



## **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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**March 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**. Our **Wednesday** morning indoor shooting is scheduled 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)

### **OUTDOOR GUN RANGE**

**The outdoor gun range will be closed Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

For additional information contact Hoge Tyler at [hogetyler@gmail.com](mailto: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 reserved for BC Archery archers participating in the Mailmatch.

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.**

For additional information contact Greg Seidelin at [NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com)

## President's Message Howie Grant



### BIG GAME BANQUET

Our banquet for March 7 is full speed ahead and tickets are going fast. Avoid disappointment, and pick up your tickets at Nelson Farmers, Eddies Music or give me a call 250 551-1077 if you want to do an e-transfer.

Our Chef, Kyle Dampsey, is looking for 15 pounds of venison ground to complete his menu. Give me a call if you can spare a couple of packages. Don't forget to bring bottles and cans to the banquet and put them in the Leafs van that will be in our parking lot. For the month of March, all proceeds donated at the Leafs Recycling Centre go to the Bighorn Sheep Feeding program.

A lot of work and effort has been put into organizing this banquet. As the date is quickly approaching there is an urgent need to identify a few volunteers to assist during the event:

Selling Liquor Tickets: Ideally, we need 3 sets of 2 people to sell liquor tickets, taking shifts.

50/50 Draw: 4 people required selling 50/50 tickets

Gun Raffle: For this I will need 5 volunteers.

If you can spare a few minutes during the night to help let me know.

### 2026 EVENTS

- Gun Show March 28,29, @ Mickey McEwen Hall
- Membership meeting Saturday April 25 @ 10:00 am @ Outdoor range
- National Range Day, Sun, June 6 @ 10 am @ Outdoor Range Volunteers needed
- Fishing Forever June 20&21. Volunteers needed Contact Brad Howard
- Membership meeting, Saturday, Oct 17, 10 am, @ Outdoor Range



Nelson Lions Club presents a \$2000 cheque to NDRGC for Mickey McEwen Hall HVAC renovation.



NDRGC presenting a \$1325 cheque to KERPA and Dr. Nic Sparrow. These are proceeds from and IFAK course held at Mickey McEwen Hall.

**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

- Did you renew or join online? Your Online NDRGC/BCWF membership card is available to download or print on your MyBCWF membership portal
- Members who applied manually will have access to their digital card your membership has been registered with BCWF.
- Plastic Replacement NDRGC/BCWF cards can be purchased for \$5.00 through the [BCWF store](#).
- BCWF has issued new BCWF member numbers.
- Your original NDRGC member number is permanent and remains the same.
- Yearly Auto renewal now available online. This can only be done at the time of renewing or joining. **Click here** -> [BCWF](#)
- NDRGC manually issued Membership cards are mailed the 3rd week of every month.
- Range keys: 25\$/year, can be obtained by contacting the Membership coordinator. Proof of firearms licence will be requested.

**Benefits of Membership** - include, but are not limited to:

- 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, Ladies' Shoot Program, Social Gaming, Black Powder enthusiasts, Annual Gun and Antiques Show, Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser

## Haven't renewed 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](mailto: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

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)





