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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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[kingfishercommunity.com](http://kingfishercommunity.com) is live!!

What happened to that house that used to be here ??



from your **Chair**  
*Murray MacDonald*

**A great big round of applause** for the organizers, donators and participants of the February fun-raiser. The night was proof that, there are many ways to make a lasagna, February weather is unpredictable and that it takes more than 20cm of snow to keep Kingfisher folk at home.

Thanks especially to **Deanna Caswell** for her organizing and presentation.

Playing up on the screen during the fun-raiser was Wayne MacLeod's Kingfisher 1989 video. Throughout 1989, Wayne took his video camera and filmed every Kingfisher event. He then edited it into a 30-minute video. It really stands up as a historical document. In some ways, it doesn't seem that long ago, but then, check out those eighties perms and moustaches. Incidentally, Wayne Macleod also wrote Kingfisher Christmas.

**Here's to you Wayne!**

Alas, one of our board members, **James Latchko** is moving to Vancouver Island for work. During his time as a director he brought energy and new ideas to the table. Youth and experience are a great combination. Our board is now younger thanks to him.

**We wish him well on his journey.**

● **FEB FUN-Raiser**  
● *Dee Caswell*

● A long extremely white winter brought the KCS Board to a conversation to get our Community together  
● for fun, good food and social time. February marked our first FUN Raiser - a huge success despite the  
● continued white winter. Thank you again to everyone who provided lasagna, volunteered and  
● especially to the donors that made it possible to raise funds. It was a lovely event that gave a bit of a  
● break from "Cabin Fever". **Again - our thanks to everyone.**

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## **Emergency/Evacuation Planning**

**March 2018**

*Herb Latchko*

I received a brief email from the Regional District's Protective Services Manager in response to my inquiry as to the Revision of the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan. Quoting from that email: "...we have drafted application for the fire smart grants for your three areas: Silver Star, Kingfisher and Cosens Bay. If we are successful, then we will be looking for help and assistance in putting together the fire smart projects for your communities...". This now appears to be the present plan to fund revising the Evacuation Plan.

With all the snow and cold weather, it's hard to think about reducing the fuel loads. The number to phone before burning is 1-888-281-2992. The Fire Smart Homeowners Manual can be easily viewed or downloaded by searching: firesmartbc.

The independent review of 2017's unprecedented wildfire and spring flood season is now in progress. Quoting from their website: "The heads of a provincial review of how wildfires and floods are handled in B.C. say there's a need for more preparation and training in times of calm." Go to: [bcfloodfirereview.ca](http://bcfloodfirereview.ca) to sign up for updates and information about the review

It is worth noting that last year some people were receiving evacuation financial support due to flooding at the same time others were receiving financial support due to fire evacuations. Last fire season, wildfire evacuation orders affected 65,000 people in BC and firefighting costs were over \$564 million. Estimated costs to reduce the fuel load around most communities in BC would be in the \$3-4 Billion range. Do we want to pay fire fighters to try and put out fires or pay people to reduce the fuel load?

**Finally, there are a few fire barrels and buckets left. If you are interested please call me at 250-838-6525. The Regional District has chipped in half the cost of these barrels and buckets, so your cost would be \$50.00.**

## **Eye in the Sky 2018 ~ Brian Lussin**

Here is a selection of celestial events for 2018. With the help of astronomer friend, Nairb Nissul, I have mostly selected those that would be best for naked eye and binocular viewing.

Venus gradually appears in the evening western sky in March and moves higher until elongation on August 17th. Equinox on March 20th at 8AM. Several planets move into nighttime viewing in April, May, and June.

Solstice on June 21st - summer - prepare for fire season. Get a water barrel and bucket.

Lots of planet activity in July and August. Check out the moon shadows on Jupiter as some of its moons transit the planet; August 2, 6, 9, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 27, and 31. Because of the close planet activity several celestial objects can be seen within the viewing field of most binoculars. Cover a flashlight with a red coloured celluloid gel sheet or equivalent for outside night viewing. The eye will not dilate or constrict noticeably viewing red light.

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Perseid meteor showers peak on the 13th. Zodiacal light Sept. 5 for two weeks and again starting Oct. 13. Both events in the AM. Equinox on Sept. 21. Occultation of Mars 1.0 degree N of Moon on Nov. 13.

And there is always good Moon viewing each month. Also most months have meteor shower events, like the Gemini and Ursids in Dec. peaking on the 14th and 22nd, respectively.

Interested in a summer night time viewing session? Best during the week before or after Aug. 11.

Watch this space. Clear skies everyone!

### **MISSING PLANE and Passengers!!**

On Saturday Nov 25, 2017 pilot Dominic Neron, and his girlfriend Ashley Bourgeault were flying from Penticton to Edmonton when his single engine mooney plane went missing. The plane was last on radar above Revelstoke. However with the storm warning that night, Dominic's flight plan was if weather was bad he would land in Revelstoke/ Golden.

