



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

October 2026 Newsletter

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

Starting Monday October 19th, Monday indoor pistol range sessions are back from 17:00 until 19:00. Wednesday morning sessions (10 to 11:30) will be back in November.

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

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

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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

Season ends in mid-October! Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:pm weather and attendance permitting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Brown.

Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

President's Message Howie Grant



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Included below is the agenda for the membership meeting scheduled for Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, from 10:00 am to noon. The meeting will be downstairs in the hall so come early and take in our HVAC project.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. General introductions
2. Presentations
3. Adopt Agenda as circulated
4. Approval of membership minutes for April 25, 2026
5. Reading and approval of financial report
6. Brief Reports of Directors and Committees
7. Other issues from membership to be referred to Directors for Action
8. Unfinished Business
9. HVAC Project

10. New Business-
 - Hay lift Oct 17 2026
 - Banquet March 6, 2026

11. Next Membership Meeting: AGM– Jan 9. 2027, Club Hall

12. Adjournment

FIELD TO TABLE BIG GAME BANQUET

Our annual fundraising banquet will be held on Saturday March 6, 2027, at Mickey McEwen Hall. This will be our 50th anniversary and promises to be a special event. We are excited to be hosting this milestone and looking forward to some fun and excitement.

We are looking for a few things: donations of baskets or other decorative containers for our silent auction. Also, we need game donations such as moose, deer, bear, or cougar. My goal this year is to have a few bear hams and sausage as part of our menu.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this historic event, leave a text message for me at 250 551-1077 or Cindy Turner 250 777-1917.

HVAC PROJECT

By the time you read this newsletter, the HVAC Project will have been completed or be very near completion. This project was very important to the Club and in particular Mickey McEwen Hall. By upgrading the acoustics last year and now the heating/cooling system for this year, we are able to offer a quality hall to the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank a few people and organizations that made this happen: **Wally Penner** who was instrumental in getting this project off the ground and spearheaded grant applications; and **Bruce Morrisson**, your generosity, and support for our Club is truly appreciated; and **Nelson Lions Club, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, City of Nelson Redi Grant and Columbia Basin Trust**, thank you for your financial support for our project.

SHEEP FEED HAY LIFT

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026, has been set for the annual sheep hay lift on the Salmo Creston Highway. Last year we delivered 50 bales of hay and 3500 pounds of pellets, and our plan is pretty much the same for this year. Joining us again will be the Salmo ATV Club and members of the West Kootenay Big Game Association. If you're interested, and want to enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards, give me a call.



THE GOLDEN DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB
AND THE WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BC PRESENT

ON THE LANDSCAPE

BIGHORN SHEEP OF THE EAST KOOTENAYS

A film about the communities, government agencies, and First Nations working to improve coexistence between people and wildlife.

ABOUT THE FILM

Along the highways of British Columbia's East Kootenay region, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are at risk from the roads and railways that cut through their ancestral range. *On The Landscape* follows the scientists, First Nations guardians, wildlife managers, and grassroots conservationists fighting to save struggling herds before it's too late.

From a herd reduced to just eleven animals near Golden, to a landmark wildlife overpass rising above Radium Hot Springs, this is a story about what we stand to lose, and what ordinary people can do when they refuse to let it happen.

WHAT TO EXPECT

DOORS · SCREENING Q&A · DRAW PRIZES

Plan for a full evening, roughly 2 hours doors to finish.

THE FILM TOUR

Catch *On The Landscape* on tour across the East Kootenays. Every screening is ticketed and includes a Q&A with the filmmakers, plus draw prizes throughout the night.

OCT 20 **CASTLEGAR** **7:00pm** Solkirk College
301 Frank Boinder Way, Castlegar, BC



B.C. Academics Find No Evidence to Support Federal Rifle Ban

Study released by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute says Canada's new firearms regulations are unlikely to reduce criminal violence

Analysis led by Dr. Noah Schwartz, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of the Fraser Valley

The federal government's recent changes to firearms regulation are not supported by evidence and are unlikely to reduce criminal violence, according to a new study led by Dr. Noah Schwartz, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of the Fraser Valley.

"This study supports the B.C. Wildlife Federation's long-held position that further regulating law-abiding licensed firearms owners has no impact on criminals or crime," said BCWF Executive Director Jesse Zeman. The researchers did a deep dive into the academic literature on gun control and interviewed law enforcement officers and other stakeholders. They found:

There is no evidence to support a prohibition or confiscation of assault-style weapons in the Canadian context.

