



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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October 2024 Newsletter



President's Message Howie Grant

Hopefully by now, you have been fortunate to cut a tag. I know a number of our members have worked hard and have been rewarded. October is turning out to be very busy with the pending Provincial Election and a chance to make a difference with wildlife management.

TOWN HALL MEETING OCT 2, 2024 7:00PM

The BCWF and the NDRGC will be co-hosting a Town Hall meeting on Oct 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at Mickey McEwen Hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be to reach as many people as possible to educate and inform them of the state of wildlife, and to arm them with information that allows them to make sound decisions when it comes time to vote.

I am encouraging all NDRGC members to attend and also reach out and invite those who are concerned about wildlife and habitat management in the province.

More details regarding the meeting are included in this newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing a strong representation from our membership on Oct 2, @ 7:00pm

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next membership meeting will be Saturday, OCT 5, 2024, from 10:00 am to noon at Micky McEwen Hall. I encourage you to attend and be involved with the future of your club.

SHEEP FEED HAY LIFT

Saturday, Oct 12, 2024, 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. If you're interested, and want to enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards, give me a call.

HALL RENTALS MANAGER

There is an opportunity for a retired individual to help us as the Hall Rentals Manager. There is a description of duties and responsibilities in this newsletter. Have a look at it and if you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me. (See page 8)

Congratulations Howie Grant

On August 21, 2024, we gathered in Nelson, BC to take part in a ceremony to honor one of Nelson's finest citizens. Howard Grant was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Kootenay-Columbia MP Rob Morrison. The King Charles III Coronation Medal is awarded to people who have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, or community, or for their outstanding achievement abroad that has brought great credit to our country. Candidates may only be awarded one Coronation Medal. As well, this medal can be awarded posthumously as long as the recipient was alive on May 6, 2023, the date of The King's coronation.

Howie is extremely active in the community and greater Nelson area, tirelessly volunteering. He has spearheaded the Bighorn Sheep feeding program to keep the sheep off the highway on Kootenay Pass. Howie was with the Vancouver Police Department, then transferred to Nelson Police in 1992, and retired in 2012. He has been involved with the Nelson chapter of the Rotary Club for two decades and has served as the President. In 2000, they recruited many volunteers and raised \$160,000 to build the Lakeside Rotary Park for kids in Nelson. Howie coached Special Olympics for four years and has been part of the Nelson Police Foundation for a decade.

The ceremony was well attended by friends and family of Howie. A social ensued and the event was enjoyed by all.

Please join us in congratulating Howie for this outstanding achievement and for his continuing contribution to the city of Nelson and area.



Membership

Big Change to Auto Renew policy for the club!!

1. **There will be an increase in dues for next year**, currently we haven't confirmed how much as BCWF still hasn't confirmed how much their dues are increasing because the insurance broker hasn't told them how much the insurance costs are going up. I've sent a note to the executive with a recommendation but haven't got a reply.
2. New for next year, **there will be a charge for outdoor range keys**. I'm pretty sure it will be \$10 for a first key and \$25 if a replacement is required. Should be confirmed soon.

3. **We will no longer be processing credit cards on the Auto Renew program**. If you want to automatically renew your memberships this year please set up an automatic Interac e transfer from your account to this e mail address: Membership@nrgcbc.ca The Early Payment Incentive (EPI) will still be available to members who pay their dues between October 15 and November 30. Make sure you put what the payment is for in the message box of the e-Transfer. A typical instruction looks like:

To Send Money to Someone in the Mobile App:

Send an Interac e-Transfer

1. Tap Move Money in the Navigation Bar

2. Tap Send an Interac e-Transfer

3. Follow the on-screen instructions

4. You'll be able to add a recipient by tapping Add after you tap To

Note: You can select When the Interac Transfer will be sent as well as Frequency

(how many times you would like this payment to occur).

Instructions may vary between financial institutions or service delivery type i.e. banking app, online banking, teller service, etc. but they all will facilitate these transactions. If you are unsure, go to your bank.

Don't forget the message box note, especially when the payer's name is different from the member whose membership is being paid for.

As always you can pay at Farmer's Supply or mail us a cheque if you no longer want to participate in Auto Renew program.

Alan Bond - Memberships Coordinator

Outdoor Range

Busy Times at the Range these days!

Outdoor Rifle Range targets have been renewed and made full height for winter shooting.