And if it was really bad he would land in Salmon Arm. He left Penticton airport around 2:30 that afternoon. Our families are desperate for any information that may help bring them home. If you heard, saw or even smelled something that day we urge you to contact us.

**7804057649**

They are still looking although the official search is called off. A few days ago they heard from some one who was at the air park on the day the plane went missing. That person noticed a plane that may have been in distress. He said he had called it in.

We were asked if we could spread their information to the community. Maybe someone else heard something. Please spread the word if you have noticed this plane or passengers.

### **Bird Brains**

*George Jameson*

Nothing jump starts your nervous system quite like a Ruffed Grouse exploding out of the snow at your feet as you walk along a trail on a cold winter night.

Ruffed Grouse love the powder. They fly along and plunge into it, completely covering themselves. Their body heat then creates a sealed dome (*think igloo*) to help them keep toasty on those frigid nights. As winter approaches they grow extended scales on their toes.

These function as '*snowshoes*' when the snow is deep! During breeding in the spring, the male of this promiscuous species produces aloud drumming sound by rapidly beating his wings from atop a log. "*Come hither,*" it calls.

No "snowbirds" these, Ruffed Grouse are year-round residents of our wonderful community.



### Kingfisher Library

The Library will be accessible from 10am - 3pm every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

**Happy Reading!**

### Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School  
Marieka Vroon 838-7856



### TASS - Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene

Every Tuesday @ 1pm -  
Contact: Ted & Marieka Vroon for more details  
838-7856



### MABEL LAKE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Mabel Lake Golf and Country Club is looking for energetic, diligent team players to join our existing Team for the 2018 season.

We offer competitive wages, great benefits and incentives for our employees. If you are friendly, out-going, enjoy meeting new people and are interested in being part of our Team – please email [mabellakegolf@telus.net](mailto:mabellakegolf@telus.net), with a copy of your resume.

#### Positions

- Line Cook
- Grounds Crew
- Housekeeping
- Pro Shop
- Lounge

### Recycling

The Rivermouth Road recycling program is now active, but remember to label your recycling so garbage doesn't slip in and attract the local wildlife.

We are phasing out glass this year, so please drop off all glass at the waste management location up Beattie Road.

That's right, no glass. You may dispose any plastic and aluminum cans and bottles, but no tetra packs (juice boxes) or other waste.

Please do not leave boxes, cardboard, or other containers along with your recycling- just the cans or bottles. Look for new 'no parking signs' in front of the drop off and pick up area :)

Thank you, KCS Recycling Program,  
*Catalin Faget*

### Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

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

### Road Hockey

The tennis court.

Sundays 2.30

**Equipment supplied.**

### GUITAR:

You might have noticed a **guitar** hanging on the wall above the piano. It has been generously donated to the KCS by **Jade Lawrence**, to encourage random music-making. Feel free to play. Rock out, Kumbaya or practice.

*Age 10 and up would be a rule of thumb.*



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custom-made furniture etc.

Allen Clark 250 838 6062

[www.allenclark.ca](http://www.allenclark.ca)

**MASSAGE 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.

**BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....**

If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick them up for you or you can drop them off at The Schalin Farm located 2843 Mabel Lake Road. Aspen, Navi and Boden are fundraising for fastball and 4-H and are looking for ways to help out with costs.

**LOOKING FOR LEADS**

Please give me a call if you spot interesting wildlife out Kingfisher way. I love coming out to the valley to catch these images. Thanks!

Janet Brown, 250-833-8181

[www.janetbrownphotography.com](http://www.janetbrownphotography.com)

[e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

**Mabel Lake Farms**

Kent & Suzanne Clark

250-838-6248

[Kentclark@telus.net](mailto:Kentclark@telus.net)

**Products available all year**

**Please call to order**

Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

**Services available**

Mini Excavator

Bed and Breakfast

Venue Hosting (May-September)

Coffee Shop (July & August)

**Snow plowing**





### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	1 778 721 5665
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch-----	250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Deanna Caswell-----	250 838 9678
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	James Latchko -----	250 503 6698

### 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.

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

Please write to: [kcsentertainmentdiector@gmail.com](mailto:kcsentertainmentdiector@gmail.com) to know about events. [KCSrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:KCSrecreation@gmail.com) to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

### Membership *Art Herbert*

3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5 [candaherbert@gmail.com](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com) 838-9759  
\$30/family and \$20/single.

### KCS Newsletter

Direct your advertising and distribution questions to *George Jameson* [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Paid Advertisements  
paid ads be limited to 1/4 page  
Word Document only  
KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$50)  
or 6 months or less for \$25

Submitted to George - [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Payment prior to ad placement to be mailed to:

George Jameson  
2365 Mabel Lake Road  
Enderby  
V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

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Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez:  
[editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

**Deadline is 25th of each month.**

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.

If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails.

Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email.

### 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