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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

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



**From your CHAIR:**  
*Murray MacDonald*

I was looking at some pictures taken last February, when the snow piles started blocking our front windows. That was biggest snow year in our experience. This year...not so much. Maybe the least snow in our experience. I'm not complaining though (how un-Canadian). Who knows, the snow piles might be right back up by the time you read this.

The workshop Dominic Fernandez hosted on cyber-security was great. The information and strategies for protecting online devices, were practical and clearly-presented. Take that hackers! We went home and promptly got to work on it. Then promptly phoned Dominic when we messed it up.

It made me wonder about other knowledgeable and talented people here in the valley. Have you got something you'd like to share? Let us know. We could do our own **Ted Talks**.

We hope you are all enjoying a break from the busy life wherever you are. February is great for that. Let's invent a way to get together in the near future.

### **TIP OF THE MONTH**

from the Kingfisher Firesmart Steering Committee

**Over 50% of home fires in the wildfire interface are caused by sparks and embers, not directly from the wildfire itself.**

An interface is defined as the area where homes and structures intermix with wildlands. Sparks and embers from wildfires may travel up to 2 kilometres ahead of a fire.

Being aware of the danger that wildfires pose to our homes and properties in Kingfisher can reduce the potential impact of these natural events. Simple and inexpensive changes made within the first 10 metres from our homes and buildings (Zone 1) are easily carried out by homeowners and will have the most impact on reducing losses.

Helpful tips for reducing risks and a clear and easy to use assessment tool are downloadable in a concise manual at: [bcwildfires.ca/prevention/firesmart](http://bcwildfires.ca/prevention/firesmart). Also, watch for a Firesmart tip each month in this newsletter and for news of upcoming events.

Talk to a member of the Kingfisher Firesmart Steering Committee for more information. Email George at [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com) to find out more.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Firesmart Awareness Meeting – May 25th, 12PM, Hall
- Yard Waste Cleanup Day – May 26th



**Birds of Note**

In the minds of many birding experts the Great Horned Owl, “the flying tiger”, is the world’s deadliest raptor. At the top of the food chain and with the most diverse diet of all North American raptors, this owl eats mostly mammals and birds. The leading edges of their wings have comb-like devices that deaden their sound as they fly silently and stealthily in search of prey. At night they perch on limbs and snags waiting for their quarry to pass by.

The most widely distributed true owl in the Americas, Great Horned Owls are found in any habitat imaginable – forests, swamps, deserts, tundra, tropical rainforest, cities, suburbs, and parks.

Usually solitary, mated pairs are monogamous and defend their territories with vigorous hooting. Wandering out at night you are most likely to hear them during courting in December, at egg laying in January and February, and in the fall when their young leave the nest. They have a wide range of vocalizations but their most common and identifying call is “hoo-h’HOO, hoo-hoo”.

Except for smell their senses are extraordinary. Skunks are one of their favourite prey. They can see 100X better at night than humans. The Great Horned Owl’s offset ears on the sides of their heads allow them to triangulate the location of their prey and to locate a mouse under a heavy snow pack. Owls can hear a left/right time difference of .00003 seconds (30 millionths). The ear tufts or horns are not ears at all but simply display feathers.

Owls were already present as a distinct lineage 60 million years ago so are one of the oldest known groups of land birds. Although not listed, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, Great Horned Owl numbers have declined 33% between 1966 and 2015. They were heavily hunted until the mid 20th century.

The call of the Great Horned Owl is a wonder and connects us to the wild world and to the land upon which we live. We are so privileged to have them in our midst.

**Community Ads (free to KCS members)**

**WESTERN RED CEDAR**

spindle, rail, posts, hand rails, curved and funky pieces, custom-made furniture etc. Allen Clark 250 838 6062 [www.allenclark.ca](http://www.allenclark.ca)

**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:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

**Guided Meditation**

Guided Mindfulness Meditation with Yogini Rawal every Wednesday at 7PM at Loris', 3130 Mabel Lake Road. Contact Loris (250-838-7747) or George (250-838-6882) for more information.

**Pickle Ball**

Kingfisher Hall  
Tuesdays: 9:30am  
Fridays: 2pm

Pickleball paddles provided - just bring your enthusiasm!

**Kingfisher Quilters**

Old Kingfisher School  
Lisa Miner [lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)

**Road Hockey**

The tennis Court.  
Sundays 2.30pm  
Equipment Supplied

**Badminton**

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

**Mabel Lake Farms**

Kent & Suzanne Clark  
250-838-6248  
[Kentclark@telus.net](mailto:Kentclark@telus.net)

**Products available all year**

Please call to order  
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**Services available**

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## Kingfisher Community Society Directors

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### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brenda Heywood, our treasurer, 838-2193.

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

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

### Membership *Megan Martin*

250-838-0455 ([megaan92@gmail.com](mailto:megaan92@gmail.com))  
 \$30/family and \$20/single.

### KCS Newsletter

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

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

### KCS Advertising

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson.

**[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)**

Paid ads be limited to 1/8 page, Word doc  
 Word Document only  
 KCS members only Ads



## MACKENZIE CAMP AGM & THANK-YOU DINNER

On **February 9, 2018** at 7 pm the Annual General Meeting of the MacKenzie Camp Society takes place in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church, 1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby, BC V0E 1V0. Preceding it at 5:30 pm by an invitational **Thank-You Dinner** for all our donors, volunteers, members, past members, & life members.

### 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