

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter



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May 2020

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From your Chair:

Jacky Clark

ATTENTION

THE HALL AND THE SCHOOL ARE STILL CLOSED AND ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE STILL CANCELLED/POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE PLAYGROUND IS CLOSED ALSO, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE VIRUS CAN STICK TO THE METAL AND PLASTIC AND SURVIVE FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS.

Now is the time that we'll be feeling the effects of cancelled events due to the Virus. We have already missed the hall cleanup but I have a feeling that that would have had a change of date due to ALL the snow. Lucky for us the Hall is in pretty good shape. Between our maintenance team, hall cleaner, and the regular hall users everything is pretty good and should do until we can have a clean-up party. After all, it's not like we're using it!!

I was so excited for the Mothers Day Breakfast this year as we had recruited some "young" people to host it. Luke Davidson and Jax Puchinger had accepted the challenge. The Torch had hopefully been passed on to the next generation and all the "old" guys could of had a break and had breakfast with their wives once again. I will

personally hold those two young men to their word for next year, or maybe sooner?

Here's a little Mothers Day Breakfast history I thought you might like to know. Sometime between 1985 and 1990 (memories are a bit foggy here) Roger Hatt thought it would be a good idea to have a community Mothers Day breakfast as something special for the mothers. He recruited some friends, I'll name some here but sorry if I missed anyone, remember, memories are a bit foggy; Tom Golz, Les Robinson, Rae and Wade McFarlean, George Jameson, Rolf Myers, Rob Dale, Warren Schalin, Keith Grey and Keith Richards. The men dressed up in white shirts, black pants and bowties, looking like waiters from a fancy French restaurant. They gave out flowers and waited on the women delivering a yummy breakfast of pancakes and strawberries with whipped cream and eggs and sausage. It doesn't sound like much now but back then it was a PRETTY BIG DEAL.

In 1958 BC had a centennial event and gave funding to communities. Kingfisher had a beard growing contest and received enough money to add the front entrance and the bathrooms to the Hall.

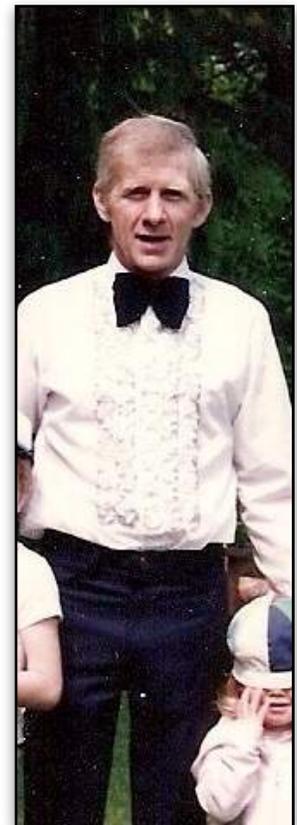
1967 brought another centennial and with it another beard growing contest. Not sure of any money or prizes on that one but I'm thinking: New Tradition, 2020 brings the Covid19 and with it restrictions on access to personal grooming so why don't you men have a hair growing contest? As my husband hasn't has a hair cut all winter I won't let him enter..hahahaha

Despite the fact that we directors are not meeting and activities are not happening we are still being active, especially our treasurer Michele. She has had to put together our budget for our grant application and now she has to put the year end together, and pay the bills.. there's ALWAYS bills. These are time consuming activities that I'm sure are not much fun but are necessary to keep the wheels turning. So a big Thank-you to Michele.

And..if you notice the "Welcome to Kingfisher" sign go missing from the road side, not to worry, it's just out for some TLC.

Keep practicing your social distancing as I don't think we're over it yet.

As always, call me if you need to.....**Jacky**



Kingfisher Youth Citizen Scholarship

The Kingfisher Youth Citizen Scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually by the Kingfisher Community Society and administered by the Kingfisher Scholarship Committee. Cheque will be issued upon proof of enrolment.

Kingfisher Community Society is volunteer run. We are looking for candidates with strong community involvement.

Eligibility: resident of Kingfisher (Halfway Hill 'Welcome to Kingfisher' sign to Mabel Lake) graduating from Grade 12 (any school) in 2018 for any
post secondary education (not only university or college)

Deadline: May 15, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home number: _____

Volunteer involvement in Kingfisher (involvement in other organizations may be considered): (feel free to attach another piece of paper if needed)

Type of involvement: _____ approx. # hours: _____

Reference: _____ Name: _____ ph: _____

Career goals: _____

All applicants may be interviewed
Submit to: a Director of Kingfisher Community Society
or a member of Kingfisher Scholarship Committee

KINGFISHER SCHOOL NEWS

The school has been closed to all gatherings and events until further notice. We will resume when it is safe to do so.

If any of the quilters who are interested in continuing with charity quilts at home, please let Lisa 250-837-7128 or Suzanne 250-838-6248 know to book a time for picking up supplies at school.

Practice Social Distancing. Lets Beat this Sooner than Later.

If anyone has any ideas for further classes, please let myself or Laurie know, so we can set up for further dates.

Suzanne queenb47@telus.net 250-838-6248.

Laurie lauriebaines96@gmail.com 250-838-7522.



2020

MACKENZIE CAMP

on beautiful Mabel Lake

Rent a Camp!

