



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

May 2026 Newsletter

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

The Indoor Firearms Range regularly scheduled sessions are over until the fall.

For additional information contact Marvin Paisner at paisners@shaw.ca

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

The outdoor gun range will be closed Saturday May 9th for the Air Cadets.

The outdoor gun range will be closed Thursday May 14th for BC Parks.

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

ARCHERY RANGES

INDOOR: Wednesday 17:15 to 19:00, 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.

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.**

OUTDOOR: Monday and Saturday 07:30 to 10:30. Let me know if you would like to come out but need equipment. Any lost or broken club arrow will be \$10 per arrow.

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

Trap Range

Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:pm weather and attendance permitting.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

President's Message Howie Grant



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS

I am very pleased to announce that effective May 1, 2026, Mickey McEwen Hall will be the official new home of the 561 Osprey Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. A few weeks ago, I met with Lt. Sharon Rothwell (CD,Ret'd) at which time we signed documents to make this transition a reality.

I extend a big hearty welcome to the 561 Cadets, and their Officers and look forward to working with them for many years.



NDRGC President, Howie Grant is pictured here with LT Sharon Rothwell of the 561 Osprey Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. They have just finished signing documents making Mickey McEwen Hall, the new home of for the Air Cadets.

NATIONAL RANGE DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

The NDRGC are proud and excited to be hosting our 3rd annual National Range Day event on Sat, June 6, 2026, at our outdoor range, 124 Porto Rico Rd.

The public will be able to participate in archery, .22 rifle shooting, trap shooting and this year there will be a black powder venue that is sure to add some interest. Come out and see how these flintlocks work!

Our local Conservation Officers and your local police (NPD and RCMP) will be on hand (call load dependant) to answer questions from those in attendance.

We will also be announcing the winner of the CZ 457 Synthetic .22 Bolt Action Rifle and Simmons 3-9x32 Scope at 2:00 pm.

There is plenty to see and do so come on down and have some fun.

Hearing protection and safety glasses will be available for those that don't have them, but we encourage the volunteers to bring their own and any extras they may have. We anticipate an increase in attendance, and we need volunteers. Give me, Hoge or Marvin a call if you would like to help.

The gate will be open to the public from 10 am to 3:00 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee pop and water will be available for a small donation

CLUBHOUSE HVAC PROJECT

Pictured is Howie Grant, President of NDRGC, receiving a cheque for \$2500 from Nelson District Credit Union employee, Rachel DeVuono.

Also in the photo is NDCU Senior Manager, Tom Atkins, NDCU employee Ashley Bennett and beside her is Shelley Dagherne, Director for NDRGC. The donation will be used for the NDRGC HVAC Project.



BLACK BEARS AND TURKEYS

Another spring hunting season for black bears and turkeys are open. Last week, I was out with my friend Steve and I couldn't believe the amount of game we saw. Over 60 elk spread out at different areas, 50 whitetail deer and dozens of mule deer. It was incredible. I haven't seen anything like this in my 34 years here. Alas, not a black bear was to be found. But we did see plenty of turkeys and Steve lucked out with his tom (picture below)



Be very careful driving at night or during the early morning hours when wildlife is the most active.

I encourage you to send us your pictures and stories of your adventures.



Josh Yasek and 2 friends with a beauty bull trout caught in Kootenay Lake at Pilot Point.

FISHING FOREVER JUNE 20-21 WEEKEND

Glen McKen, coordinator for Fishing Forever, is seeking additional boats and operators for the Fishing Forever weekend, June 20-21. If you have a boat and can volunteer some time, please contact Glen at 250 505-5006.

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



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Society

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Help cancer patients in your community



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or email volunteer@cancer.ca

IT TAKES A SOCIETY



AGM & Convention

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 from our Keynote Speaker, Amanda Lynn Mayhew, attend our Friday night Banquet and Fundraiser, and our Saturday night Award's Gala. Youth and Spousal program options are also available.

[Register Now](#)

Become a Direct Member Delegate

Direct Members of the B.C. Wildlife Federation: Please consider joining us as a Direct Member Delegate at the 2026 AGM & Convention. There are 15 available positions for Direct Member Delegates to vote on behalf of all BCWF Direct Members.

Direct Member Delegates will attend Member Only segments of the AGM virtually in order to vote on items such as resolutions and elections via virtual platform at no charge. A Direct Member Delegate is also welcome to attend the 2026 AGM & Convention in person and can register to do so at their own cost.

[Apply to be a Direct Member Delegate](#)

Donate to the Club Cavalcade

The Club Cavalcade is a unique opportunity to highlight the work of our Member Clubs through engaging in-person displays and presentations. We are especially excited to feature clubs that made donations in support of the vital conservation work the B.C. Wildlife Federation carries out year-round.

