



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

Mailing Address: PO Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7
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Outdoor Range: 124 Porto Rico Rd (off Hwy 6), Nelson BC

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

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

September 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

For additional information contact Hoge Tyler at 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.**

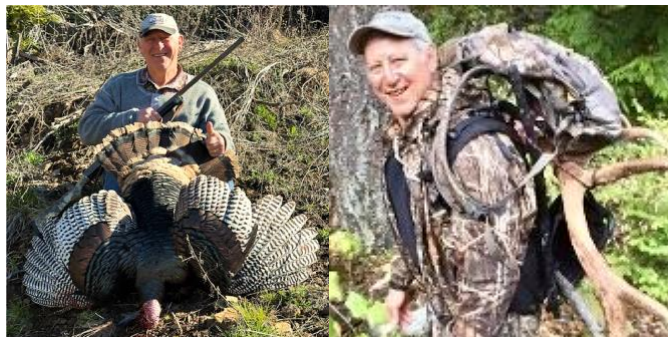
For additional information contact Greg Seidelin at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

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



SHEEP FEED HAY LIFT

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026, The Salmo ATV Club, and the West Kootenay Wildlife Association will join the NDRGC for the annual sheep hay lift on the Salmo Creston Highway. Again, the plan is to deliver 50 bales of hay and 3500 pounds of pellets and then enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards. If you'd like to help, please give me call. The location of the hay lift will be at the BC Hydro access road, approximately ½ kilometer above the feed station. The feed should arrive by 8:30 – 9:00 am and the hay around 10:00 am.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next and final membership meeting for this year will be Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, starting at 10:00 am till noon in the meeting room downstairs at Mickey McEwen Hall.

HVAC PROJECT

This project is a go! I am very pleased to report that we were successful with the Columbia Basin Grant for our HVAC Project at Mickey McEwen Hall. As a result, we were able to award the contract to Matrix Industries Inc, a local contractor. Work is expected to begin in mid-September.

50th ANNUAL WILD GAME BANQUET

Our annual wild game, field to table, banquet will be held on Saturday March 6, 2027. This is our largest fundraiser for the year and promises to be very special as this will be the 50th year of hosting this event. The Banquet Committee is starting to put the gears in motion with all hands-on deck. Volunteers are needed so give me a call if you want to be part of this historic occasion.

Carnivore Gene Flow Project – Call for Sampling Participants

The Carnivore Gene Flow Project is a regional study led by the University of Saskatchewan, Red Deer Polytechnic, and the Beaver Hills Biosphere (AB), focused on large carnivore landscape movement and population delineation across western Canada. We're seeking hunters, trappers, and wildlife-adjacent professionals in BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan to help collect tissue samples from harvested **cougars, black bears, and wolves**.



Using genetic analysis from these samples, our research will help identify population boundaries and areas that connect populations across the region—information that can support conservation planning, help manage human-wildlife conflict zones, and inform harvest and population management practices.

Our ask is simple: collect a small (approx. 1.5 cm x 1.5 cm) piece of hide or flesh (fresh or previously dried, or frozen), hair, or blood from your black bear, wolf, or cougar harvest, and record basic harvest location details. We'll provide sampling kits and shipping materials to participants, making this an easy way for folks to contribute to meaningful research while engaging in their normal harvest activities. For each unique tissue sample provided, we'll enter your name in a draw for a number of prizes (i.e., trail cameras).



For more information, or to get involved, please contact:

Julien Gullo (778-888-4829; samples.carnivore.connectivity@gmail.com)



Insurance Value for Every BCWF Member

BCWF Member Insurance: FAQ

If you're a member of the BC Wildlife Federation, you're already carrying something a lot of hunters, anglers, and outdoor recreationists don't have: real liability protection, built right into your membership. We are the only hunting and angling organization that has ATV coverage for offroad use and provides our members with discounts on off-road vehicle insurance.

