



## **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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**July 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> for National Range Day.**

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

For additional information contact Hoge Tyler at [hogetyler@gmail.com](mailto:hogetyler@gmail.com)

### **ARCHERY RANGES**

**INDOOR: 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.

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:jrb2740@yahoo.com) or phone (250) 608-9332**

## President's Message Howie Grant



Springtime and in particular, the month of June is a very busy time for The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club. Starting with National Range Day on Saturday June 6, followed by Fishing Forever June 20 & 21 (Saturday & Sunday).

### National Range Day

Cloudy and unsettled weather didn't stop people from attending our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual National Range Day. This year we had a black powder demonstration along with our trap shooting, rifle shooting and archery. We also managed to have a nice campfire to keep those that needed warming, along with roasting a few hotdogs, or sipping on a cup of Virtual Tea.

Glen Mcken was in his happy place cooking burgers and hotdogs on a new bbq recently purchased from Rona in Nelson.

Special thanks to Hoge Tyler for his tireless work on the gun range leading up to the event and to the many volunteers who stepped up as range officers for the various venues: to Warren Russell and Jim Brown for coordinating the archery and trap range respectively.

It was a great event.

### Fishing Forever Weekend

This year, The Fishing Forever Weekend held on Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21, was record setting for attendance. I want to thank Brad Howard for organizing this annual event and the many volunteers that helped make this weekend so special. Please read Brad's report in this newsletter.

Howie





(Paul Thomas with Garry Meyer who caught a fish and won a reel/rod set)

## Weather, Weather, Weather! Boy – did we get great weather!

This years “Fishing Forever” Weekend was record breaking – both Saturday and Sunday – exceeding anyone’s expectation. All our people with seniority at this event, Glen McKenn, Richard Green, Frances Brown all agree – this was the largest ever.

Saturday had 111 participants (individuals and caregivers) and 20 volunteers participate.. Residents from Nelson Fairview Gardens, Jubilee, Mountain Lakes AND Broader Horizons all had a great day, a burger and some, a trip around the lake with a rod.

Sunday was the big day. In 2025 we have 168 kids and 19 volunteers so a total of 187. **This year we registered 346 participants and 20 volunteers for a total of 366 people – an increase of almost 100%!!** A&W gave us a box of their large hamburger patties (180 per box) and a box of small (220 per box) size including buns on Friday. We needed another box of large Sunday morning. And Glen and the kitchen staff moved another estimated 100 hot dogs!

The great sunny weather was definitely a factor in the increase but more posters and social media posting – largely due to the efforts on Erin Roulette – created a local buzz before the weekend. Many volunteers and members talked the event up. It worked!

Thanks to our sponsors - A&W , Taghum Shell, Nelson Chrysler, Andex Rentals, Save-On Foods, Oso Negro, RDCK and of course, BCWF and BC Freshwater Fisheries... We all need to support those that support us! Below is a list of our registered volunteers – I know many more people stepped up as required but this is the only list I have..... We had many NEW volunteers, all of whom stepped up and did a huge job. Steve Washella, Seamus Judd, Erin Roulette, Edwin Ludwar, and Pete Blondin to name just a few. Our core, Glen McKenn, Ken Nelson, Frances Brown, Richard Green, Roy Wood and Peter Defaeo all deserve special mention. But a big thank you to all the volunteers, many of whom are not even members. This is an event all members should seriously consider supporting with their time.

**Volunteers:**

Brad Howard  
Glen Mcken  
Ken Nelson  
Frances Brown  
Erin Roulette  
Patti Blomme

Steven Perillo  
Bev Johnson  
Warren Russel  
Calvin Hocking  
Gary McCandlish  
Richard Green

Natalie Green  
Peter Defaeo  
Pete Blondin  
Paul Thomas  
Steven Washella  
Seamus Judd

George Mentz  
Roy Wood  
Derek Ludwar  
Edmin Ludwar  
Chris Osbourne  
Nicole Bond-Osbourne







### **Federal Gun Amnesty Extended Pending Supreme Court Decision**

The federal government has extended its amnesty for owners of firearms banned since 2020, including the AR-15 and Ruger Mini-14, until 90 days after the Supreme Court of Canada rules on a legal challenge to the prohibitions. The Court agreed in March to hear an appeal of the original ban, with a decision expected next year. The extension does not affect the federal compensation program for banned firearms, which is expected to conclude by October.



The federal government is extending an amnesty for owners of banned firearms while a legal battle plays out at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Over the last six years, Ottawa has outlawed about 2,500 types of firearms, including the AR-15 and Ruger Mini-14, on the basis they belong only on the battlefield.