[Learn More and Donate Online](#)

Archery

Outdoor season started last week with the setting up and flattening of the range. A big thank you to Jamie and Josh Yasek with Osprey Contracting! They lowered the range by approximately five feet; the resulting twenty-five truck loads were used to create a new safety berm at the rifle range.

Please check the calendar as range times are changing to some outside range times. If you wish to join us outdoor but need club equipment, let me know ahead of time and I can bring what you need to the outdoor range. Broken or lost club arrows will be \$10 each. Just ordered a few dozen club arrows in various spines.

We are looking for sponsors to be placed on our jerseys and on signs 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.



Outdoor Range

The outdoor range is set for the season. Please, always remember that the outdoor range is unmaintained Crown Land, wildlife and danger trees are present. A danger tree is not always a dead tree, keep your head on a swivel and maintain situational awareness as you would while hunting. Avoid spending time out there during strong wind events. The old 3D targets are for broadhead practice. Please only shoot broadheads at designated targets or your own. Shoot responsibly!



<h1>3-D ARCHERY SHOOT</h1> <p>WHEN Saturday May 2, 2026 Registration starting at 8am - onward Course closes at 3pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE THEIR ENTRY FEE BACK</p>	<p>ALL AGES & CLASSES WELCOME!</p> <p>ENTRY FEE Adult \$20 Youth (13-17) \$10 Child (12&under) Free Family \$40</p> <p>DOOR PRIZES For Children & Youth</p> <p>AMENITIES Camping Space Concession Porta Potty</p> <p>FOR MORE INFO CONTACT Dustin Oakley 250-402-8132</p> <p><small>Creston Valley Rifle & Gun Club</small></p>
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Indoor Range

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.



The easter bunny was at the Indoor Range on Easter Sunday

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

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).

Hall Rental

The dishes in the kitchen are being replaced with smaller ones. The larger ones are available after May 4th, to anyone who wants them. Contact Howie or Joan to arrange pickup.

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

Social Gaming

- Friday, May 1st - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, May 3rd - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, May 8th - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, May 10th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Friday, May 15th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Sunday, May 17th - Gaming is Cancelled 😞
- Friday, May 22nd - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, May 24th - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, May 29th - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, May 31st - Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 7 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊

Calvin Hacking

Trap Range

Trap shooting at the outdoor range on Porto Rico Road is about to begin. We shoot most Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:pm weather and attendance permitting. We are a non-competitive group of individuals with a wide range of experience. Our number one priority is safety on the range followed by shooting just for the fun of it! We are licensed to shoot singles and doubles, and must use target load shells with shot sizes of 7.5, 8 and 9. All levels of shooters are welcome and training or advice is freely given to those that want it. Unfortunately like everything else costs are going up. We have not had fee increases for a couple of years. This year the cost for a box of shells (12 gauge only) will remain at \$15.00/box (if you have your own shells you can use them), the cost for a round of clays will increase to \$10.00/round.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

Jim Brown
Trap Coordinator

Outdoor Gun Range

Outdoor Range

Archery Range leveling - Lowered N End of Archery Range by 4-5'

Archery targets ready for shooting.

25 Tandem Dump Loads moved.

Producing much lower grade for archery shooting



Excavated Material moved to build a berm on the West side of the Rifle Range

Rifle Range SeaCan moved 30' to the West



Rifle Range target Backstops renewed 100, 200, 300 and Pistol Targets

Brass pickup and Range cleanup on the 100 yard range

Two loads of road gravel delivered

Hotdogs were gobbled up.































**Thanks to all who came and helped - quite a team effort.
Our Volunteers make the Range what it is - Sincere thanks.
Special thanks to:
Jamie and Josh Yasek
Stu Hawes
Home Hardware
Porcupine Creek**

**Please note that the Rifle Range is booked May 9th and May 14th by the Cadets and BC Parks (respectively).
The Rifle Range will be closed on those dates.**



Hoge Tyler

Friday 1  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 2  Creston 3D  Trail 3D	Sunday 3  Outdoor 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 4  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 7  Ladies' Shooting 18:00
Friday 8  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 9  Cranbrook 720	Sunday 10  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Monday 11  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 14  Ladies' Shooting 18:00
Friday 15	Saturday 16  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Sunday 17  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Monday 18  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 21  Ladies' Shooting 18:00
Friday 22  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 23  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Sunday 24  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 25  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 28  Ladies' Shooting 18:00
Friday 29  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 30  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Sunday 31  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00				

Members who want a see the bookings at the clubhouse, here is a link to hall calendar:

<https://www.nrgcbc.ca/hallrental/2018-dates-booked/>

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>Director</u>	By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth	Shelley Dagne		Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com
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<u>Director</u>	Outdoor Range – Gun Show – Project Mapleseed – National range day - Edward Jones	Hoge Tyler	250-551-7645	hogetyler@gmail.com

<u>Director</u>	Indoor Firearm Range - Project Mapleseed – National Range Day	Marvin Paisner	250-229-5710	paisners@shaw.ca
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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
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