Mowing to the 500-yard line has been done. Thanks to Vic Learmonth.

Please do not bring metal objects to the Range to shoot – This includes old pistons or fire extinguishers for Goodness Sake!

Please remove paper targets when your shooting session is finished.

Please position targets so that the underlying wood frame is not damaged.

Thanks to all who have been supplying bolts, paint and chain.

Thanks - Hoge



Town Halls are coming to the Kootenays!
Don't miss your chance to speak up for wildlife.

We're hunters. We're anglers. We're voters.

Ensure your voice is heard by speaking with your candidates face-to-face. The best opportunity to influence policy on fish, wildlife, and access is during the election. This election, we are standing together to demand our elected officials Put Wildlife First.

BCWF will press each and every candidate to commit to a management and funding model that will conserve and protect wildlife, with science as its foundation.

Nelson, B.C.

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 – at the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

(801 Railway St., Nelson), starting at 7:00pm

[Learn More About our Election Advocacy](#)

B.C. Wildlife Federation puts wildlife and the environment centre stage

The B.C. Wildlife Federation and Kootenays fish & game clubs are co-hosting Town Hall Meetings in anticipation of this year's provincial general election.

MLAs and candidates for office are invited to meet with voters to discuss the state of wildlife management in British Columbia.

The BCWF is hosting 24 Town Hall meetings across B.C. to ensure candidates hear the concerns of ordinary British Columbians.

Many of British Columbia's fish and wildlife populations are in decline. Species such as steelhead and caribou are at risk of extinction. Action is needed to keep species such as moose, mule deer and mountain sheep from the same fate. Key watersheds and habitats are in peril.

Funding for wildlife has been in decline for decades. As a proportion of the provincial budget, funding for renewable resource management is just a fraction of its historical level, declining by 75 per cent between 1993 and today.

This must change before we have any chance to reverse the damage.

The conservation community is demanding key changes to provincial wildlife management:

Wildlife management must be conducted by an agency independent of government influence.

Funding dedicated to fish and wildlife should be increased and driven by legislated objectives.

Public access to public resources must be enshrined in law.

Host: Castlegar/Trail

Location: Castlegar & District Community Complex

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 7 pm

Host: Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

Location: 801 Railway Street, Nelson

When: Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 7 pm

Host: Revelstoke Rod & Gun Club

Location: Castle Hall, 201 3rd Street West

When: Thursday, October 3, 2024, 7 pm

For more interviews and more information, please contact communications@bcwf.bc.ca

BACKGROUND

Only a fraction of hunting tag and license fees are dedicated to the resource. Handing over wildlife management to a multi-stakeholder group, including First Nations and non-governmental organizations, such as the BCWF, would insulate wildlife funding and decision-making from political considerations.

Hunters would willingly pay higher fees if the entirety of those fees was dedicated to conservation.

NGOs are far better than governments at leveraging those funds through fundraising and donor campaigns, potentially turning every dollar into five. We need an agency outside of government to manage these funds as way to increase public confidence.

Wildlife management objectives must be set in legislation.

Habitat Management

Decades of fire suppression have resulted in huge amounts of fuel littering the forest floor, crowding out

biodiversity and putting people at risk. By putting out every fire on the landscape, we are creating forests that are bristling with fuel just waiting for a spark.

Fire naturally occurs every five to 200 years in much of B.C. In the central Interior, many areas historically burn every five to 30 years. Under the right circumstances, fire is good. Fire is part of a natural process that rejuvenates grasslands and promotes biodiversity.

Commercial enterprises, from logging companies to mushroom pickers, are being allowed to operate in post-wildfire landscapes that are apparently so sensitive the public is barred from entry.

The province must restrict commercial intrusion and motorized access to fire-damaged areas of the Interior to prevent erosion, limit the spread of invasive weeds, prevent environmental damage by off-road vehicles, and to allow natural regeneration.

Objectives for habitat management must be set in legislation.

Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease affecting cervids has finally arrived in the high-risk wildlife management areas of southeastern British Columbia adjacent to existing outbreaks in Alberta, Montana and Idaho.

Surveillance helps us by providing more samples, even in areas where it is strictly voluntary. Hunter vigilance is the best guard against transmission in B.C. Surveillance for invasive plants and animals must be properly funded if we are to protect our natural assets.

Objectives for disease management and invasive species must be set in legislation.

