
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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From your CHAIR:
Murray MacDonald

The month of February saw some significant improvements in both the physical and organizational aspects of KCS.

Physically, the entire west wall has been rejigged to balance with the east wall (*see article for details*). Also, RDNO is adding funding to our operating grant to pay for the grounds work around the hall.

Thanks Denis Delisle!

The pickle ball players are keen to repaint the court lines. Turns out we are due to have the floor surface redone. These two ideas will likely come together soon.

Suzanne Clark has taken over the job of school coordinator from George Jameson. She has ideas. Thanks to both of you.

Lisa Miner came to the board with the idea of having a pull-out calendar in the newsletter. This to better help you know what is happening at the hall. **Yeah Lisa!**

Our 70th Year as a Community Organization



This is the 70th year for the Kingfisher Community Society and the Kingfisher hall! In December 1949, the Kingfisher Community Club was

established and the hall constructed by community members on land donated by Isabel and Wilfred Simard. The first event at the hall was a wedding with 150 guests with the exterior walls completed to a height of only 5 feet. I expect that our organization is one of a few non-profits that have operated in the North Okanagan for so many years.

Board Development/ Work Planning

On February 2nd, the Directors met with Laura Jameson to look at strengths, weaknesses and how KCS might adapt and improve going forward. It was a very productive workshop and it gave us a chance to talk over and imagine things in a way that is difficult at regular board meetings.

Strengths? (The easy part)

The board members feel that KCS is a strong, resilient organization. The Hall and grounds are beautiful. Our bank account is well...good. KCS successfully provides a meeting place and cultural umbrella for all the different neighbourhoods. We know it works because people show up and help while they are there.

Weaknesses/ Opportunities

Help!

The board felt it could do better at asking for help with the organizing and implementation of our yearly events. Many people tick the box on their membership that says they'd like to volunteer. Then nothing happens. The directors are too busy or shy to ask for help and the members don't know how to take the next step. Often, it is a director who takes up the slack. One idea would be to have a volunteer coordinator who could hook people up to events. If members signed up for even one event per-year we'd have it solved. We'd also be making better use of the diversity and talent within this community.

On Being a Director?

The commitment asked of people coming onto the KCS board has always been two years. Some people stay longer but that is up to them. The board felt that if they emphasize the two-year commitment, becoming a director might seem more attractive. There is even room on the board for people who go away at certain times of the year.

Youth

Kingfisher has a growing number of young families and seniors with a large gap in between. The challenge is to engage the younger people. Their energy and ideas are needed.

Next Steps

Another workshop, to include all community members, will be scheduled for later in the spring or summer. Look on the KCS website for a complete summary of the workshop. (in newsletter section) www.kingfishercommunity.com



2019

MACKENZIE CAMP

on beautiful Mabel Lake

2019 SUMMER CAMPS

for kids aged 6-17, July 2 thru August 18
Camp available for rental prior to June 30 & after August 17

Quality care & Programming
Specialty Camps, too – Science, Drama, & Fishing!
See our website and brochure for details!



Register online: www.mackenziecamp.ca or phone/email 250-838-6293 maccamp@shaw.ca
MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre





Firesmart Tip of the Month

Adding a few regular cleanup actions to the area within 10 metres (Zone 1) of your home and buildings can have a major impact in reducing your wildfire risks. **Remember : over 50% of homes lost to wildfires are due to airborne sparks and embers rather than caused directly by the fire itself.**

Informed plant choices within Zone 1 can have a major impact. Avoid cedar, juniper, pine, tall grasses, and any resinous plantings that leave combustible debris. A mowed lawn is a fire resistant lawn.

Clean up debris.

Go to bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart for more information. To contact the Kingfisher FireSmart Steering Committee email me at g67george@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- May 25th, 12PM, Kingfisher Hall - Community Firesmart Information Presentation
- May 26th, Yard Waste Cleanup Day

Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Plan

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Submitted by Herb Latchko

The grant application for revising the 2005 Evacuation Plan has been sent in and the Regional District Staff is “optimistic and hopeful” that it will be approved. There will be a community input component, so consider putting your suggestion/concerns into the process.