It's easy to forget it's there — until the day you actually need it. Here's a reminder of exactly what you're getting, and why it's worth staying a BCWF member.

What insurance is included with my BCWF membership?

Active BCWF members (direct, life, and affiliated club members) are automatically covered by an Excess Third Party Liability (ETPL) insurance policy, underwritten by Acera Insurance. This is a group policy — no application or additional premium is required to be covered.

If you are a BCWF member through an affiliated club, your club determines whether you have coverage with or without ATV insurance.

What is the coverage limit?

Up to \$5,000,000 in Excess Third Party Liability coverage.

What activities are covered?

- The policy covers legal liability for unintentional bodily injury or property damage to a third party arising from the following activities:
- Hunting
- Fishing/angling
- Lawful range shooting
- Archery
- Hiking
- Camping

Are my ATV, snowmobile, or boat covered?

- **ATVs and snowmobiles:** Covered for use or ownership on forest service roads and non-public roads, while the member is engaged in hunting or angling activities. Vehicles must be plated and registered per ICBC regulations.
- **Watercraft:** Covered for use or ownership of watercraft under 100 hp and up to 12 metres in length, while the member is engaged in hunting or angling activities.

Vehicle and watercraft coverage under this policy applies only while engaged in hunting or angling — not for general recreational use.

What isn't covered?

- Accident benefits (injury to the member themselves)
- Use, ownership, or operation of automobiles or aircraft
- Intentional injury or property damage
- Business activities of any type
- Damage to the member's own property, or to property in their care, custody, or control
- Environmental impairment or pollution
- Forest firefighting expenses
- Any personal activity not specifically named in the policy documents
- Where does the coverage apply?
- Coverage applies to eligible activities anywhere in North America. **When does the policy run?**
The policy runs annually from January 1 to December 31. Coverage is tied to active membership status. Can I get coverage for general recreational ATV/ORV use, not just hunting and fishing?
Yes. BCWF members are eligible for discounted rates, through Acera Insurance, on:
A separate "Recreational Use" ORV liability policy (up to \$1,000,000) for general/personal ATV or off-road vehicle use not tied to hunting or fishing
Full recreational third-party liability and property insurance for off-road vehicles
Quotes: Off-Road Vehicle Insurance – BC or Acera Insurance at 1-888-818-5821 (identify as a BCWF member). **How do I get my Certificate of Insurance?**
- A new certificate is issued each year on January 1.
- Available via the BCWF Member Portal ("Insurance Coverage" section) or by request from the BCWF membership team.

Who do I contact with questions?

Nelson District Rod and Gun Club

Membership Information

Hello!

To all current and past Nelson Rod and Gun Club members.

Thank you for being apart of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club. Thank you for your patience as the club has implemented the transition to online registration as well continuing to embrace those that choose to renew directly to the club.

This year has seen over 420+ memberships so far, with total members being 521 as of last count.

Thank you, you all make this club better for being part of it.

Please review the following details regarding the 2027 membership year. Please note that the EPI date has changed

2026 Membership submissions accepted until:

Online: until November 15th

Forms A and B: until November 31st

2027 Membership

Current Members Only

Online: begins November 15th

Forms A and B: begins November 15th

Early Payment Incentive (EPI) for consecutive year renewal registration available both online and manual (Current members with 2027 auto renewal will have payment processed, with EPI, on December 1st)

New and Returning Members

*Attempting to register online for the 2027 membership year **prior to November 15th** will result in a 2026 membership.*

Online registration begins January 1st.

