



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs

April 2026 Newsletter

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

Our Indoor Firearms Range sessions have resumed for .22 calibre rimfire rifles and handguns of .45 cal and under. No centrefire rifles of any calibre are allowed in the Indoor Range.

Steve Potters is running our **Monday** evening indoor session from **5:30 PM till 7:00 PM until April 13th**. Our **Wednesday** morning indoor shooting is done for the season. The outdoor range is open, see you there.

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

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

The outdoor gun range will be closed Saturday April 18th for Spring Clean-up.

The outdoor gun range will be closed Saturday May 9th.

For additional information contact Hoge Tyler at hogetyler@gmail.com

ARCHERY RANGE

Wednesday 17:15 to 19:00, Saturday and Sunday 09:00 to 11:00. These sessions are open to all archers, regardless of experience. Please, show up early if it is your first time or need Club Equipment. And please wear closed toe shoes at the range. Our club has multiple recurve bows for beginner to intermediate archers; we also have club arrows and safety gear. Tuesday 17:15 to 19:00 is for tuning equipment, expect less shooting and more time at the bench, these sessions are reserved for archers with their own equipment.

We also offer private group or individual lessons at the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club (NDRGC), these lessons are \$50 per person for a two-hour session with instruction at the Indoor Range under the Club by Cottonwood Falls. **This session is mandatory if you don't know how to shoot a bow.**

The outdoor range will be closed Saturday April 18th for Spring Clean-up.

For additional information contact Greg Seidelin at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

President's Message Howie Grant



WILDGAME BANQUET 2026:

On Saturday, March 7, we held our 49th annual wild game banquet. It was a huge success again this year with special thanks to our volunteers and Chef Kyle Dampsy, from The Block Eatery, who raised the bar another notch with a creative display of food and flavours. To say the food was amazing is an understatement and the sold-out event proved to be a fun night for all.

Special thanks to our MC, Reg Clarkson who entertained the 200 guests all night and many laughs were shared. He does a great job....even if I did end up with a power saw from the live auction.

One highlight of the evening was Director and archer Warren Russel calling upon 14-year-old Phoenix Smuga, a club archer coached by NDRGC Director and Archery Canada Instructor Greg Seidelin, to honour him for his two gold medals that he won at this year's BC Winter Games. Congratulations Phoenix on your incredible achievement.



This is our biggest fundraiser for the Club and requires hundreds of hours from our volunteers just to organize it. Next year will be our **50th Anniversary** for the banquet and we want to make it special for this milestone. To do this will require even more volunteers to step up to plan the event, and more volunteers the night of the banquet to help with the 50/50 draw, rifle raffle, silent and live auctions.

The banquet next year, will be held Sat March 6 ,2027. Give me a call if you would like to be part in planning for this historic event.

NDRGC AWARDS:

I was extremely pleased to present these awards to 2 outstanding members of the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club:

CONSERVATION AWARD:

Sarah Beaudoin has been a dedicated member of this club since she was in her early teens. She has been an amazing volunteer at all events especially the mountain sheep feeding program where she has made a huge impact and I think it made a big impact on her. Sarah can always be counted on be involved with any event or conservation effort the club takes on...

Congratulations Sarah and thank you for your unending efforts.



PRESIDENTS AWARD:

The President's Award is given to that member who demonstrate hard work and dedication to ensure the operational success of not only the Club but the events and projects that help define this organization. This year I was very pleased to present the award to a very deserving gentleman, a man who has been front and center for this club for many years...Alan Bond

Congratulations Alan, you're a very special person...



MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

A reminder that our next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 25 at our Outdoor Range, Porto Rico Road @ 10:00 am. Hope to see you there.

NATIONAL RANGE DAY:

On Saturday, June 6, the NDRGC will again host National Range Day at our Outdoor Range located on Porto Rico Road. Again, this year, all our venues will be active, Trap, Archery and Rifle range with hotdogs, hamburgers, and refreshments available.

Our Firearm raffle this year is a CZ 457 Bolt Action 22LR rifle, and scope worth over \$700. There are only 250 tickets to be sold @ \$10 each and they are available now. The draw will be made at the outdoor range at 2:00 pm during Range Day.

Contact Hoge or me if you want tickets right away.

