
- funds can be transferred to [membership@nrgcbc.ca](mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca) or cash/cheque attached to your paper application
- Keys will be mailed to members the third week of the month
- Confirmation of firearms licence expiry date may be requested.

#### Membership Coordinator hours:

- Voice mail is monitored weekly on Monday and will be returned as promptly as possible.
- Emails are monitored through out the week and will be answered within 48 hours.

**Membership continues to send a big thanks to all for the patience you have had with the transition of membership coordinators.**



Patti Blomme  
Membership Coordinator

Pass Creek Regional Park

# CAMPGROUND HOST OPPORTUNITY



The RDCK is looking for a Campground Host for Pass Creek Regional Park, just minutes from Castlegar and the Columbia River. The Campground Host helps create a safe, clean, and welcoming experience for visitors by managing daily campground operations and maintaining park facilities.

SEASONAL  
CONTRACT:

APRIL - OCTOBER

LEARN MORE ➤



For more information email:  
[parks@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:parks@rdck.bc.ca)



Website:  
[rdck.ca/bids](http://rdck.ca/bids)



Glacier Creek Regional Park

# CAMPGROUND HOST OPPORTUNITY



The RDCK is seeking a friendly, dependable Campground Host to live on-site at Glacier Creek Regional Park on the eastern shore of Duncan Lake. The Host helps provide a safe, sanitary, and welcoming campground experience by managing daily operations, collecting camping fees, and assisting visitors.

SEASONAL CONTRACT: MAY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



For more information email:  
[parks@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:parks@rdck.bc.ca)



Website:  
[rdck.ca/bids](http://rdck.ca/bids)





## AGM Registration is Open!

Our 70th AGM & Convention will be taking place in Salmon Arm from May 1 to 2, 2026! Attend to engage on the issues you care about, vote on resolutions, and elect a new Board of Directors.

Plus, hear an important message from our Keynote Speaker, Amanda Lynn Mayhew! Amanda is an outdoor enthusiast, advocate, media personality, and founder of Just Hunt INC. and the JH Gala & Awards, a respected voice in outdoor education, firearm safety, and inclusion, and the producer, editor, and host of That Hunting Girl, which airs on the Sportsman Channel.

[Register Now](#)

A photograph of a hunter in a snowy, rocky landscape. The hunter is wearing camouflage gear and a backpack, and is carrying a rifle. The background shows snow-covered ground and rocky terrain with some evergreen trees. The BCWF logo is visible in the upper left corner of the image.

**BCWF**  
BC WILDLIFE FEDERATION

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Changes are coming to the  
Provincial 2026-2028 Hunting  
and Trapping Regulations

**Deadline for Feedback:**  
Friday, February 13, 2026  
@ 4:30pm PST

[Provide Your Feedback](#)



## Hunting and trapping regulations engagement

Hunting and Trapping regulations in B.C. are published every two years in the [Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis](#). The public is invited to comment on the proposed regulations listed below.

The posted regulation proposals explain the current regulations and new proposed regulations, as well as the rationales for the proposed changes. Conservation remains the top priority.

Comments are only visible to designated government staff and to the user who posted them. A summary of feedback will be reviewed and forwarded to government staff for decision-making.

A link to a comment form is provided on each proposal webpage.

Users may view proposals through the links in the table. Use the search box to search by keyword. Select column titles to sort alphabetically.

**Update:** Users will be required to log in with a Basic BCeID in order to post comments. This is required to ensure integrity in the process and mitigate “auto-generated” responses. Users may view proposals without logging in. If you have a current Business BCeID, you will not be able to access the feedback forms. You will need to register for a Basic BCeID.

[Visit the BCeID website](#) for details.

### **Full list of proposal webpage:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/ahte/hunting-trapping>

## **Fly Tying Nights**

Starting on January 8th, 2026, and continuing into the Spring on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, we will again be hosting fly tying nights.

Start time will be 6:30 pm and will be held in the meeting room downstairs at the Rod and Gun Club.

The club will supply most of the materials, but it is recommended that members bring their own spooled materials such as thread. We do have some vises and other equipment; however, numbers are limited and some may need to be shared.

There will be a fee of \$5 per night per person. This funds that are collected go toward purchasing more fly-tying materials/equipment for future sessions.

We will focus on popular springtime flies for the area. Come and join us for the chosen fly(s) to tie for the night or come and tie your own with like-minded people.

If there are any questions, please feel free to email Drew at [Nelsonflyclub@gmail.com](mailto:Nelsonflyclub@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there,

Drew Turner

## **Archery**

### **Indoor Range**

The range has been steady with a great group of committed archers of all levels. If you plan on joining us, email me to ensure there is room. Steve Potters will be hosting Indoor Archery on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Phoenix Smuga will be representing our Club at the BC Winter Games in Rossland on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. He will be shooting in the Barebow division, 60 arrows at 18 metres on a 40cm target face. Come support him if you can!

Archery Winter Game Schedule:

<https://www.bcarec.ca/media/documents/bc-winter-games/archery-sport-schedules-2026-winter-draft.pdf>

Four of our Nelson archers will be competing in the weekly Canada Mailmatch tournament until the end of March. Mailmatch sessions are reserved for BC Archery members in good standing.

Indoor Mailmatch Info: <https://archerycanada.ca/national-competitions/indoor-mailmatch/>

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](mailto:NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com) for booking or inquiry.

### **Outdoor Range**

The outdoor range has been put away for the winter, but you are welcome to use any of the old 3D targets left out for target practice; broadheads are allowed on these targets or your own target only. Shoot responsibly!

Greg Seidelin

## **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

## **Social Gaming**

Nelson Social Gaming Schedule for February !!

