
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

Meet Your Directors

Hi Sandra Scott here.

I was born in Saskatchewan, and moved to the Okanagan when I was 13. I moved to Calgary for my career and I spent about 30 years in Calgary working for an Oil & Gas Company.

My husband was flying his plane in this valley when he noticed the airstrip - we came back to investigate the area and the rest is history. We get to live in this beautiful place called Mabel Lake and consider ourselves blessed to be here.

I am the coordinator for the Fire Preparedness group in this area, and with a great deal of help and donations, we have an amazing array of fire fighting equipment and ongoing training is being offered.

Sandra Scott
Treasurer & School



HALL CLEAN UP
Saturday April 13
9 am - 1 pm

If possible, bring a Rake
Snacks, Tea, Coffee and hot
chocolate will be provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME

AGM and Summary of Activities for 2023

Thank you to those who joined the Directors at the AGM on Saturday the 23rd. Directors gave their reports and presented the financial statements for 2023. Financial statements are posted at the Hall. New Director Pat Burnett was welcomed, making the group 9 members strong with all current Directors agreeing to stay on.

In 2023, the hall was used 312 times! These included a variety of activities, events and rentals.

The Directors held 10 meetings in 2023. During the year, 11 community members attended for a variety of reasons: starting a first responders group, making a donation, collaborating on event planning, new parents and baby came for Baby Welcome cheque, a pickleball rep requesting help to get funding for resurfacing tennis court, History committee requesting support for and sponsorship of a funding application to RDNO for history project signage.

Typically, the Directors do not take on new initiatives but offer our support and suggestions.

Other highlights include:

- Agreed to share Chairperson Role.
- KCS Scholarship Committee disbanded as the number of graduates is much reduced.
- Updated Scholarship application and requirements.
- Reviewed and updated the position descriptions for each role. Each Director is documenting the 'how to' details of their role to assist the transition to new Directors as part of succession.
- Agreed to the temporary placement of a storage shed on hall property to house Mabel Lake Water Utility equipment. RDNO pays a nominal annual fee for the use of the site.
- Signed the school lease agreement.
- Old playground structures removed.
- With the resignations of 2 Directors during the year, two new Directors joined: Sandra Scott in September 2023 and Alana Brookes in early 2024.
- Created and approved a new hall rental policy. Thanks to Riverside hall for sharing their policy with us.
- Started the 'Meet the Director' articles for the newsletter.
- Hired new Janitor, Teri and Colin of OKGN Maintenance

Thanks you to our behind the scenes volunteers:

Robin Gubler- newsletter editor

George Jameson – newsletter distribution (pickup, mailing, emailing)

Jan Lacko - putting the signs at the halfway hill

2024 recent news

Funding for a kitchen renovation and purchase of new water heater has been offered by RDNO. A meeting will be held the hall on April 2nd - 7 pm to share ideas for the kitchen renovation. Community members welcome.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Grounds Maintenance Services · Kingfisher Hall **Deadline for proposals is April 9, 2024**

Kingfisher Community Society is seeking proposals for Grounds Maintenance Services for Kingfisher Hall including the playing field and grounds surrounding the Hall and School. The contractor will ensure the area is regularly mowed and weeds trimmed. The contractor is required to provide their own equipment and have Worksafe coverage.

All interested parties must complete a proposal package.

For a proposal package, email the Kingfisher Community Society Secretary, Laura Jameson at kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com

MABEL THE MARMOT CELEBRATION



Mikenna beat all comers including some pretty competitive men in musical chairs. Those guys didn't know they were competing against a roller derby queen.

The first annual Mabel the Marmot reveal was a huge success. More than fifty attendees came to the hall hoping our local marmot would make an appearance. The food was amazing thanks to our wonderful community potluck, Sydney's pulled pork and Alana's birthday cupcakes. The kids were treated to a visit to the marmot hole fishpond to claim a prize. We also had four rounds of Madhatter musical chairs which got pretty competitive in the adult round. Laura made an informative quiz about marmots so we learned a lot about Mabel. After supper a shadow appeared and Murray coaxed Mabel out of her burrow with his guitar and a magic song. People lined up to get their picture taken with Mabel before we had to say goodbye 'til next year.

This event was made possible with many volunteers, so thanks go out to Sandra Scott, Sue and Jerry Leavitt, Pat Burnett, Patty Murray, Barb and Emily Freisen, Laura Jameson, Sydney Graham, Alana Brooks, Terry Price, Jan Lacko and Murray McDonald (who was our guiding light).

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|  PICKLEBALL | <h2>DROP IN PICKLEBALL</h2> <p>KINGFISHER HALL MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9-11AM</p> |  PICKLEBALL |
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KARATE NEWS

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL



The 18th annual Calgary Cup Tournament was held on March 16th with over 400 participants attending from Dojos all over Canada.