We anticipate an increase in attendance this year and are looking for more volunteers to help us. Please contact the following coordinators if you can help:

Archery: Greg Seidelin: NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

Trap Shooting: Jim Brown: 250 608-9332

Rifle Range: Hoge Tyler 250 551-7645

BBQ, hamburgers & Hotdogs: Call Glen McKen 250 505-5006 if you can help him with the food.

Howie

MEMBERSHIP

Did you renew or join online? Your Online NDRGC/BCWF membership card is available to download or print on your MyBCWF membership portal.

New Club members will have a physical NDRGC card issued with their permanent club number on it. This number can be used at both the indoor and outdoor range to sign in.

Physical NDRGC Membership cards are mailed the 3rd week of every month (these are issued to members who have submitted their applications using forms A or B or are new members who have registered via BCWF) Members who applied using Form A or B will have access to their digital card once your membership has been registered with BCWF (this may take several weeks).

Plastic Replacement NDRGC/BCWF cards can be purchased for \$5.00 through the BCWF store.

NEED A RANGE KEY?

Range keys are 25\$/year and can be obtained by sending payment to the NDRGC membership coordinator (e-transfer, cash and cheque) along with your updated firearms licence. Keys will not be issued until both are received. Keys are mailed out monthly. Please plan ahead if you require a key, coordinator hours are weekly on Mondays and communications responded to once received.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

B.C. Wildlife Federation - membership & all the associated benefits and privileges – hotel discounts, etc.

Annual subscription to the B C Outdoors magazine.

West Kootenay Outdoorsmen – membership

With Key purchase: use of the indoor and outdoor Archery, Pistol and Rifle ranges.

Outdoor rifle range out to 500 yards and new shooting shelter in 2025

Trap range fees commensurate with cost of basic maintenance, gas, clays and shells.

Clubs' monthly newsletter - with free access to buy and sell pages.

Award winning Conservation activities

Cottonwood Creek riparian restoration

Sproule Creek riparian restoration

Big Horn Sheep conservation project

Partnering with Nature Trust of B.C. to protect habitat

Marsden Face - special Wildlife management area

Lardeau Flats - Land Acquisition

Fishing Forever and Family Fishing Weekend

PAL and CORE Training – Least cost live training in the Kootenay's

Club is a registered B.C. Society

Club is a registered Charity with Canada Revenue; able to issue tax receipts for donations

Hall Rentals – Contributes to club costs and community support

\$5,000,000.00 Liability insurance policy with no primary insurance requirements.

\$2,000,000.00 Insurance policy for ATV/side by side/snowmobile/watercraft when being used for hunting or fishing activities.

Some other Activities – Archery 3 D Event, Ladies' Shoot Program, Social Gaming, Black Powder enthusiasts, Annual Gun and Antiques Show, Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser

Haven't renewed your NDRGC membership yet?

Online: Click here -> BCWF

Manual application: Returning member? → Complete Form A

New or lapsed member? → Complete Form B

Membership Coordinator Contact Information:

Emails and calls are responded to during office hours.

Office hours: weekly (Monday)