The Crusade Campaign has started. You can play your match any time Social Gaming is meeting. Post if you are attending 😊😊

- Sunday, February 1st, Warhammer 500 point Colosseum Event, 12 to 7 pm, registrar by Saturday, January 31st
- Also Board Gaming and Magic, 1 to 7 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, February 6th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k, Magic and playing the 3rd game of the Scythe Campaign. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, February 8th, 2 to 7 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, February 13th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, February 15th, 2 to 7 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic, 2 to 6 pm. Post if your attending
- Friday, February 20th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic. Post if your attending 😊
- Sunday, February 22nd, 2 to 7 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic. Post if your attending
- Friday, February 27th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Warhammer 40k and Magic. Post if your attending 😊

Calvin Hacking

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Marvin Paisner [paisners@shaw.ca](mailto:paisners@shaw.ca)

## Outdoor Gun Range

27" Craftsman Snowblower Donation. **Thanks Daryl Elder**



Lots of shooters tough enough to brave the cold. Come join us! Thanks to everyone that is keeping the Range in good shape.

2026 Gunshow:

March 27, 28 and 29. Please contact me if you would like to help. 38 tables - not many left.

**WEST KOOTENAY**  
**Gun and Antique Show**

**Buy Sell and Trade**

Hunting, Fishing, Shooting and Collectables  
COME FIND A GREAT DEAL!

**March 28 & March 29**

**Admission \$5.00**

**Children 12 and under are free (Must be accompanied by an adult)**

Saturday March 28th, 9:00am~5:00pm  
Sunday March 29th, 9:00am~3:00pm

**MICKEY McEWEN MEMORIAL HALL**  
**801 Railway St., Nelson B.C.**

For more information contact Dave @ (250)-505-6007  
Email: [ndrgcgunshow@gmail.com](mailto:ndrgcgunshow@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.dbozconsulting.ca) or contact Dorian Boswell, 250-265-8323 (cell), [dbozconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:dbozconsulting@gmail.com) If your community wishes to sponsor a course I can travel to your community to do a course(s).



The poster features the Canadian Cancer Society logo (a yellow flower) and the 'WHEELS OF HOPE' program name. The main text 'VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!' is prominently displayed in large blue letters. Below it, the text 'Help cancer patients in your community' is written in a smaller black font. A graphic of two black silhouettes of people standing next to a black silhouette of a car is centered. At the bottom, the text 'APPLY NOW' is in blue, followed by 'Visit [volunteercancer.ca](http://volunteercancer.ca)' and 'or email [volunteer@cancer.ca](mailto:volunteer@cancer.ca)'. The bottom slogan 'IT TAKES A SOCIETY' is in a large, stylized, lowercase font.

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## Club Contact List

<u><b>President</b></u>	<b>Cottonwood Creek – Police Liaison - Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Co. - Edward Jones – Wild game Banquet and Fundraiser</b>	Howie grant	250-551-1077	<a href="mailto:hhgrant@telus.net">hhgrant@telus.net</a>
<u><b>Vice President</b></u>	<b>Cottonwood Creek – Community Liaison – Fishing Forever</b>	Paul Thomas		<a href="mailto:canuck2025@outlook.com">canuck2025@outlook.com</a>
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<u><b>Treasurer</b></u>	<b>Treasury - Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones Account</b>	Frances Brown		
<u><b>Director</b></u>	<b>Archery - Newsletter - Communication (email) – Archery Canada Mailmatch - National Range Day</b>	Greg Seidelin	250-551-4022	<a href="mailto:nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com">nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com</a>
<u><b>Director</b></u>	<b>By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth</b>	<b>Shelley Dagorne</b>		<a href="mailto:Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com">Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com</a>
<u><b>Director</b></u>	<b>Social Gaming - Ladies Shooting – Website &amp; Digital Communications (Facebook) – Wildgame Banquet and Fundraiser – Indoor Firearms range</b>	Nolan Kearney	604-780-2726	<a href="mailto:nolan.kearney1@gmail.com">nolan.kearney1@gmail.com</a>
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<u><b>Director</b></u>	<b>Outdoor Range – Gun Show – Project Mapleseed – National range day - Edward Jones</b>	Hoge Tyler	250-551-7645	<a href="mailto:hogetyler@gmail.com">hogetyler@gmail.com</a>

Director	<b>3D Archery – Wild Game Banquet</b>	Jordan K Braun	778-908-9535	<a href="mailto:jordanxbraun@gmail.com">jordanxbraun@gmail.com</a>
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Coordinator	<b>Building Maintenance Manager</b>	Lewis Juelll	250-421-3620	<a href="mailto:irjuell@gmail.com">irjuell@gmail.com</a>
Coordinator	<b>Memberships</b>	Patti Blomme		<a href="mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca">membership@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Coordinator	<b>Memberships - Club history</b>	Alan Bond	250-352-2289	<a href="mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca">membership@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Coordinator	<b>Indoor Firearm Range - Project Mapleseed – National Range Day</b>	Marvin Paisner	250-229-5710	<a href="mailto:paisners@shaw.ca">paisners@shaw.ca</a>
Coordinator	<b>Ladies Shooting</b>	Anita Bowers	250-354-2998	<a href="mailto:ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com">ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com</a>
Coordinator	<b>Security</b>	Al Walker	250-352-9752	<a href="mailto:arwalker@telus.net">arwalker@telus.net</a>
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Coordinator	<b>Cottonwood Creek</b>	Alan Thompson		
Coordinator	<b>Fishing Forever</b>	Brad Howard	250-444-1953	<a href="mailto:bradhoward@telus.net">bradhoward@telus.net</a>
Coordinator	<b>Volunteer</b>	Cindy Turner		<a href="mailto:twocampers@shaw.ca">twocampers@shaw.ca</a>

## NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at  
[NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com)