The government previously said prohibited firearms must be disposed of or deactivated by the end of an amnesty period on Oct. 30.

In March, the Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal challenging the initial federal firearm prohibitions, announced in May 2020.

The government now says the amnesty has been extended until 90 days after the Supreme Court delivers its decision, which is expected next year.

Ottawa says the new amnesty expiry date does not affect a federal compensation program for owners of banned guns, which is expected to wrap up by October.

[This report by The Canadian Press was first published June 9, 2026.](#)

Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press

## Archery

### National Range Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who made National Range Day a success! This important community event could not have happened without you. We have such an incredible group of committed archers, and it has never been a better time to lose arrows in Nelson.



### Outdoor Range

Course B is back! We have ten 3D targets set up on course B; contact me if you want to shoot but don't know where it is located.

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

## Canada Cup West

The first weekend in June, John Hanneson and I went to the Canada Cup West in Cranbrook. The event was held at Muir Park, the Cranbrook soccer fields at the top of the city. The view up there is breathtaking: the imposing Rockies with Mount Fisher and the equally imposing winds that comes with them! This was hands down the strongest winds I have ever shot in. The weather was cold with occasional rain. At times, the wind was so strong that spotting scopes had to be stowed away as they were falling. As a national event sanctioned by Archery Canada, we shot the elimination rounds on Saturday--seventy-two arrows over twelve ends at fifty metres. Sunday was matchplay, starting with the quarter finals. I brought home the silver in Barebow, but most importantly, memories of a very difficult but fun weekend of shooting with incredible archers from Western Canada and the USA.



## BC 3D Championships

Branden Cooper and Ellen Vanderhoek went to the BC 3D Championships in Langley from June 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Ellen brings home silver in the Longbow Division, shooting wood arrows at unknown yardage. Congratulations Ellen! Ellen will be competing at the World 3D Championships in Yankton, USA at the end of September.



## 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)

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](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).

## **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

## **Outdoor Gun Range**

### Outdoor Rifle Range

The Rifle Range is seeing more shooters than ever before - and that is a good thing.

Guests are welcome but please sign in with your name, address and phone number.

The first visit is free - \$10 per visit after the initial guest visit.

A few reminders:

Blue painted targets are for Pistols and Rimfires only.

Centerfire rifle shooters exclusively shoot yellow painted targets .

Shotguns can only be used on plywood inserted into the folded metal stands or up at trap.

Please take down paper targets at the end of your shooting session.

New target stands will be installed soon.

Mowing is scheduled in the upcoming week before 8am. Please allow the mowing to complete if you get there early.

Thank goodness that there's rain now - It was getting pretty dry.

The rifle and trap ranges are subject to closure in extreme dry periods.

If need be, notice would be sent out announcing range closures due to fire danger.

But we are good for now.

### Canadian Range Day

What a success! Despite a number of rainstorms.

It was a lot of fun to introduce so many new people to the Rifle Range, Archery and Trap Ranges.

And so many volunteers acting as:

Rifle Range Officers

Sign In and Administration

Archery and Trap instructors

Loading and General helps

Cooks and Servers - (Good work Glen!)

Events like this one would not happen without you volunteers.

Thank you all so much.

Hoge

## 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](mailto:jrb2740@yahoo.com) or phone (250) 608-9332

Jim Brown  
Trap Coordinator

## Social Gaming







































For the months of July and August Social Gaming will be happening, on short notice. If I'm not busy outdoors I will post on the Nelson Social Gaming FB page a couple of days before the gaming day on whether gaming is happening or if it is cancelled. There will also be a Warhammer 40k 11th edition Event during the next two months, will post once a date is decided on. 😊😊

Calvin Hacking

## For Sale

Wicked Ridge RDX 400. It's practically brand new. I only fired about 10 practice shots from it before hanging it up and never using it again. It was over \$1000, so I'm asking \$700 for it, open to offers. My phone number: 514-926-7608 or Email: [Wasontio@gmail.com](mailto:Wasontio@gmail.com)



Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1 <b>Happy Canada Day</b>	Thursday 2  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 3  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 4  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 5  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 6
Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 9  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 10  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 11  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 12  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 13  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30
Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 16  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 17  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 18  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 19  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 20  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30
Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 23  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 24  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 25  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 26  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 27  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30
Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 30  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 31  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 1  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 2  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 3  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30

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

## Club Contact List

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Coordinator	<b>Trap</b>	Jim Brown	250-608-9332	<a href="mailto:jrb2740@yahoo.com">jrb2740@yahoo.com</a>
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Coordinator	<b>Cottonwood Creek</b>	Alan Thompson		
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### **NEWSLETTER**

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at

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