MacKenzie is available for reunions, retreats, meetings, & outdoor education programs
May, June, late August, & September 2020
See our website 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

Since 1947

BC Camping Association | UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning

May 2020

submitted by Herb Latchko

In late February, I received a response to my request from the Regional District for an update as to the revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan. Below, you will find the main body of the email which I received from Mike Fox, General Manager of Community Services:

I believe the draft is almost done. We are expecting a draft report soon. As soon as we have it I will be updating the Area F director with next steps and then take the report to EAAC and then to the board.

As I receive information and pass it on to the directors I will let them know you are looking for it.

Denis Delise, our Area F Director, informed me that:

EAAC refers to Electoral Area Advisory Committee which is all of the rural directors of the RDNO. Staff has to clear projects through the EAAC for discussion and passing. Depending on what it is it then may have to go to “the Board as a Whole” which is EAAC and the municipalities and townships.

The following activities are prohibited: Category 2 open fires; Category 3 open fires; Resource Management open fires; the use of fireworks; the use of sky lanterns; and the use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description (except when used for a campfire). Restrictions will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified.

If you have signed up to receive alerts and notices from the Regional District, you may have gotten notice that sandbags and sand are now available in Enderby at the city’s yard (2308 Mc Gowan Ave-down Bass Ave just past Central Hardware; just before the high school; turn left).

In closing, I would like to encourage you to make plans with you neighbours as to how you would deal with a fire near your home. “Locals” are the first line of defence and can make a huge difference before Wildfire personal show up. **Keep peoples’ safety paramount !!!** Make plans before the fire: equipment; water sources; phone numbers; vulnerable people; etc.

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Unfortunately, the response from Mike Fox did not make it into the March Kingfisher Newsletter. In April, I contacted the Regional District and got the following update (edited for one typo):

The table top exercise has been put on hold and this means the final report will be put off as well.

I will keep you up to date as we move forward,

So, this is where we stand in terms of revising the 2005 Evacuation Plan. Also, plans were in the works to erect a "Fire Hazard Rating" sign in Ashton Creek by the old sawmill site. Dale Fennel had agreed to keep the rating arrow "up to date", which was a key concern for the Fire Zone. This project has been put on hold. Wildfire personal are busy planning for what the Covid-19 fire season will look like in terms of firefighter safety.

Fire bans went into effect on April 16th. I have cut and pasted from the bcwildfire.ca website:



Season Opening Tentatively May 8th Weather Dependent

**NEW Order &
Pay for Food
Online.**

**NEW Book & Pay
for Tee Times
Online.**

Mabel Lake Golf & Airpark is happy to be opening tentatively May 8th with Limited Hours. Many protocols will be in place. We will be offering **Take Out Pizza** on Friday & Saturday nights 4pm - 8pm until further notice. Please check our Facebook page or website for updates as we work through these difficult times. **New** online menu with online ordering & payments. **New** for 2020 pay for your reserved tee time online. Please follow all social distancing protocols & signage on property & come enjoy a round at **Mabel Lake Golf & Airpark**

250-838-0881

www.mabellakegolf.com



Community Ads (free to KCS members)

<p>Mini excavator for hire 0 turn, 5'wide 52 hp</p> <p>Dirt work Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc</p> <p>Bush work Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>	<p>Allen 250-838-6062</p> <p>Brad 250-838-6326</p>	Consultants
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Clark Boyz

3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5
Allen 250-838-6062
Brad 250-838-6326

Consultants

License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.
Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**
Logging development, Road construction
and maintenance, erosion control....etc

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

KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS

For information please contact Lisa Miner at (250) 838-7128 or email her at lisamarie313ca@gmail.com

No Road Hockey until all clear is given. Otherwise, on Sundays at 2pm.

Group **Pickleball** put on hold until further notice. Individuals and family members are welcome to use the outside tennis court. However, there is no net provided and the Hall remains closed.

**MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year**

Megan Martin
megaan92@gmail.com
250-838-0455 Cell 250-540-2916
Call or email now!

Contacts for Mabel Lake Road Enquiries

AIM Roads Inc

Contractor

1 866 222-4204

Website: aim-roads.ca

Twitter: [@AimRoads](https://twitter.com/AimRoads)

Facebook: [@AIMRoads](https://www.facebook.com/AIMRoads)

Instagram: [@aimroads.ca](https://www.instagram.com/aimroads.ca)

Email: aimroads@acciona.ca

Ministry contact:

Vernon Area Office - [250 503-3664](tel:2505033664)

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

Services available

Mini Excavator

Bed and Breakfast

Venue Hosting (May-September)

Coffee Shop (July & August)

Snow plowing



Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary -----	Marion Fernandez -----	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Michele Huntington ---	250 838 7477
Memberships -----	Megan Clark-Martin ---	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Sydney Graham -----	250 574 5725
Maintenance & Supplies -----	Greg Clark -----	250 838 0292
	Kowyn Hibbert -----	250 938 6925

Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Michele Huntington, our treasurer, 250 838-7477.

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

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year
Megan Martin 250-838-0455
(megaan92@gmail.com)
\$30/family and \$20/single.
Call or Email Now!

KCS Newsletter

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

Deadline is 25th of each month.

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

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

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