This tournament has become one of the largest Kyokushin Karate events in North America. Kingfisher Dojo was excited to attend with our two star fighters, Adam Christian and Ayden Meidema. Ayden's family also joined to cheer us on. Being the smallest Dojo in attendance made the competition challenging but our guys stood up and accepted the task at hand.

Ayden put up a strong defense, using his footwork and powerful technique to fend off an older and highly ranked opponent until into the last half of the fight when a full point was scored by the Calgary club fighter ending the round.

Adam had a very strong performance winning two of his three fights, earning a 3rd place finish in his division.

As Shihan Bobby Lowe, a senior instructor and mentor would point out, there are no losers here, only winners. Everyone learns and leaves a tournament with a new respect for others. With that in mind we now look forward to the Canadian Championships in Vancouver on May 4th, Star Wars Day! May the force be with us!

left to right: Ayden, Shihan Terry, Adam

TRAINING TIMES:

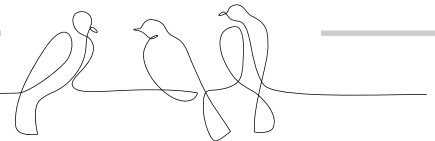
WEDNESDAY
7 - 8:30 pm

SATURDAY
8:30 - 10 am

Class suitable for
ages 12+

Counting Our Winter Birds 2024

Submitted by: Jan Lacko



One week after we were in the grip of -30 degree C temperatures, it was +1 degree C January 21, the day of this year's Kingfisher bird count. Six volunteers were out and spotted a total of 345 birds across 25 species.

Common winter residents were spotted. We saw nuthatches, pine siskins, goldfinches, black-capped and chestnut-backed chickadees, Stellar's jays, dippers, ravens, crows and three kinds of woodpeckers. On and near the water we saw Trumpeter swans, many Mallards, Barrow's Goldeneye, Common Mergansers, Eagles, and heard a Kingfisher. Though they were seen during the count week, we couldn't count Ruffed Grouse, Barred Owls, Great Blue Heron, Canada Geese, Black-billed Magpies or the Pacific Wren.

Two Pied-billed Grebe were counted on Mabel Lake. These small, chunky, very brown swimming birds have two distinct vertical bars on each side of their bills. Other notable sightings were a group of fifty European Starlings and eight Ring-necked ducks.

We missed seeing Bufflehead, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Juncos, and Red Crossbills on this year's count. Maybe our unusual weather conditions made these usual visitors hard to find. The count was again a great way to pause and appreciate the diversity of our environment. The potluck was fun, the food was great, and we hope you'll feel welcome to join us next time!

FUEL LOAD REDUCTION

April 2024 Submitted by Herb Latchko

Rain is good...

It's been great to have some warm sunny days. But, here a few quotes from the BC Wildfire Service Seasonal Outlook:

"As of February 1, the BC River Forecast Centre reported an extremely low provincial snowpack, averaging 61 per cent of normal across British Columbia. The low snowpack will limit surface runoff, stream flows, and fuel moisture recharge which could limit drought recovery into summer 2024."

"The current long-range forecasts suggest a high potential for an active spring wildfire season in British Columbia. Once fuels and forests are snow-free, elevated fire activity is anticipated this spring. A spring wildfire season is common in British Columbia."

"May and June are typically the rainiest months in the B.C. Interior. The amount and duration of rain events during this period influences the length and intensity of the core wildfire season. Conditions have the potential to improve if widespread, continuous rain is received this spring. It is too early to tell though; long-range weather forecasts, especially for precipitation, are unreliable. However, meteorologists are skeptical that sufficient rainfall will occur. Until we experience significant and prolonged rains, the elevated drought will continue to support the potential for easy ignition and rapid wildfire growth."

If you search BC Wildfire Seasonal Outlook, you will find a page or two of more information as well as an hour and a half video with several speakers on related topics.

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, cloudy or rainy 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"... By following the venting conditions and requirements you 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 many more of these brochures. When they arrive, I will put them out at convenient locations. You can also easily order brochures and have them mailed to you by scrolling down on the above search to find the Crown Publications link.

A spring wildfire season before "green-up" is common in British Columbia. Most of the spring and fall fires are human caused. Burning to reduce the fuel load is a recognized method if it is done with caution and under the right circumstances. At the time of this writing, there are already fire bans in parts of British Columbia.

There may be an opportunity for firefighter training this spring. If interested, please call 250-838-6525 and I will try to connect you to that training. If in the past you have taken the S100 basic training, you can go online and search for the S100 a course and re-certify.

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We also make baby quilts for all the new Kingfisher babies!

For more information contact:

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours are 11:00 AM until
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Kingfisher School

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BABY WELCOME FUND

A fund operated by the Kingfisher Community Society.

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.



Closed for the Season.
See you in 2024!

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11am - 1pm



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Or call, 250-574-3572 | 250-838-5615

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