There is no evidence to support a freeze on the legal sales of handguns to licensed gun owners.

Police are concerned with smuggled firearms from the United States and privately manufactured firearms, not legal gun owners.

Since 2019, the federal government has enacted bans on more than 2,500 rifle models and implemented a ban on the transfer or sale of handguns by licensed owners. The rifle ban and buyback program is aimed at so-called "assault-style" weapons that physically resemble assault rifles. Real assault rifles have been banned in Canada since 1977.

"The use of the term 'style' was, in and of itself, a tacit admission that the ban targeted form rather than function," the authors note.

Assault-style rifles are seldom used in the commission of crimes because they are large and difficult to conceal.

Most gun crime in Canada is committed with firearms smuggled in from the United States.

The literature shows that [assault-style weapons] bans have had no impact on firearms homicides (Gius 2014), urban firearm mortality (Huang et al. 2022), and the number of mass shootings (Lemieux 2014), and did not reduce deaths in mass shootings (Lemieux 2014), the authors say.

The study – Off Target: Evaluating post-2019 changes to Canada's gun control laws – further notes that the federal government's recent firearms bans do real damage to hunters, Indigenous peoples, sport shooters, and small businesses while drawing police resources away from the root causes of gun crime, criminal gangs and smugglers. The authors recommend that the federal government pivot to a strategy more likely to have an impact on criminal violence:

Invest in intelligence and firearm tracing to make gun smuggling more difficult and costly.

Depoliticize firearms classification.

Provide sustainable long-term funding across levels of government for community policing initiatives.

Reverse the assault-style weapons ban. Semi-automatic firearms with detachable low-capacity magazines in the hands of regulated individuals do not pose a threat to public safety.

Continue to fight the proliferation of 3D-printed firearms and provide additional resources to the courts and police to combat them.

Read the full study here: [Off Target: Evaluating post-2019 changes to Canada's gun control laws](#) | Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Nelson District Rod and Gun Club

Membership Information

2026 Membership Submissions accepted until:

Online: November 15th

Forms A and B: November 30th

2027 Membership for current members - begins November 15th Early Payment Incentive (EPI) available

New and Members who have lapsed > 1 year:

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

Apply Online: Click here -> [BCWF](#) (2026 members with auto renewal for 2027 will have payment processed, with EPI, on December 1st)

Manual application:

Returning member? Complete [Form A](#)

New or lapsed member? Complete [Form B](#)

Forms can be emailed to membership@nrgebc.ca or dropped off at:

ANDEX RENTALS - 57 Government Rd, Nelson, BC V1L 4L9 (around the corner from Farmer's Supply Farmer's Supply)

Membership Card Points of interest:

Did you apply online?

Your NDRGC/BCWF membership card is available immediately upon online membership purchase and is ready to download or print from your MyBCWF membership portal. Plastic NDRGC/BCWF cards can be purchased for \$5.00 through the [BCWF store](#).

Submitted your application directly to the club?

Those who submit paper applications will be issued a physical NDRGC card with their permanent club number on it. Digital card will be available after the 20th of the next month. Membership card mailed 3rd week of the month.

New to the club?

*Whether you joined on online or applied directly to the club, you will receive a physical card with your **permanent** Nelson District Rod and Gun Club number on it. If you applied online, you will be able to access your digit NDRGC/BCWF card immediately as proof of club membership, otherwise the physical NDRGC card will arrive on the next membership mailout (3rd week of the month).*

NEED A RANGE KEY?

Methods to obtain a range key:

- Mailed out (expect 1 – 2 weeks to arrive once request processed)
- Pick up:
 - at the Ymir outdoor range (every Tuesday morning before 11am)- please confirm pick up with Range officer before hand.
 - the NDRGC club house (monthly board meeting 6:30 pm the 1st Tuesday of each month) - members are always welcome

- Range Day, Gun Show, Annual Banquet, and the Bi-annual Member's Meeting (next meeting: October 10th)- please see newsletter for dates and times <https://www.nrgcbc.ca/resources/newsletters/>

Contact information for the outdoor range director can be found on the club's website <https://www.nrgcbc.ca/contact/>.

The outdoor range gate lock is now changed yearly. Keys are \$25.00/year and can be paid by: cash, cheque (dropped off at Andex Rentals on Government Rd., Nelson) or electronic money transfer to membership@nrgcbc.ca.

