

# The Kingfisher

## Our Community's Newsletter



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from your **Chair**

*Murray MacDonald*

### Did you Know?

- The road hockey group is raising money to finish the fencing of the tennis court and provide lighting.
- The quilters sewed and auctioned a quilt at the Harvest Dinner. It is going to Alberta with Rowan and Kieran Clark.
- Greg Clark had that pile of sod from the playground construction rototilled to make soil for the field.
- Brenda Heywood played piano while lying on its top, then tap-danced playing the trumpet at the Harvest dinner.
- I am putting together a short yet hopefully amazing entertainment section for the Christmas concert potluck. Let me know if you have an act or idea. Would your kids like to be part of it? Murray at 838-6379.

At the Road bowling I overheard another Kingfisher wildlife story. It comes from Mike Roberts who said it would be okay to share it. Mike has a spring fed pond in front of his house that contains a number of wild trout. Over the years, he and his son Milton have gotten to know the trout, in part, by occasionally feeding them bits of food. The trout are partial to grasshopper and that is what Milton was throwing to them on a warm afternoon, a few weeks ago. The trout would rise up and gobble the grasshoppers as soon as they hit the water. Inspired by this, Mike picked up a stinkbug and said, "Let's see what they do with this". He tossed it in and just like the others, it was caught and swallowed. The trout disappeared and Mike and Milton were left to ponder what they'd witnessed. Then to their amazement, the trout popped back up out of the water and spit out the stinkbug.

Friday, December 15, 2016

### **Christmas Potluck and Program**

Doors open 5:00pm Dinner 5:30 with entertainment to follow directly.

Hear ye, hear ye!

## **Christmas Potluck & Program at Kingfisher Hall**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Join in a regular Potluck- whatever shows up is what we have!

- ❖ We suggest... bring enough to feed those with you and a little extra. Something along the lines of a main dish; maybe add a vegetable, salad or dessert.
- ❖ Entertainment DIRECTLY after we eat.

**NOTE:** This year we'll wait with all Kitchen clean up and have dessert *after* the entertainment. This is so that families with young ones have the option to leave before it gets too late for their children. Thanks for your cooperation!

Spread the word so that family or friends attending from afar can take part -

**Potluck & Christmas Program  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Doors open 5:00pm

Dinner 5:30

Entertainment directly after dinner, including a visit from a jolly old elf! Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.

Pssst!

If you'll have a child/children under 10 years old attending, contact Jacky Clark before November 15.

Email: [allenclark@telus.net](mailto:allenclark@telus.net) or phone: 250-838-6062. Thanks!

Help decorate for the festivities, Fri. Dec. 9, 5 pm.

See Hall Decorating Party in this newsletter for important details.



*from Cheryl & Ray Connery*

*Sometimes we are remiss in publicly thanking folk who make this community a great place to live. As we have just celebrated Thanksgiving, we thought it might be appropriate to do that now.*

*We leave for five months in the winter as we live in our fifth wheel full time but we love living here the other seven. Every time we meet with different people in this community, we are blown away by the diversity here.*

*The Harvest Dinner on Saturday was amazing. Thanks to James and his group for an evening of food and fun. The hall decoration was a knockout.*

*My mother recently moved to Enderby into Parkview. A couple of days after she arrived "a very nice lady" brought her a lap quilt. Mom loves it. Thanks to the quilting group for sharing their talents and making an elderly person feel welcome to a new community.*

*The grandkids had a chance to enjoy the playground this summer. Thanks to Jacky for the idea and the commitment to see this project through. We were happy to help out the bit we could.*

*With all the rain this year, fires were at a minimum but in our forest we always have to be vigilant. Thanks to Herb for notes on emergency planning. We work hard here in the golf course area to inform residences about how to be fire smart. This year good steps were taken to involve the whole area in fire prevention.*

*Thanks to the new initiative to raise money for lights at tennis court. We love to play Pickleball and enjoy the use of the court. Certainly can see how the lights will help the road hockey group in the winter as it sure does get dark early!*

