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

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November 2026 Newsletter

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

Mondays from 5 PM to & 7 PM.
Wednesday morning sessions, 10 AM to 11:30 AM, will be starting on November 18th 2026.

Reminder to carry your PAL, firearms registration certificates and your valid club membership when transporting firearms.

For additional information contact me at paisners@shaw.ca and always check the Indoor Firearms Range web page
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OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

Range Closures -You will be happy to note that currently there are no Rifle Range bookings scheduled in November by Law Enforcement groups.

Gate Locks - It is getting colder and soon the lock on the gate will be hard to open - Please do not put oil or WD 40 in the lock - TuDoor says that using oil will make the locks worse not better.
After snow makes the road impassable, I will replace the lock with a combination one at that point and publish the combination in the Newsletter. The combination lock will remain until the Spring.

Thanks to everyone who clean-up after their shooting session. Donations of Paint are much appreciated to repaint the steel targets.

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

ARCHERY RANGES

INDOOR: Wednesday 17:15 to 19:00 and 19:00 to 21:00, 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

President's Message Howie Grant



HAY LIFT 2026

On October 17, 2026, members of the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, the West Kootenay Big Game Association, Salmo Valley ATV Club, along with members from the Grand Forks ATV club, came together for the annual stocking of the Sheep Shed situated above the Salmo - Creston Highway. A total of 2750 pounds (50bales) of hay and 4300 pounds of pellets were transported to the feed site. This feed will be distributed to the sheep starting in December, when the snow flies, through March 31, 2027. Afterwards, the volunteers were treated to Glen McKen's world famous BBQ hotdogs and refreshments courtesy of NDRGC.

I want to recognize all of the volunteers - some travelling as far away as Christina Lake - who used their quads, and side x sides to transport the feed to the hay shed an extra thank you to those who provided the heavy lifting for the bales and bags.

A sincere thank you to AM Ford who, once again, contributed a truck and a substantial cash donation to support this effort.









Pictured between Derek Ludwar and Howie Grant are Irene Teske. After more than 25 yrs as a wildlife biologist with the Province of BC, Irene has decided to retire. Irene was key to the success winter sheep feeding program. She also helped organize the radio collar of 6 sheep back in 2017. Derek and Howie are presenting Irene with a photo of the 3 Amigos taking by Sandy Russell. What is unique with the photo is, the middle ram, was one of the 6 sheep originally collared in 2017.



🦌 Field & Stream to Table: Spring Banquet 2027🐟

Our biggest fundraiser of 2027 is officially on the calendar! Join us on Saturday, March 6, 2027, for an unforgettable evening featuring a completely unique wild game menu with vastly improved room acoustics for a better dining experience.

To make this banquet a success, we need your help to reach our goal of 140 pounds of protein. While our collection has started strong with a selection of elk, and deer roasts, we still have a long way to go.

We are calling on our incredible community of members to help fill the gap. If you have wild game meat or fish from your recent harvests that you would be willing to donate, please reach out to me directly.

Let’s work together to make 2027 Field & Stream Spring Banquet our best one yet!

Howie

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BC WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Updates from Jesse Zeman and Glenn Flynn

Jesse Zeman and President Glenn Flynn bring you a Member Update from Ottawa, where they're participating in the Canadian Wildlife Federation conference and meeting with Members of Parliament. They're advocating for public access, salmon conservation, major projects, common-sense firearms legislation, and issues that are important to fish, wildlife, and our members back in British Columbia.

Jesse encourages you to get out and vote in the Provincial election on Saturday. He thanks the clubs who raised issues with candidates across the province and to everyone who attended the webinar where representatives from each party presented their platforms.

He reminds you to get your tickets for the Backcountry Bound Conservation Lottery, sign up for our member-exclusive Learn to Hunt webinar with Brandon Roth, check out our upcoming volunteer opportunities in Abbotsford, and take advantage of the 25% off Mark's discount!

Watch the Video

Membership Update- November 2026

2027 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION begins November 15th

November 15th:

Register Online- Click here -→ BCWF

Register with Forms A or B:

- Paper registration forms for 2027 (and waivers) are now available for pick up at new location Andex Rentals.
- All forms (see below for links) are available for download and can be emailed to membership@nrgcbc.ca

New and lapsed members: Online registration begins January 1st

NEW FORMS PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATION: ANDEX RENTALS

57 Government Rd, Nelson, BC V1L 4L9 (around the corner from Farmer's Supply).
A secure mailbox is in place for your applications. Addressed envelops are provided for mail-in applications.

2026 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION REMAINS open:

- *Late year registration online until November 14th.*
- *Manual applications available until November 30th.*
- Individual/Senior: $55 Family: $75 Jr: $30

Apply Online: Click here -→ BCWF

Your NDRGC/BCWF membership card is available immediately upon online 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.

Prefer a paper application? Returning member? Complete Form A**.** New or lapsed member? Complete Form B and Waiver

Membership cards:

- *New members, and those who register with Form A or B, will be issued a physical NDRGC card with their permanent club number on it.*
- *Membership cards are mailed twice a month (approx. 1st and 3rd week).* ***Membership is not active until you receive your physical or digital Nelson District Rod and Gun Club card.***
- *Applicants who register directly with the club will have access to their NDRGC/BCWF Digital card after the 20th of the month.*

Membership Coordinator Contact: Phone: 250-551-7414 Email: Membership@nrgcbc.ca
Email and phone messages are monitored and responded to weekly.