# 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

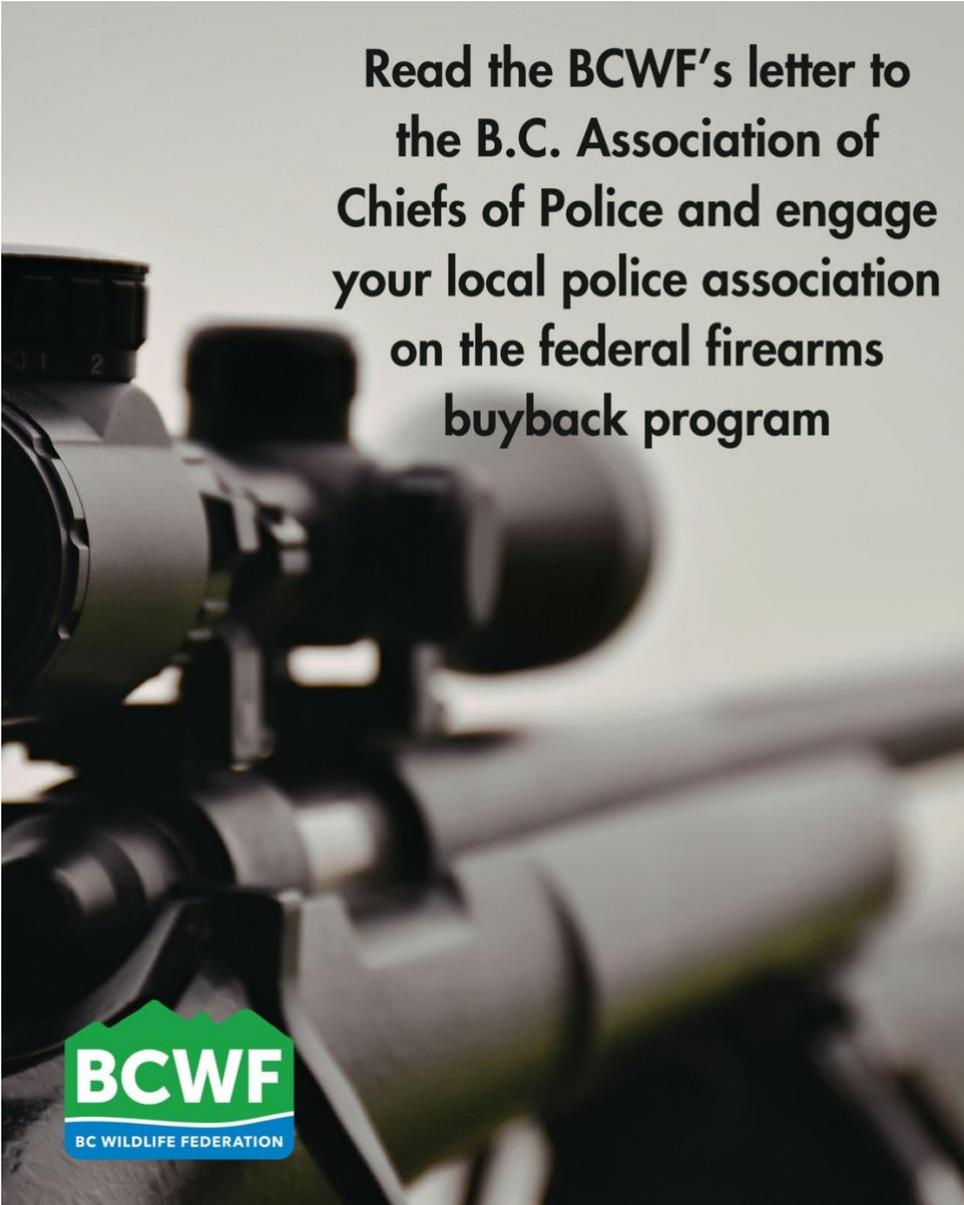
Sunday March 29th, 9:00am~3:00pm

**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)



**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:**

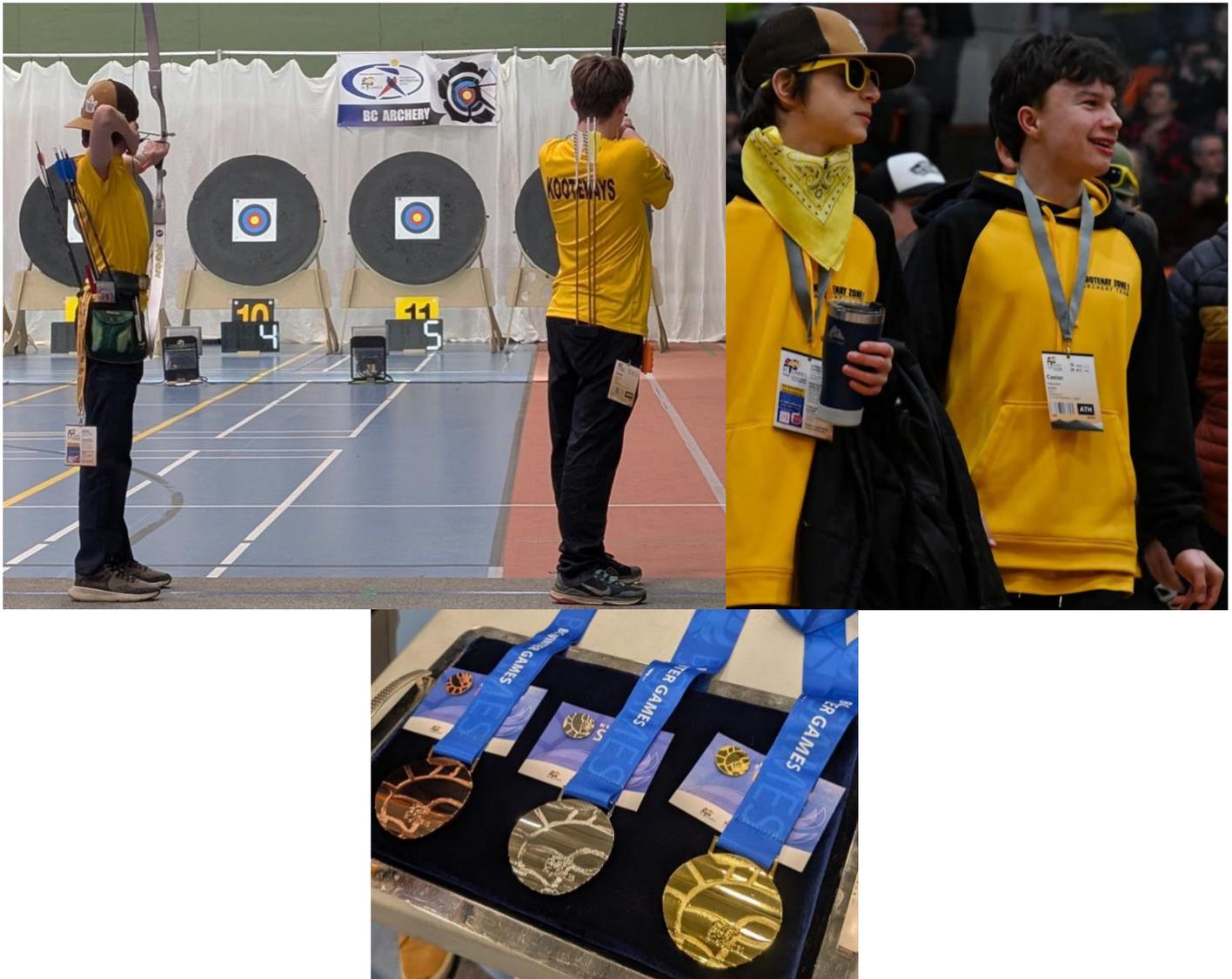
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/ahte/hunting-trapping>