Membership Coordinator Contact Information:

Office hours: 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 V1L 5P7 Canada

Outdoor Gun Range

The Rifle Range has been super busy with everyone sighting rifles in for the Fall hunting season. Lots of repairs done there - whew! Thanks to Dave White, Lewis Weinstein and Steve Potters for help replacing targets and frames for the 100-yard line.

Rona Rental

Rona rented the Rifle Range as a team building event for their senior staff for all the Rona locations. It was a blast - literally! Most of these folks had never shot before - let alone 500 yards! Really fun.



NRGC Range Officers

Thanks to everyone - this was a great event.



Range Closures

Law Enforcement Groups Training, Eight days in October - Mark them on your calendars!

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Hoge Tyler

Indoor Gun Range

Hello folks, we are into the Fall season and looking ahead to the Indoor Firearms Range sessions.

Steve has scheduled Monday shooting (5 –7 PM) to start on October 19th, the Wednesday (10-11:30 AM) sessions will get going in early November, depending on conditions at the Outdoor Range.

Always check the Indoor Range page at the Club's website for up to date information in case of cancellations. The page can be found listed in the Site Map section.

<https://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

Contact me at paisners@shaw.ca or call 250-229-5710 if you have questions.

Marvin

Trap Range

Trap season is about to end in the next couple of weeks. I would like to thank those of you that made an effort to come out to shoot and help make the season a success and fun. Also, a shout out to those of you that came early and stayed later to help with the set up and clean up for each shooting session. Much Appreciated. Hope to see more of you in the new year. Have a safe winter.

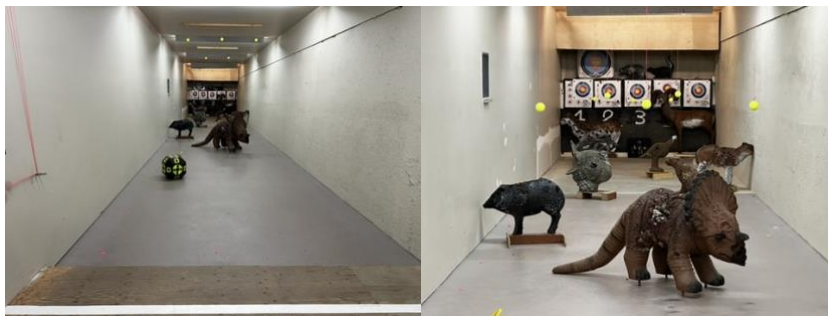
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

Jim Brown



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 Seidelin

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, October 2nd and Sunday, October 4th gaming is cancelled
Kootenay Con is happening at the hall !! Friday, October 2nd, 3 to 10 pm, Saturday, October 3rd, 10 to 10 pm and Sunday, October 4th, 10 to 8 pm 😊
- Friday, October 9th and Sunday, October 11th gaming is cancelled 😊
- Friday, October 16th, 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, October 18th, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 8 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, October 23rd, 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, October 25th, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 2 to 8 pm. Post if you are attending 😊
- Friday, October 30th, Board Gaming, Magic and Warhammer 40k, 5 to 10 pm. We are downstairs, use side rear door to enter. Post if you are attending 😊

For Sale

BSA 7mm Mag Bushnell 3-9 Scope

Asking \$750 (Some ammo can be included)

Contact Brian at 250-368-6878 or bfyco53@gmail.com Can meet at the range to try it out



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



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)

Thursday 1  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 2  Kootenay Con 15:00 – 22:00	Saturday 3  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Kootenay Con 10:00 – 22:00	Sunday 4  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Kootenay Con 10:00 – 20:00	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00
Thursday 8  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 9	Saturday 10  Archery Meeting 09:00 – 10:00 Membership Meeting 10:00 – 11:00	Sunday 11  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00	Monday 12 Happy Thanksgiving	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00
Thursday 15  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 16  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 17  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 18  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 20:00	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00
Thursday 22  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 23  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 24  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 25  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 20:00	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00
Thursday 29  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 30  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	Saturday 31  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00 Halloween	Sunday 1  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming TBD	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00

<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>	Archery - Newsletter – Communication – Archery Canada – BC Archery	Greg Seidelin	250-551-4022	nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com
<u>Director</u>	By-laws – Policies – Constitution – Youth	Shelley Dagorne		Lakesandmountains@hotmail.com
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<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
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Coordinator	Fishing Forever	Brad Howard	250-444-1953	bradhoward@telus.net
Coordinator	Volunteer	Cindy Turner		twocampers@shaw.ca
Coordinator	Indoor Archery / Indoor Firearm	Steve Potter		stevepotter001@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at

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