Phone: 250-551-7414

Email: Membership@nrgcbc.ca

Can Post: The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

c/o Membership

Po Box 16 Stn Main

Nelson BC V11 5P7 Canada

Patti Blomme – Membership Coordinator



Canadian
Cancer
Society

**WHEELS
OF HOPE**

**VOLUNTEER
DRIVERS NEEDED!**

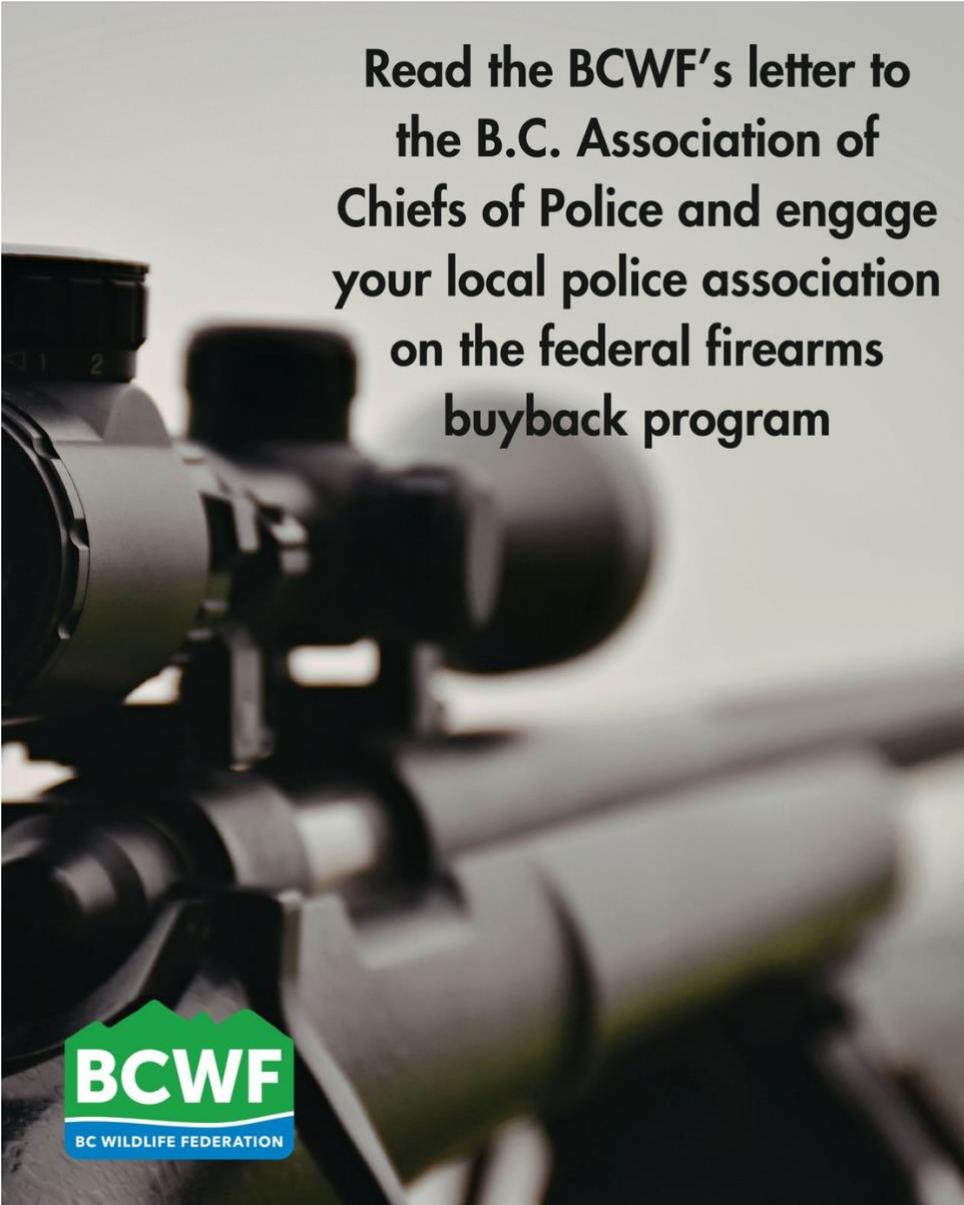
Help cancer patients in your community



APPLY NOW

Visit volunteercancer.ca
or email volunteer@cancer.ca

IT TAKES A SOCIETY



**Read the BCWF's letter to
the B.C. Association of
Chiefs of Police and engage
your local police association
on the federal firearms
buyback program**



Letter to B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police

On January 20, 2026, we sent a letter to the B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police to clarify their position on the federal buyback program. They have made a statement on the buyback here.

Please reach out to your local police association and express your concerns with the federal firearms buyback.

Bill C-21 is focused on the wrong firearms on on people who pose no threat to public safety.

Read our letter and take action below.

[**Take Action Now**](#)



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>

Archery

Phoenix Smuga and I went to Archery Canada Regionals in Cranbrook on March 8th. Regionals were shot throughout Canada for Canadian ranking. Phoenix is now ranked second in Canada in the Barebow U18, and he is only fourteen! Congratulations Phoenix! Ellen and Branden will be at the Indoor Target Provincials later this month in Victoria. Good luck!

We are now wrapping up indoors and gearing up for outdoor season. Taking place next weekend in Creston will be our first 3D shoot of the year. The first weekend in June, Phoenix, John, and I will be going to the Canada Cup West in Cranbrook to compete in fifty metres Outdoor Target. The next big event will be Provincials Outdoor Target and Field Archery, September long weekend in Armstrong. For Ellen, it will be World 3D Archery in Yankton, USA at the end of September. Ellen will be representing Canada and, of course, our club. Finally, Phoenix will be trying out for the 2027 Canada Winter Games in Quebec City.