## Archery

### 2026 Rossland BC Winter Games

Phoenix Smuga represented our Club and Region 1 Kootenays at the BC Winter Games in U15 Barebow. Phoenix started shooting at the NDRGC six years ago, after first seeing me load my bow into my truck to go to practice; he has been shooting weekly ever since. Barebow uses a stripped-down Olympic Recurve bow; no sight, draw check, or stabilizers are permitted. The indoor event is shot from 18m at a 40cm target, three arrows per end, twenty ends per day, over two days. Phoenix shot 934 out of 1200, breaking the U15, U18, and U21 Provincial indoor records! The best four athletes then shoot the Match Play. The winner of each round scores two points, and the first to earn six points or best out of 5 sets wins the match. Phoenix took gold in the Match Play in an exciting match against Ewan Harding from Cranbrook. Congratulations Phoenix on this wonderful achievement. Your hard work and tenacity paid off. We are all very proud of you!





## 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. 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

## 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

## 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

### Social Gaming March Schedule

- Sunday, March 1st - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm, downstairs. Post if you're interested in are attending
- Friday, March 6th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Saturday, March 7th - Annual Game Banquet 😊
- Sunday, March 8th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. Post if you're interested are attending
- Friday, March 13th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. Post if you're interested are attending
- Sunday, March 15th - Clash and Conquer 1000-point Warhammer 40k Event, 12 to 7 pm. Register by March 14th if interested in playing in the event 😊
- Also, Board Gaming, 1 to 7 pm, post if you're interested are attending
- Friday, March 20th - Board Gaming and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm, post if you're interested are attending
- Sunday, March 22nd - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Friday, March 27th and Sunday, March 29th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th - Annual Gun Show 😊 😊

Calvin Hacking

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

## Outdoor Gun Range

2026 Gunshow:

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

Hoge Tyler

## 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).



**WHEELS OF HOPE**

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!**

Help cancer patients in your community



**APPLY NOW**  
Visit [volunteercancer.ca](http://volunteercancer.ca)  
or email [volunteer@cancer.ca](mailto:volunteer@cancer.ca)

**IT TAKES A SOCIETY**

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Social Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 17:00 – 18:30	 Indoor Mailmatch 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 10:00 – 11:30  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00		 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  <b>Game Banquet</b>
Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
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Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Social Gaming 12:00 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 17:00 – 18:30	 Indoor Mailmatch 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor Gun 10:00 – 11:30  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Social Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00
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## Club Contact List

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<b><u>Vice President</u></b>	<b>Cottonwood Creek – Community Liaison – Fishing Forever</b>	Paul Thomas		<a href="mailto:canuck2025@outlook.com">canuck2025@outlook.com</a>
<b><u>Past President</u></b>	<b>Conservation – Environment – Fish &amp; Wildlife– Hall maintenance</b>	Wally Kampen	250-354-2926	<a href="mailto:kampenwally@gmail.com">kampenwally@gmail.com</a>
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Recording Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones – Club Historian</b>	Derek Ludwar	250-505-4433	<a href="mailto:derekudwar@gmail.com">derekudwar@gmail.com</a>
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Treasury - Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones Account</b>	Frances Brown		
<b><u>Director</u></b>	<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>
<b><u>Director</u></b>	<b>By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth</b>	Shelley Dagne		<a href="mailto:Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com">Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com</a>
<b><u>Director</u></b>	<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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<b><u>Director</u></b>	<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>

<u>Director</u>	<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>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>
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Coordinator	<b>Social Gaming</b>	Calvin Hacking		<a href="mailto:calvin.hacking@gmail.com">calvin.hacking@gmail.com</a>
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)