*The library is a favourite of ours. Never go without a book with that facility in the area! Thanks to Sue and Jane for their efforts.*

*Looking forward to the history book so we can read about the area. We have only been here ten years, so missed a bit of the history here. Thanks to those who put the book together. That is a big job.*

*OK OK these are just a few of the thanks that are in order in this community but we felt we wanted to acknowledge some. The directors are appreciated for their leadership. It seems like a thankless job at times we are sure.*

*Looking forward to 2017 and the wonderful adventures to experience. Thanks to everyone for making us feel welcome in Kingfisher.*

from *James Latchko*

Thank you everyone for all your help at the Harvest Dinner this year. As a director I pulled the short straw to organize this event but you made it all happen. There are many more I'd like to mention, but I don't want to bore you too so I'll just say:

Thanks to the Volpatti's for a ton of pumpkins and the badminton crew that carved them!

Thanks to Bill and Deb, Widmarks Farmacy, Crocus flower shop in Enderby, Luxe, Mell and most importantly Marion, for taking hall decorating to a whole new level. Amazing job guys!

Potluck and roast was great. Thanks everyone! Notable mentions: Roasters! John Heywood, Jim and Dianne and Jade. Thanks a ton for taking that on. Also, thanks again John for bucking up to carve all 3 roasts. Jane Clayton topped it all off again this year with here valley famous gravy. Thanks Jane! And Laura Baron for all the amazing buns.

Big thanks to Kato, Cat and Marion for all their help with the hockey/tennis court poker/shinny fundraiser. More events to come. Mid November Dance date will be released soon!

Special thanks to Murray and Laura for being there.

Thanks to everyone I didn't mention too. There were a ton of you guys.



## Kingfisher/Mabel Lake/Hupel History

The book that the History Steering Committee has been working on for the last 4 years is finished and at the layout stage. We anticipate it to be published and ready to go in the spring.

We are having a book launch celebration on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Kingfisher Hall - an afternoon event and we welcome all community members to attend this Gala. As the time approaches we will have more details. Of course, you will be able to physically handle the book at that time, pick up pre ordered copies and purchase others. In the meantime, we are encouraging pre sales in order to help with printing numbers and costs.

The book is \$25 and it can be purchased at various events at Kingfisher Hall, by contacting Judy Fischer at [judy.fischer@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.fischer@shaw.ca) or 250-838-0025 (Remax office) or by contacting Diane Hatt at [dianehatt@hotmail.com](mailto:dianehatt@hotmail.com) or 250-838-6649.

In addition, there are still the DVDs for sale. They cover a variety of things that have happened in the valley through the years. The one titled 'Kingfisher Memories 1989' can be picked up immediately. Others need to be ordered. The cost is \$10. contact Diane Hatt if you want more information.

Thank you for your stories and support of this project. *Diane Hatt*

## Kingfisher Library

We had a great year, the count of visitors that signed in our book was 647. That was fabulous, and we hope that in the future we will get more signing.



We would like to thank all the donations for the library. As we have stated before because of lack of space, we cannot accept the following:  
-Reader Digest books  
-Magazines of any type  
-Any books that have been published before the year 2000.

We will accept any children's books as they do not seem to come back from the little ones, which we understand.

Thank you to all for such a good year.

Happy Reading,

*Sue Leavitt and Jane Clayton*



## Road Hockey

The tennis court.  
Sundays 2.30  
Equipment supplied.



## Grandma's Playground

## Badminton

Kingfisher Hall  
*Catalin Faget*  
1 250 999 0945  
or the Hall  
838 6200

## Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School  
*Barbea Flath 250 838 0324*

## Community Ads (free to KCS members)

**MESSAGE PRACTITIONER**  
Available for booking in home or studio sessions. Call Catalin 1 250 999-0945

**MABEL LAKE RENTALS**  
[www.mabellakerentals.ca](http://www.mabellakerentals.ca)  
Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.

# MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE

**Bev Brookes**      Tel: **250.838.5712**  
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 Enderby, B.C., V0E 1V2






# Fall into Winter

**Celebrate the Season  
with MacKenzie Camp:**  
 \* Winter Stew with Chicken \*  
 Fruit Galette \* Silent Auction  
 \* Gluten-free \* Vegetarian option

**Saturday, November 19  
5:30 pm**  
**at the Senior Citizens Complex  
1101 George Street,  
Enderby**

**Admission by donation  
Suggested donation: \$10**

**All funds go to support  
2017 programming  
at MacKenzie Camp**

Lorraine Powell

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Camp available for rental prior to July 1 & after August 20  
 Quality care & programming  
 Specialty Camps, too – Drama & Fly Fishing!  
 See our website and brochure for details!

by Art Powell

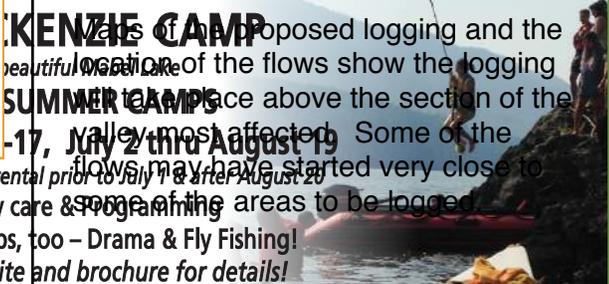
A logging company whose name translates as Caretakers of the Land is planning to log in Hunters Range above that part of our valley most prone to debris flows starting 2017 or 2018.

Holders of water permits between Falls Creek and Bayard Creek were recently notified of the plans. Lorraine Powell is arranging a meeting with logging officials. The meeting is primarily for people who get their water from that area but will be held at the Kingfisher Hall so anybody can attend.

In 1990 there were more than 200 debris flows between falls Creek and Cooke Creek, the road was out for several days and some people were airlifted out. Those who were to the east of the flows were isolated for several days.

At the time we were told by technocrats that these slides were a natural process in which trees and other debris built up in the creek beds and were released during a heavy rainfall. They happen approximately every 50 years.

This was not the first time this area has experienced land slides. The Enderby newspaper reported during the early half of the twentieth century there were debris flows on the Mabel Lake Road and the Powell property at 2373 Mabel Lake road has large boulders left by an ancient debris flow.



**MACKENZIE CAMP**  
 Beautifully located in the heart of the valley, most affected by debris flows, may have started very close to some of the areas to be logged.  
**SUMMER CAMPS**  
 -17, July 2 thru August 19





## Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----250 838 6379
Secretary	Ted Vroon 250 838 7856
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch----- 250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert 250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Jan Lacko ----- 250 838 6882
Maintenance	Greg Clark 250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	James Latchko -----250 503 6698

Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; members are welcome to attend!

### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brigitte Koch, our treasurer, 838-7350, or 2215 Mabel Lake Road.

### KCS Newsletter

Direct your advertising and distribution questions to *George Jameson* [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)  
 Email photos and news items to *Brenda Heywood* [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

Deadline is 25th of each month. I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email. Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email. **If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails.**

### KCS Membership

\$30/family and \$20/single. An important means of our yearly fund raising. Money is used to keep up/improve Hall, school, and grounds for community use and enjoyment. Also, fees help fund the many activities taking place and the excellent monthly newsletter that keeps us all so well informed about what's happening in Kingfisher. Further, as a KCS member you are entitled to reduced Hall rental rates for private or public functions. Questions? Phone me at 838-9759 or email me at [candaherbert@gmail.com](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com). You can pay fees to me at various Hall functions or by snail mail. Cheques through the mail work the best and you will receive a receipt in return.

Thanks, *Art Herbert*, 3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5



Spotted Coral Root, Heywood Hill  
*corallorrhiza maculata*, a tiny orchid

#### From OUR ARCHIVES Kingfisher Community Society Mandate

##### *The purposes of the KCS are:*

- to acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation Centre, and
- to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities