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



**KingfisherCommunitySociety**



**If you are reading this give yourself a pat on the back and say YEAH !  
I made it through another winter!!**

Well everyone, this is the last time you'll get to see my smiling face on the front of this newsletter. But not to worry, you can see me live at up coming events, the free store or the Hall or maybe even pickleball!!

I will be carrying on with the "101" events so look further in for something coming in April.

The cooking demo at our Valentines Day "party" was well presented, informative, fun and TASTY! Thanks Chef Colin and helper Terri. We hope to see more food stuff from you. The whole event was a good time with lots of participants.

No exciting news from the AGM. Except for myself, the rest of the directors remain the same. There was an update report from Tannis Nelson from RDNO. They are still working on a master plan for Area F. It is expected that there may be a public meeting in May. Watch out for further info.

My time as chair was time well spent. I learned a lot, especially about the volume of work it takes to keep our hall running smoothly. You know how they say it takes a village to raise a child? Well the hall is sort of like that. I also enjoyed the social part of it, working with people I already knew, getting to know others better and meeting new people all the time.

We have an amazing amount of volunteer support. Some like myself and the other directors are pretty obvious, then there's many, many others that work behind the scenes. Some do regular monthly jobs while others never miss an opportunity to do dishes, put away tables and chairs, decorate, donate, take pictures, herd up the kids, dress up like the Jolly Fat Man and so on. And then there are new residents that start coming to events and find out how great we really are. hahah

I am proud of our community and proud to be part of it, I hope you are too. We are the envy of other communities in the area F district. Not only for the fun stuff we do or the amount of volunteers but especially for the younger generation that is and has been part of our community , some of them for most of their lives. KINGFISHER RULES!!

Thank you everyone for your friendship and support during my time as chair. And for volunteering. See you around, you can still call me for now, until we get a replacement number.

Have a good summer everyone.

Jacky Tel: 250 838 6062

## KINGFISHER COMMUNITY SOCIETY

### About the Kingfisher Community Society

The Kingfisher Community Society Board of Directors is made of eight to nine volunteer directors. They meet monthly. Meetings are used to plan and coordinate events, and oversee the management of Kingfisher Hall and grounds.

### Kingfisher Community Society AGM HELD MARCH 25, 2023

The AGM was held at the hall on Saturday March 25. Directors presented a summary of the 2022 hall activities and presented the financial statement for the year. 2022 saw the resumption of most of the usual events at the hall and brought in a number of new volunteer event organizers.

Guest speaker Tannis Nelson, RDNO Assistant Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture gave an update on the Area F Master Parks Plan.

Eight Directors are remaining for another year: Sydney Graham, Kowyn Hibbert, Rhea Davidson, Greg Clark, Sherry Saunby, Michele Huntington, Suzanne Clark and Laura Jameson.

Chairperson Jacky Clark was thanked for her leadership and 4 years of service. She was presented with a gift basket.

## BENEFITS OF KCS MEMBERSHIP

- Hall rental at discounted rate
- Monthly Newsletter
- Weekly Activities
  - In-door games, exercise classes, pickleball & badminton courts.
  - Out-door activities: pickleball, tennis, ball hockey
- Maintained playground field and play equipment
- Community Events: Strawberry Tea & Cake Walk; Porch Party potluck; Harvest Dinner potluck & more!
  - Annual Jumble Dance
  - Christmas concert & visit from Santa
    - Graduation Bursary
    - New Baby Welcome Fund

In addition to activities at the Community Hall, the Kingfisher School also offers a variety of activities including a library.

### Six Ways to get involved in the Kingfisher Community

- 1. Attend the AGM:** The Kingfisher Community Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is happening on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 1:00 PM PST. All are welcome.
- 2. Attend an event:** All Kingfisher Community Society events are shared in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, and at the top of Halfway Hill (as you come into Kingfisher).
- 3. Host an Event:** Have an idea for a community event at Kingfisher Hall? Contact a KCS director to find out how to get the process started.
- 4. Volunteer at an Event:** Contact any KCS director to volunteer at upcoming events.
- 5. Join the Entertainment Committee:** Want to get more involved in hosting events with KCS? Contact our Entertainment Director, Sydney Graham to sign-up.
- 6. Become a Kingfisher Community Society Director:** If you want to get more involved in the governance of KCS, then consider becoming a volunteer Director.

**If you have further questions contact any KCS Directors** (see back page of the newsletter for names and contact information).



**Hall Clean Up  
Saturday April 22nd  
10 am - 1 pm**

**If possible, bring a  
Rake**

**Snacks, Tea, Coffee  
and hot chocolate will  
be provided.  
Everyone Welcome**



# SCHOOL FUND RAISER

**EASTER BREAD \$20 PER LOAF  
pre-orders by April 6th.**

**Pick up Saturday April 8th (3 - 4pm)  
at the Kingfisher (old) School**

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**TO ORDER: Contact Suzanne  
Tel: 250-838-6248  
E: queenb47@telus.net**

# MACKENZIE CAMP

*on beautiful Mabel Lake*

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Quality care & Programming -

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URL [www.mackenziecamp.ca](http://www.mackenziecamp.ca) email [maccamp@shaw.ca](mailto:maccamp@shaw.ca)**





### KINGFISHER SCHOLARSHIP

The Kingfisher Youth Scholarship is available to high school graduates. To qualify, the student must be a Kingfisher resident, living from 1730 Mabel Lake Road (Welcome to Kingfisher sign) to Mabel Lake.

The scholarship may be used for any post secondary education course.

Applications are available from a Director (see back page for contact information) or at AL Fortune school.

Deadline for applications is May 5th.

### KINGFISHER EVENTS "101"

**Rock Hounding**  
Saturday, April 22 • 1pm

Meet at the Hall then a short walk to the beach.  
Rocks identified by Denis Delise, master rock hound.

Bring the Kids and maybe a snack.

### LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW



Reaching out to see if there is interest ....  
for a show and sale of your art or craft at the  
KCS Hall? Interested?

One-day, likely Saturday event,  
held in April or May.

'Local' defines as the Kingfisher/Mabel Lake area.

#### Interested?

Contact Brian: balussin@telus.net 250 838 7060. Or...  
Contact George: g67george@gmail.com. 250 838 6882

## KARATE



**KINGFISHER  
COMMUNITY  
HALL**

**WEDNESDAY**  
7 - 8:30 pm

**SATURDAY**  
8:30 - 10 am

**KARATE OFFERS:**  
stretching  
strengthening  
coordination - balance  
self defense  
self confidence  
friendship - fun

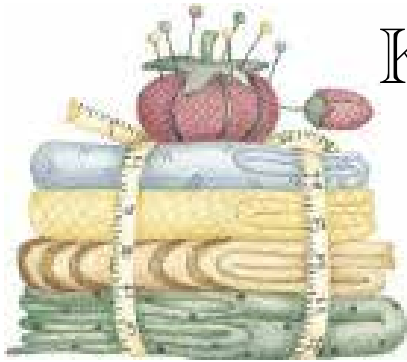
Class suitable for ages 12+

### DROP IN PICKLEBALL



**PICKLEBALL  
CLUB**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 - 11am!



# Kingfisher Country Quilters

**Would like to welcome all quilters  
and crafters  
to join us at the Kingfisher School  
every Wednesday  
to work on either a charity project  
or your own project.**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**  
Coffee/Tea provided, bring your  
own lunch

**For more information contact:**  
**Lisa Miner**  
**250-838-7128**  
**[lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)**

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Please remember that the library is still  
open every Wednesday  
11:00am until 1:00pm**

We also have a great selection of jigsaw puzzles, board games and DVDs for those fall and winter days. Hope to see you soon at the library. Please do not drop off old cookbooks, magazines, text & DIY books.

Submitted by Sherry Saunby

**KCS Memberships available  
for purchase**



## FARMERS MARKET

Find out when the next farmers market is happening near you.

### KINGFISHER FARMERS' MARKET 2023

**Our Farmers' Market will be back again  
this summer.  
Many of last year's vendors are returning.**

**June 7 to August 30  
Every Wednesday from 11am – 1pm**

**If you wish to be a vendor, email  
[Marniniles@telus.net](mailto:Marniniles@telus.net) and put  
"Kingfisher Market"  
in the subject line.**



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## Fuel Load Reduction

April 2023

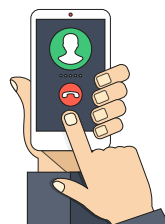
Submitted by Herb Latchko

Spring is a great time to FireSmart around your house and property by reducing the fuel load. Search for: **Firesmart BC** for useful information. If you have determined that burning debris is your option, make sure to check the venting index before you burn. Looking out the window for a sunny or cloudy day is often not the most accurate predictor of good venting conditions. Search for: **Ventilation Index Interactive Map-GIS Online** This site will ask you to click and agree to it's terms and conditions. The first paragraph is a rather short read, which includes a link in blue: "Read more about the requirements of this regulation"... Following the venting conditions and requirements will greatly reduce the chance of smoking up the neighborhood. Another informative site can be found by searching: **open burning bc** This site explains the different categories of fires and their burning requirements.

This might also be a good time of year to talk to your neighbors about how to improve your neighborhood's response to a fire or other emergencies. The Province has prepared a very useful and easy to follow brochure to help neighbors make plans to deal with emergencies. The idea is that small clusters of homeowners can respond in an organized manner. An online copy of the brochure can be found by searching: **Neighborhood Preparedness Guide...** There are also hard copies of this brochure circulating around the community. I have ordered more of these brochures and will put them out at convenient locations when they arrive.

### REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH OKANAGAN (RDNO)

For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview  
Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake,  
Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.



**Allysa Hopkins,  
Regional Director**

Cell: 250 241 1581

Email: [Allysa.Hopkins@rdno.ca](mailto:Allysa.Hopkins@rdno.ca)

## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.  
Please confirm information every six months.

### Clark Boyz

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Allen 250-838-6062  
Brad 250-838-6326

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### 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:janetbrownphotgraphy@yahoo.com



**North Mabel Lake buy/sell/free**



To whomever organized games at the Hall for Tuesday afternoons in January.  
Thank you.

John and I were unable to come in January. In February when I went to attend, the newsletter no longer had that activity. So for next winter if you are thinking of a games afternoon again, count me in.

Brenda Heywood

## PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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

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

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100)  
or 6 months or less for \$50

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.

## BABY WELCOME FUND

The Kingfisher Community Society is pleased to announce the establishment of a Baby Welcome Fund.



This fund is made possible through a generous donation by local residents (who wish to remain anonymous).

The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from a Director. The family must reside in Kingfisher at the time of the birth.

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### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

- Chair.....Jacky Clark ..... 250-838-6062
- Secretary.....Laura Jameson ..... 250-838-6379
- Treasurer.....Michele Huntington..... 250-838-7477
- School & Memberships .....Suzanne Clark..... 250-838-6248
- Hall Bookings/Entertainment...Sydney Graham ..... 250-574-5725
- Promotions.....Rhea Davidson.....lavenderlotusbeauty@gmail.com
- Librarian & Memberships .....Sherry Saunby..... 250-838-5660
- Maintenance & Supplies .....Greg Clark ..... 250-838-0292
- Kowyn Hibbert ..... 250-938-6025



### Kingfisher School Contact Information

- School Manager .....Suzanne Clark..... 250-838-6248  
Email: queenb47@telus.net
- Kingfisher Country Quilters.....Lisa Miner..... 250-838-7128  
Email: lisamarie31ca@gmail.com
- Librarian.....Sherry Saunby..... 250-838-5660  
Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE JANUARY 2023



*SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY*

Your membership is valued and important to the whole Kingfisher Community, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions or ideas for improvement.

## FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Suzanne Clark  
T: 250-838-6248 | Email: queenb47@telus.net

### Kingfisher Library: Wednesday

11am - 1pm

Sherry Saunby | 250-838-5660 | Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

**MAIL:** Suzanne Clark

#33 Kingfisher Road, Enderby V0E 1V5

(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)

OR

**E-TRANSFER:** kingfisher3337@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address



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Email photos and news items to Robin:  
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Or call, 250-574-3572 | 250-838-5615

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.