



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

June 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 June 5th for Range perimeter demarcation and signage.

The outdoor gun range will be closed June 6th for National Range Day.

The outdoor gun range will be closed June 25th and 26th from 09:00 to 11:30 for the Sheriff Service.

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



NATIONAL RANGE DAY

On Saturday June 6, 2026, the NDRGC will be joining the B.C. Wildlife Federation and many other clubs across the Province and Canada in celebration of National Range Day. We are inviting the public to spend the day learning about a sport that is open to people of all ages and abilities.

Currently there are more than 2.3 million Canadians that are licenced firearms owners. On National Range Day, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, qualified NDRGC club members will be on hand to teach safe handling skills for firearms and archery. There will also be some fun events such as small calibre target shooting, archery, and trap shooting. This year there will also be a black powder demonstration for the Daniel Boone Fans.

Bring your family and friends to the NDRGC Outdoor Range located on Porto Rico Rd, 20 minutes south of Nelson. Look for the balloons at the road entrance and enjoy the outdoors. Burgers and hotdogs will be available for a donation as well as some of Nelson's own cool refreshing Virtue Tea.

Walk around, enjoy the various venues, the outdoors and inspect the ATV's and UTV's supplied by Main Jet Motorsports. Come and meet your local Nelson Police, RCMP and Conservation Officers who keep our communities and our outdoor spaces safe.

FISHING FOREVER WEEKEND

The second big Club event this month is the Fishing Forever weekend, scheduled for Cottonwood Lake on Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21. We still require a few boats (12-foot aluminum) with captains and additional volunteers are always welcome.

Brad Howard, our coordinator for this annual event, has a detailed report included in this newsletter and I encourage you to read what he has to say.

Howie



National Range Day

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday

June 6 2026



124 Porto Rico Rd

(watch for the balloons on Hwy 6)
Please park in the lot outside of the
main gate.



- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Trap Shooting - (12:00-3:00 pm)
- ✓ Rifle Shooting
- ✓ Black Powder Demonstation

.22 ammo, eyes & ear protection provided

Hamburgers/Hot dogs



VIRTUE
TEA

Come and see our outdoor range.
Meet your local Conservation Officer
Meet your local Police - NPD and RCMP

For further information contact Hoge Tyler, 250-551-7645

NEW HALL SIGNAGE

A new sign featuring our Club's crest is now mounted near the main entrance welcoming all to the Mickey McEwen Memorial Hall. As well a section of the original sign now hangs over the doorway.

Thank you to all who volunteered to help out with this project which also involved the removal of trees that were a fire hazard and were contacting the building's eaves. Some of our members might not know that the original clubhouse on the same site was destroyed by an arsonist almost 25 years ago.

Thanks to Andex Rentals and SpeedPro Signs for their help and support with this project and to club volunteers Glen, Warren and Drew.

To Steve and Derek, my compliments on your skill and patience installing the signs.



MEMBERSHIP



As of 26 May 2026, our total registered members, including family members, is 469 members and growing! For this “new-to-the-job” coordinator some days my heard was a whirl. Thankfully the flood gates have slowed and has allowed for life away from the screen and the learning curve.

On-line membership: 229 (76%)

Paper or Electronic: 82 (24%)

A big thank you for those that did online applications. This had a significant effect on the time required of the membership coordinator. This was primarily because your proof of membership was immediately available to you and the membership coordinator could concentrate of getting the manual applications processed in as timely as manner as possible, while still learning that process.

And as always, many thanks for the patience that has come my way and the kind words of encouragement these past 6+ months.

The process did see couple glitches occur these past few weeks, primarily when it came to awaiting mail.

Thankfully much as been resolved and members received their delayed cards and/or keys. Membership does ask that if you are still waiting for either of these, please reach out so we can rectify the situation.

Please note: if you submit your application/key request at the end of the month, you may have an up to 3 weeks wait for your membership card or key to arrive. (see coordinator hours below)

Manual application names are submitted to BCWF on the 20th of each month. Digital membership cards are available shortly there after.

If you have read this far: please email membership@nrgcbc.ca with “Wait a Minute” in the subject line. If I get 100 replies, I will donate \$50 to the Waits On Nelson restaurant’s Pay it Forward fund. 😊

KEYS

Keys are \$25.00/year.

This has been implemented to assist with the care and upkeep of the outdoor range. Thank you Hoge and everyone else who assists in keeping this space in amazing shape.

This cost is not included in your membership. Please contact or send payment and copy of current PAL to the NDRGC membership coordinator at membership@nrgcbc.ca

MEMBERSHIP HOURS

Emails and phone messages are listened to once a week on Mondays and messages returned once received. The voicemail and email have an auto-responses set up to relay this information. At times, extra hours may be added as time allows.