Manual registration: November 15th

Online Applications as of November 15th, 2026

1. Log onto [BCWF](#) and navigate to your personal MyBCWF profile,
2. Click on the green "renew now" icon
3. Follow online steps to check out
 - a. Add plastic card to shopping cart at this time (\$5)-optional
 - b. EPI code offered Nov 15th to Dec 31st
 - c. ATV insurance opt out (only available online)
4. Digital Membership card is immediately available on BCWF member profile

Manual applications

1. Select the appropriate form: (see below for all forms)
 - Form A If you were a member in the immediate past year
 - Form B If you are a new member
 - Form B If you were a member, but skipped a year or two
2. Print and sign the waiver (see below) and include with your application and payment.
3. Select payment option:
 - Enclose payment (cash or cheque) with paper applications

- E-transfer fees to membership@nrgcbc.ca
4. Send completed Form [A](#) or [B](#), [waiver](#) and payment to NDRGC Membership either by:
- Canada Post:
The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club
c/o Membership
Po Box 16 Stn Main
Nelson BC V1l 5P7 Canada
 - E-mail (membership@nrgcbc.ca) please put “membership” in text box
 - Drop form/waivers in a sealed envelop at Farmer’s Supply (Nelson)

Forms and Waivers available online: <https://www.nrgcbc.ca/contact/membership/>

Please be reminded: if the incorrect form is used or is incomplete, the waiver has not been accepted, and/or payment is not received, the membership application will be delayed. Membership is not active until you receive your membership card.

Membership Coordinator Contact Information:

Membership Coordination is a volunteer position. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Membership Coordinator
Office hours: weekly (Monday)
Phone: 250-551-7414
Email: Membership@nrgcbc.ca

Outdoor Gun Range

Recent rains have made the half hour Firewatch unnecessary.

The large pistol targets on the East side of the range have been severely damaged by shotguns. Please use the folded metal stands with inserted plywood for shotgun targets.

Please remove paper targets before leaving the Range.

The Range is closed from 12 to 5 PM on September 22.

Thanks to Vic Learmonth for the donation of a trailer to be used for future fire protection.
Thanks to Daryl Elder for the Rifle Range Building for silt removal.

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3D Nationals and World Championships

Two Nelson Archers from the NDRGC made the journey to Muskoka, Ontario for the 3D Archery portion of the Canadian Outdoor Archery Championships from August 7 to 10. Branden Cooper and Ellen Vander Hoek had previously attended the Provincial 3D Championships in Langley in June where Ellen took home silver. BC had a strong showing in Muskoka, and despite humidity, storms, and challenging courses, archers from BC clubs took home medals in almost all categories. Archers shot two rounds of 20 targets on Saturday, hiking steep trails and shooting targets of various sizes at unknown distances and elevations. Stormy conditions on Saturday morning made it challenging to gauge distances in dark tree cover and the humidity affected arrow flight, so archers had to adapt on the fly.

On Sunday morning archers were “flighted”, or arranged into shooting groups based on score so that the top 4 in each category would shoot the course together, and based on final standings, the top 5 archers in each category took part in a final “shoot-down” on Monday morning to secure their final placings. Branden shot competitively at his first national event, but with big names in his category, didn’t make the top 5 for the shoot-down. Ellen’s category saw 3 longbow archers from BC competing for gold, silver and bronze placings, and Ellen took home the silver medal.



Ellen will be joining Team Canada at the World 3D Championships in Yankton, South Dakota at the end of September, representing Canada, British Columbia, and Nelson on an international stage. Canada is sending 22 archers to the World Championships but unfortunately has limited funds to support archers in this journey. The cost for accommodations, World Archery license, accreditation, and registration is expected to be just over \$3200 per archer, with travel as an additional cost. If you would like to support Ellen and Team Canada's participation in the World Championships, please visit this link. The funds raised on each archer's personal fundraising page will be pooled and then distributed among the team members according to their fundraising success.