Public Access and Resident Priority

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation protects wildlife as a shared public resource, allocated fairly to common folk, and managed based on sound science. It is meant to be democratic and forward-looking.

Over the past 30 years, British Columbia has drifted from this egalitarian, sustainable model, particularly as the government embraces short-term political expediency over science-based decision-making. The ban on grizzly bear hunting and recent changes to hunter access to moose and caribou in the Peace Region are recent examples.

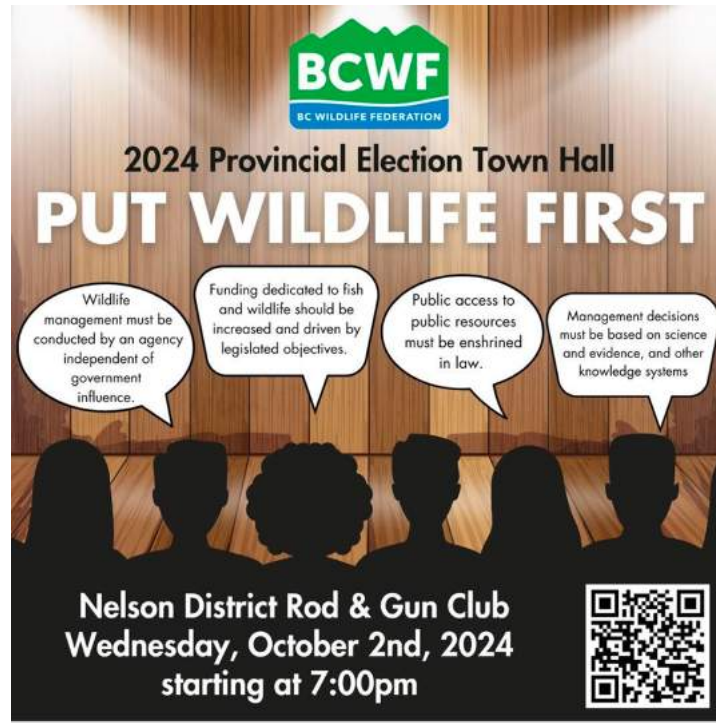
The Land Act and co-management

Proposed changes to the Land Act will dramatically change the way Crown lands and natural resources are managed in British Columbia. The proposed process and timeline for creating new law precludes scrutiny, transparency, accountability and discussion with the public.

Public consultation must be genuine, if British Columbians are to embrace substantial changes in the way that public resources are co-managed. It is essential that a true public consultation take place and that the government and British Columbians have time to consider the many implications of changes that will certainly affect access to Crown land.

The amendments under consideration will profoundly affect the ability of British Columbians to steward, access, and enjoy nearly every inch of the province for recreation and business.

All British Columbians deserve a say in their shared future. It's time to move away from secret negotiations, hijacked process, and agreements which are neither shared with nor debated by British Columbians until it is too late.



Hall Rental Manager

Purpose of Position

The Hall Rental Manager manages the rental of the hall in support of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club to reduce ownership and operating costs for the membership,

Hall Rental Manager- Club Responsibility:

Hall Rental Manager is responsible for rental income stream to the club while ensuring health, safety and comfort of building occupants.

The HRM will manage the Hall to reduce ownership and operating costs for the membership, without incurring undue risk, recognizing the primary function of the Hall is for the use and enjoyment of the membership.

There is also a condition for the Club to provide assistance to local charities and non-profit organizations to demonstrate community support. For these reasons the HRM may offer up to a 50% reduction as a demonstration of community support by the Club.

Specifics

- The HRM has to ensure the hall is booked as often as possible without double booking or losing any opportunities. To accomplish this requires a tight control on scheduling and a fair process to potential renters.
- Ensure appropriate Hall Rental Agreements, financial transactions and insurance requirements are completed in a timely fashion.
- Arrange for hall cleaning and inspection between every hall use
- Provide access for and interact as required with trades persons, inspection agencies and suppliers
- Maintain records, agreement and Treasurer information as required (rental history, annual report, Treasurer updates/cash book, contingency fund, in kind donations)
- Stipend provided
- Cell phone, laptop with external hard drive and lap top provided.