A reminder that the membership coordinator is a volunteer and offers four 6 to 8 hour days a month. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Please review for next year

Online Application	Manual Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Membership card immediately available to download or print▪ Waiver is signed online (needed to complete the transaction)• Auto renewal available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Paper/digital forms A & B available on line▪ Returning member? Complete Form A▪ New or lapsed member: Complete Form B▪ Applications processed monthly



I'D PREFER THAT YOU USE THE
FISHFINDER, DAVE.

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



Fishing is for Everyone

Making the Outdoors Accessible

Fishing is a skill that can be learned and enjoyed by anyone. Through the Fishing Forever program, the B.C. Wildlife Federation helps spread the message that if you have a disability, you can still get out and enjoy what nature can offer, though it may require some help you didn't need before. The Fishing Forever program provides an opportunity where people with diverse abilities can learn, or continue, to fish and enjoy the outdoors.

About the Program

Fishing Forever has been inspiring communities since 1989, when the idea of the project was first put forward by broadcast journalist, Walt Liimatainen. Since then, the dedicated clubs of the B.C. Wildlife Federation, volunteers and sponsors have spent many a day outdoors helping those who may need a little extra help to learn how to fish and enjoy the natural offerings around them.

<https://bcwf.bc.ca/fishingforever/>

It's time to plan for FISHING FOREVER !

I need boat driver/pilots and set-up/takedown volunteers

The Fishing Forever Weekend runs Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st, this year. Again, Cottonwood Lake and again, Seniors, shut-in's and handicapped on Saturday (9:00-4:00), then Kids, Kids, Kids, on Sunday (9:00 to 3:00). I have contacted our regular and committed volunteers and to the greatest extent, we are good **EXCEPT three of our boat operator/drivers cannot make it this year.**

I need boat driver/pilots. A Boat Operator ensures the participant and their guardian or Parent has all they need for a trip around the lake in a small boat powered by an electric motor – life jackets, poles, bait etc. A trip is usually 30 minutes, trolling for rainbows. Hopefully working a net is involved.

We have boats and motors (that need to be taken to Cottonwood Friday night and returned Sunday night).

Contact Brad Howard at bradhoward@telus.net or call/text 250-444-1953 for more information



FISHING FOREVER

Volunteer

Fishing Forever Locations

- Abbotsford
- Campbell River
- Courtenay
- Lumby
- Nanaimo
- Nelson
- Osoyoos
- Parksville-Qualicum Beach
- Prince George
- Smithers
- Vanderhoof
- Wardner
- Williams Lake

All volunteers are automatically entered for a chance to Sturgeon Fish on the Rick Hansen Foundation's unique wheelchair accessible vessel!

Two pairs with a total of four participants for an 8 hour world famous sturgeon experience on the Fraser River.



bcwf.bc.ca/fishingforever



Archery

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, clean up after yourself, please don't move the nets.



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.

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

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

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, June 5th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, June 7th, 2 to 7 pm, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, June 12th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, June 14th, 2 to 7 pm, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, June 19th and Sunday, June 21st Social Gaming is Cancelled.
- * It's Fishing Forever Weekend at Cottonwood Lake, come out, Volunteer and catch some fish 🐟 🐟
- Friday, June 26th, 5 to 10 pm, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, June 28th, 12 to 7 pm, Warhammer 40k Clash and Conquer Event !!
- Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k will start at 1 to 7 pm. 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

The parking area and the berms were surfaced with material from Porcupine Creek.

Parking widening will allow for a future cooking area.

Berm covering will cover rocks for safety and sound deadening.

Special thanks to Jamie Yasek for delivering the material, Porcupine Creek for giving us a great deal, Derek at Andex for the excavator, and Paul Moreau for clearing and groundwork.

Still more to do but it was a good start.



Range Closures

Friday, June 5th for Range perimeter demarcation and signage. And setup for Canada Range Day.

June 6th is Canada Range Day with events at the Archery, Trap and Rifle Ranges.

Please attend Canada Range Day - Shooting demonstrations at all three venues.



































Free instruction and shooting - Have free burgers, hotdogs and drinks on the Club.

June 25 and June 26th Rifle Range - Mornings only for the Sheriff's Service

Please remember to remove your targets and clean up after shooting.

Call me for keys if you need to purchase one.

Hoge Tyler

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	 Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30		 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	National Range Day
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<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>	Outdoor Range – Gun Show – Project Mapleseed – National range day - Edward Jones	Hoge Tyler	250-551-7645	hogetyler@gmail.com

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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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