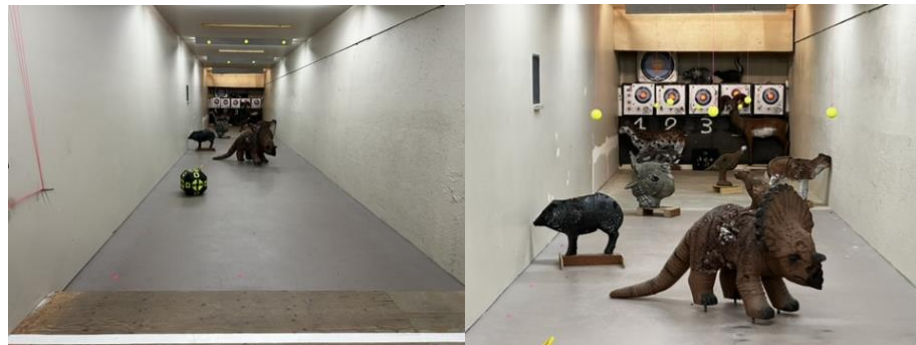
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/fundraising/ellen-vander-hoek>



Elle Vander Hoek

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.



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.

Greg Seidlin

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

Friends of Kootenay Lake

Link to Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society

For information on a local volunteer community group activities that monitor and restore the Kootenay Lake habitat please visit their website: <https://www.friendsofkootenaylake.ca/>

This group is made up of dedicated volunteers that among other initiatives, periodically clean up the Nelson waterfront and remove all the accumulated trash along the shore and in the water. Their site posts information on the health of the lake and habitat restoration. Support and volunteers are always needed and welcome.

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

Nelson Social Gaming September Schedule !

- Friday, September 4th, 5 to 10 pm, Magic, Board Gaming and Warhammer. Post if you are attending 😊
- Sunday, September 6th:
 - Warhammer 40k Colosseum Event, 12 to 7 pm. See Event posting for more information 😊
 - Magic and Board Gaming, 1 to 7 pm, post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, September 11th, check FB page, TBA
- Sunday, September 13th, check FB page, TBA
- Friday, September 18th and Sunday, September 20th are cancelled 😞
- Friday, September 25th, check FB page, TBA
- Sunday, September 27th, check FB page, TBA

Calvin Hacking



“Are you a member of the Kootenay Co-op?”

One of our club members, Shelley Dagorne, is running for a position on the Kootenay Co-op Board and would appreciate your vote.

The election runs August 24th to September 23rd. Co-op members receive a ballot by email or can vote in person at the customer service desk.

Thank you!”

<https://www.kootenay.coop/agm/>

Shelley Dagorne

For Sale

Weatherby Vanguard MeatEater Edition, chambered in 30-06

Spiral fluted, threaded, cerakote barrel

Aftermarket muzzle brake and thread protector

Aftermarket removable magazine bottom metal attachment

Includes stock hinged floorplate bottom metal

Includes Leupold Backcountry rings for scope with 30mm tube

\$1300 OBO

Contact Leo @ 250-551-9309



BSA 7mm Mag Bushnell 3-9 Scope

Asking \$750 (Some ammo can be included)

Contact Brian at 250-368-6878 or bfyeo53@gmail.com Can meet at the range to try it out



Sako AIII Finnbear 270-Sportview 4x Scope

Asking \$1650 (Some ammo can be included)

Contact Brian at 250-368-6878 or bfyeo53@gmail.com Can meet at range to try it out



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	 Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00	 Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	 Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 12:00 – 19:00	
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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>Treasurer</u>	Recording Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones – Club Historian	Derek Ludwar	250-505-4433	derekdudwar@gmail.com
<u>Treasurer</u>	Treasury - Secretary - Admin - Edward Jones Account	Frances Brown		
<u>Director</u>	Archery - Newsletter - Communication (email) – Archery Canada Mailmatch	Greg Seidelin	250-551-4022	nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com
<u>Director</u>	By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth	Shelley Dagorne		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

<u>Director</u>	Indoor Firearm Range - Project Mapleseed – National Range Day	Marvin Paisner	250-229-5710	paisners@shaw.ca
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Coordinator	Security	Al Walker	250-352-9752	arwalker@telus.net
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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