Outdoor Gun Range

You may have noticed rodent excavations at the Rifle Range - These little critters are hard workers. But they did not produce these:



Jamie Yasek, from Osprey Excavating, brought four loads like this to upgrade the berms and repair the road surface to prevent water runoff from entering the Rifle Range building. Thanks to Jamie for hauling the gravel and Porcupine Creek for giving us a good deal on the material.
Thanks also to Andex Rentals for donating an excavator for the regrading. This work will be done soon.

The 100 yard line has been rebuilt. Thanks to Dave White and Chris Raabis for their help.

Recently we had some money donated to the Rifle Range to purchase new targets. These will be bought and installed soon. Thanks to:
Steve Potters
Dave White
Paul Thomas
Warren Russell
Daryl Elder
Brian Yeo
and Rona for their donations.

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Marv Paisner

Wednesday Night Compound Archery

I am excited to introduce a dedicated evening for compound bow enthusiasts! Wednesdays | 7:00–9:00 PM | November 4th – March 31st | Ages 17+. Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills, get in some practice, or enjoy some friendly competition, Wednesday nights are a great opportunity to connect with fellow archers.
As interest grows, we'll be exploring the possibility of organized 3-D and target league competitions, while keeping plenty of opportunity for casual shooting and practice. My goal is to make Wednesday nights an enjoyable and welcoming experience for compound shooters of all skill levels. Come out, shoot some arrows, and help us make Wednesday nights something to look forward to! Registration is not required, but if you're interested in participating, a quick email expressing your interest to johnhanneson@gmail.com would be greatly appreciated. This will help us gauge participation and plan for the winter season.

John Hanneson

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

The Outdoor Archery Range and 3D Course have been put to bed for Winter.

World Archery 3D Championships

From September 28 to October 3, I attended the World Archery 3D Championships in Yankton, South Dakota, alongside 19 other Canadian archers. We had participated in Canadian Team Trials at the National Championships in 2025 in Lac La Biche, Alberta and have been preparing since the team members were officially announced in January of 2026. The teams consist of up to 3 men and 3 women in Compound, Barebow, Traditional, and Longbow categories.

A quick overview of 3D archery: archers hike a marked trail, along which are designated shooting positions and 3D foam animal targets. Archers shoot one arrow (or 2 arrows in the World Archery format) at the target and score according to where on the animal the arrow lands. It's meant to simulate hunting, with some creative interpretation, and the closer to a "kill shot", the higher the score. Targets are placed at different distances and elevations, and animals vary in size from marmots to bison.

As I prepared to join Team Canada at the World Championships, I was nervous about competing against the best archers from across the world, but excited to meet people who share my passion. At every practice or competition, club shoots up to national championships, the people are supportive and kind. Everyone is there for the fun of participating and to spend time with one another. This October I found this to be true even at the international level of competition. On the practice range I stepped on the line between Russia and Australia, France and Italy, Denmark and Great Britain, and found everyone to be friendly, even if they weren't fluent in English.









On the first day of Qualifications, I was placed in a group with Kurneeva of Russia, Georgetti of Italy and Buchanan of the USA. I was incredibly nervous for the first day of competition, but we greeted each other and set off for the course, exchanging pins from our countries along the way. Soon we were shooting and chatting between targets - with Georgetti I was practicing my Italian and learning archery vocab – and though the nerves were still there and the pressure was high, I was in my element with these other women who are passionate about shooting longbow. Overall, I didn't perform as well as I would have liked but I was staying positive and reveling in the experience.

On Qualification Day 2 I was in a new group with Gariaeva of Russia, Ljubej of Slovenia, and Verdun of Argentina. Fewer people spoke English confidently in this group, so our interactions were limited to basic words and miming, but we still had a few laughs. In the morning I was shooting very well and leading our group for score but eventually Ljubej caught up to me. I finished the day with the second highest score in our group, but the previous day's scores meant that Gariaeva and Ljubej were still ahead of me. In the final standings after Qualifications, I was in 18th place, two positions below the cut-off to participate in the Elimination Rounds the following day. I was still in great spirits though, having made some good shots and connections with other archers.



I spent the last couple days of the competition cheering on the Canadian archers through their elimination rounds and cheering on new friends in the finals, including our one Canadian archer who made it to the podium, compound archer Andrea Wiens. It was an incredible experience to compete at my first World Championship, and I've returned home feeling inspired to up my game with hopes of representing Team Canada again in the future. I'm so grateful to everyone who has supported me whether it was shooting tips, equipment tuning, words of encouragement, or a donation to the Team Canada fundraiser.



If you're interested in the final standings for Team Canada's other members, click this link: Canada Adds Another World 3D Championship Medal as Andrea Wiens Claims Bronze in Yankton - Archery Canada

If you'd like to learn more about the traditional equipment classes that compete in 3D archery, check out this article: Traditional and longbow: The unique classes shot at the 3D worlds | World Archery

Ellen V.

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

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



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)

Photos: M. Bender, E.R. Wilson, G. Kramer, J. Gullo

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Indoor Range 17:00 – 19:00		Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00 19:00 – 21:00	Ladies' Shooting 18:00		Archery 09:00 – 11:00
Sunday 8	**Monday 9**	**Tuesday 10**	**Wednesday 11**	**Thursday 12**	**Friday 13**	**Saturday 14**
Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Indoor Range 17:00 – 19:00		Remembrance Day Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Ladies' Shooting 18:00		Archery 09:00 – 11:00
Sunday 15	**Monday 16**	**Tuesday 17**	**Wednesday 18**	**Thursday 19**	**Friday 20**	**Saturday 21**
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Sunday 22	**Monday 23**	**Tuesday 24**	**Wednesday 25**	**Thursday 26**	**Friday 27**	**Saturday 28**
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https://www.nrgcbc.ca/hallrental/2018-dates-booked/

Club Contact List

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NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at
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