Trap Shooting

A rather successful trap season is quickly coming to an end with changing weather and hunting season taking its toll on regular shooters. Next year we should have our new sea can for more secure and dry storage of our inventory and I have been assured that we can continue to enjoy the canopy that we had this past summer. On the downside, you can expect a modest increase in the cost for shells for next season. Thanks to all of you that came out to shoot and help with the setup and cleanup after each session. Looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

Slightly off the topic and for your information, I have come across another gunsmith which some of you may or may not know about (they seem to be few and far between!); Josh Salzmann who runs a company called Accurate Rifle Company in Creston. Josh specializes in precision bolt actions from ultra-light mountain rifles to competition ready PRS (Precision Rifle Series), Benchrest and ELR (Extreme Long Range). He also offers other services such as cleaning, maintenance, muzzle brakes, stock work and bedding, scope mounting and range tests, etc. He also works on shotguns (which is how I came across him), semi autos and 22's. His wait time is much shorter than other gunsmiths that I have come across.

Josh's contact information: Tel. # 1- (250) 254-0489. josh@accuraterifleco.ca

Jim Brown

Social Gaming

- Friday, October 4th - Gaming is Cancelled
- Sunday, October 6th - Gaming is Cancelled
- Friday, October 11th - Board gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, October 13th - Warhammer and X-Wing, 2 til 6 pm
- Friday, October 18th - Board gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm
- Sunday, October 20th - Warhammer and Battlegroup, 2 til 6 pm
- Friday, October 25th - Board gaming and Magic, 5 til 10 pm, downstairs
- Sunday, October 27th - Gaming is Cancelled

Calvin Hacking

Archery

We will take part in the mailmatch events this winter. Although it is recommended, you don't need to have your own equipment. Starting in November every second Tuesday, the range will be for mailmatch only. These are a great opportunity to shoot under pressure. We shoot two "Canadian 300" rounds per session; the first one is scored and submitted to Archery Canada. The "Canadian 300" is shot at eighteen metres on a forty-centimetre target. Each ten end of three arrows is timed, and the range is set up as it would be for a tournament. By participating in the mailmatch you support archery in BC and Canada. For registration and more info, please visit: <https://archerycanada.ca/national-competitions/outdoor-mailmatch/>.

Starting September 1st, all archers must know how to shoot, or they must take the Introduction to Archery course. The course will be available per request and outside of range hours. Guest archers will still pay \$10 per session, with shooting line priority given to members. The Introduction to Archery course is \$50 per person for a two-hour session with instruction and all equipment provided. Email NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com for booking or inquiry.

Greg Seidelin

For Sale:

Famous Eberlestock X2 pack for sale, 18 months old and used only once, clean and in perfect shape. Cost of new one well over \$400, asking \$230. If interested contact Chuck 250-229-4022.



Contact:
John Kortram
john.kortram@gmail.com
250 505 4045

For sale:

Couple of Spinning Reels: Shakespeare and Bretton, good working order:

Price \$ 7.50 each



NEW Simmons Rifle Scope 6.5 – 22 x 50 (unused)
Model Whitetail Classic multicoated matt. Waterproof/fog proof.
US lifetime warranty
Price: \$160



Item description: Human Nature Tough Boots. Inner boots can be taken out. Size 45/46
Price: \$10



22LR Winchester ammunition for sale.
One full box and one partial box of 555 (total approx. 1000 rounds) of 22LR, 36 grain.
And one full and one partial box (total approx. 575 rounds) of M22, 40 grain.
One sale \$140.



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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).

RANGES AND CLOSURES

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

The following are **range closure** for the Nelson Police Department.

October 23rd all day

October 24th all day

October 25th all day

November 4th from 08:00 to Noon

November 18th from 08:00 to Noon

INDOOR GUN RANGE

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
































ARCHERY RANGE

Indoor for all ages and disciplines with a maximum of twelve archers.

Come early if it is your first time or you require club equipment; you will have to sign waiver, get a safety briefing, and try club equipment.

→ Tuesday and Wednesday 5:15pm to 7:00pm

→ Sunday 9:00am to 11:00am

Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
 Gaming 16:00 – 21:00  Trap 09:00 - Noon		 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00 Provincial Election: Put Wildlife first 19:00 Mickey McEwen Hall	 Ladies' Shooting 18:00		Membership Meeting 10:00 Mickey McEwen Hall
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Club Contact List

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Coordinator	Fishing Forever	Brad Howard	250-444-1953	bradhoward@telus.net

NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

Greg Seidelin