I noticed on the way to Salmon Arm, the Fire Hazard Rating sign had a message about summer is coming and are you prepared? This got me thinking about removing the fuel loads around our homes and the greater community at large. The Province has put a small amount of funds toward community fuel load reduction, but nothing near the \$3-4 Billion needed to substantially reduce the fuel loads around most communities in the Province. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the FireSmart Committee’s plans for this spring. I find one of the best times to burn brush is just as the snow is starting to disappear. Again, we will have more smoke in our future. **Will It be smoke by choice or smoke by chance?**

In closing, I would like to pass along a few short video clips. The first one is the speech given by Greta Thurnburg at the Climate Change Conference in Poland a few months ago. Greta is the 15 year old Swedish girl who started the “**Student’s Strike for Climate**” movement. It’s only 4 minutes long, but very impressive. The second is also of Greta Thurnburg. She delivers an articulate 11-minute Ted Talk. A simple Google Search for: Greta Thurnburg speech and Greta Thurnburg Ted Talk will get you in touch with this amazing young person’s views.

Hall Upgrades!

In January and February, Brian Lussin & Sue Saloka worked their way through a list of 33 jobs in order to complete a hall upgrade project they initiated. The variety of tasks ranged from installing three additional 4'x8' white hardboard panels to removing the Magazine Exchange rack. You'll notice the hall is brighter. Items hanging on the walls look tidier and the doors slide easier. However, there are a lot of things that were done that will be overlooked. You may want to ask Brian, Sue or Greg to point out those not so obvious changes that included sawing, drilling, painting, staining, and scrubbing. Of course, Greg Clark was very helpful, as usual.

A huge thank you to them, for always taking the initiative and working towards constantly improving/ maintaining our lovely Community Hall!



BOOK CLUB

New***BOOK CLUB*******

**Author: Harlan Coben
Title: *Don't Let Go***

If you are interested in joining, you must read the book, via hard copy, Ebook, Ibook! Whatever works for you!!

The first meeting is:
**Sunday, April 7th
at 2pm
at the Old Kingfisher School.**

The fee to attend is \$1.00.
Any questions can be directed to Laurie at
lauriebaines96@gmail.com

Hope to see you then!



**OPEN GYM
- OLD KINGFISHER SCHOOL**

Starts Tuesday, March 5th 8:00 am

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
8-10 am
\$2.00 Drop In fee**

Bring water, indoor shoes, mat and any equipment you may need!

See you then!

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

MABEL LAKE RENTALS

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

e: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: 9:30 am

Fridays: 2 pm

Sundays: 2 pm

Pickleball paddles provided - just bring your enthusiasm!

Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School

Lisa Miner 250-838-7128

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

Products available all year

Please call to order

Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

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Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Brenda Heywood -----	250 838 2193
Memberships	Megan Clark-Martin	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Deanna Caswell-----	250 838 9678
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	Dirk Campagnolo-----	250 838 6278

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 to know about events. KCSrecreation@gmail.com to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

Membership *Megan Martin*

250-838-0455

(megaan92@gmail.com)

\$30/family and \$20/single.

KCS Advertising

Paid Advertisements

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson. g67george@gmail.com

Paid ads be limited to 1/8 page
Word Document only

KCS members only Ads run from May - April for full year
\$100)

or 6 months or less for \$50

Submit directly to George - g67george@gmail.com

Payment prior to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:

George Jameson
2365 Mabel Lake Road
Enderby
V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez:
editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Deadline is strictly 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	4	5 8:00 OPEN GYM - S 9:30 PICKLE BALL - H	6 10:00 QUILTING/CRAFTING & LIBRARY - S	7 8:00 OPEN GYM - S	8 10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	9
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