Since there are numerous big events coming up, we have decided to have official jerseys made. Branden revamped our Nelson Archers logo and came up with a great new design. We are also seeking a new outdoor training facility and will need new targets, as the one we currently have are not the approved size or specifications. All of this means we will need some funding to build targets, purchase jerseys, and travel to events. We are looking for sponsors to be placed on our jerseys and at the ranges. If you are interested or know someone interested in sponsoring our archers, please reach out to me at NelsonBCArchery@gmail.com and I will send you a sponsorship proposal. We will be selling t-shirts (classic crew neck), hats, and merch soon. These will be “order only” to avoid excess.



Indoor Range

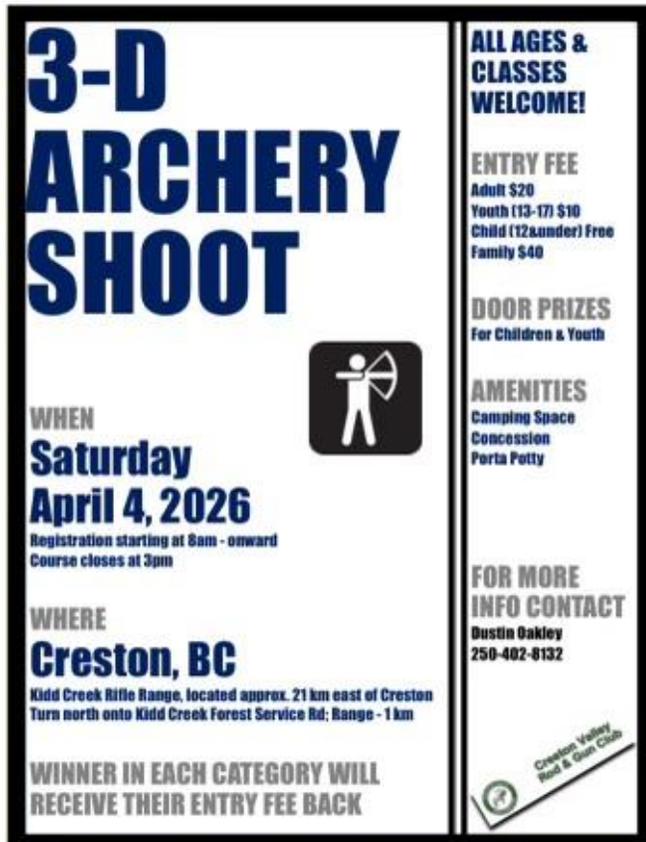
The range has been steady with a great group of committed archers of all levels. If you plan on joining us, email me to ensure there is room. Steve Potters will be hosting Indoor Archery on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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.

Outdoor Range

The outdoor range will be setup on April 18th from 10:00 until 14:00, let me know if you can help. The old 3D targets are for broadhead practice. Please only shoot broadheads at designated targets or your own. Shoot responsibly!

Greg Seidelin



**3-D
ARCHERY
SHOOT**

WHEN
Saturday
April 4, 2026
Registration starting at 8am - onward
Course closes at 3pm

WHERE
Creston, BC
Kidd Creek Rifle Range, located approx. 21 km east of Creston
Turn north onto Kidd Creek Forest Service Rd; Range - 1 km

**WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY WILL
RECEIVE THEIR ENTRY FEE BACK**

**ALL AGES &
CLASSES
WELCOME!**

ENTRY FEE
Adult \$20
Youth (13-17) \$10
Child (12&under) Free
Family \$40

DOOR PRIZES
For Children & Youth

AMENITIES
Camping Space
Concession
Porta Potty

**FOR MORE
INFO CONTACT**
Dustin Oakley
250-402-8132

Creston Valley
Rod & Gun Club



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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

Drew Turner

Living Lakes Canada

Across Canada, communities are stepping up to protect freshwater. From monitoring lakes and groundwater to restoring wetlands and training the next generation of water stewards.

Living Lakes Canada's 2025 Impact Report highlights how community-led stewardship and science, meaningful partnerships, and open data are strengthening watersheds and building resilience for a healthy and secure water future.

Freshwater protection starts locally — with people who know their waters best. At Living Lakes Canada, we support communities with science, tools, and partnerships that turn local action into lasting impact.

Our approach is grounded in collaboration, respect for Indigenous and local knowledge, and a commitment to open data and hands-on stewardship.

From groundwater assessments in Southern Alberta and lake monitoring in the Yukon to citizen scientists tracking lake biodiversity across the country, Living Lakes Canada works alongside communities across diverse landscapes and watersheds.

Explore the map to see a sample of local action strengthening freshwater, coast to coast.

[Living Lakes 2025 Impact Report](#)

Paul Thomas

Social Gaming

- Friday, April 3rd - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, April 5th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, April 10th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, April 12th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, April 17th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Sunday, April 19th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Friday, April 24th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, April 26th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. Post if you are attending 😊

Calvin Hacking

Indoor Gun Range

The indoor range regularly scheduled weekly shoots are wrapping up for the season.

The final day for the Wednesday morning shoot is March 25th.

The final session for the Monday evening shoot will be the April 13th.

The outdoor range is open year round, hope to see you there!

Marvin Paisner paisners@shaw.ca

Outdoor Gun Range

The snow is almost gone at the Outdoor Range - Maybe 8" left.
Combination lock is still on the Gate - Combination 1918
The new lock requiring new keys coming soon.
And the fence will be re-installed.
Keys will be sent by Patti soon if you don't already have one.
Alternatively, I will sell you one for \$25 - Bring your PAL and NDRGC current card.

The 2026 Gunshow was held Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th and was a success.
It was well attended by the public with 38 vendor tables rented.
The Volunteers made the show the success that it was. Final thank yous and more detail will be available in the May newsletter regarding the volunteers and the money raised for the Club.

Range Cleanup

April 18th will be cleanup day.
The Range will be closed for shooting.
Please come and help - Bring yard tools, clippers, chainsaws, rakes, etc
We have some blow-down trees to cut up and move.
Burn piles to burn - Targets to build.
I will be there by 8 - Come when you can.
I think snacks drinks and hotdogs will be provided - Cook your own over the fire.
It is always a good day.

Hoge Tyler

Hall Rental

Members wanting to know the status of the rentals of the hall and meeting room can find them at NDR&GC Hall Rental Page under "Confirmed Bookings".

Confirmed Bookings

Joan Grodzki
Hall Rental Manager
Nelson District Rod & Gun Club
250-352-9592

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).

Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 17:00 – 18:30	 Indoor Tuning Tuesday 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	 Creston 3D 08:00 – 15:00
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 17:00 – 18:30	 Indoor Tuning Tuesday 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Grand Forks 3D 08:00 – 15:00
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 17:00 – 18:30	 Indoor Tuning Tuesday 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00		 Outdoor Range Setup 10:00 – 14:00
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00		 Indoor Tuning Tuesday 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00 Membership Meeting 10am Boardroom
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00		 Indoor Tuning Tuesday 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming TBC	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00

Club Contact List

<u>President</u>	Cottonwood Creek – Police Liaison - Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Co. - Edward Jones – Wild game Banquet and Fundraiser	Howie grant	250-551-1077	hhgrant@telus.net
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<u>Treasurer</u>	Treasury - Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones Account	Frances Brown		
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<u>Director</u>	By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth	Shelley Dagonne		Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com
<u>Director</u>	Social Gaming - Ladies Shooting – Website & Digital Communications (Facebook) – Wildgame Banquet and Fundraiser – Indoor Firearms range	Nolan Kearney	604-780-2726	nolan.kearney1@gmail.com
<u>Director</u>	Outdoor Archery Range - Trap range – Key master – Security – Sheep Winter Feed	Warren Russell	250-551-7562	warren@WSRussell.ca
<u>Director</u>	Outdoor Range – Gun Show – Project Mapleseed – National range day - Edward Jones	Hoge Tyler	250-551-7645	hogetyler@gmail.com

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Coordinator	Trap	Jim Brown	250-608-9332	jrb2740@yahoo.com
Coordinator	Social Gaming	Calvin Hacking		calvin.hacking@gmail.com
Coordinator	Cottonwood Creek	Alan Thompson		
Coordinator	Fishing Forever	Brad Howard	250-444-1953	bradhoward@telus.net
Coordinator	Volunteer	Cindy Turner		twocampers@shaw.ca

NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at
NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com