

# SACA Newsletter

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## President's Message

With Spring here, it is time to plan and implement the projects and ideas that have come up over the past year. In addition, we would like to sincerely thank Mr. Wilmer Marks and Mr. John Watson for their work as past directors.

The big item is the reconstruction of our wharf which should be completed by the end of April. This has been a complicated and ongoing project but thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the committee members, a replacement structure has been put in place. We would like to especially thank Ron Kriese without whom this construction project could not have been undertaken or completed with the funds we had available.

Last fall, several community members volunteered, along with Lloyd Porteous and his excavator, to place a drainage system around the north and east side of the hall to correct our drainage problem. This was to compliment the work done by Ron Kriese and his crew and machinery in installing the main outlet drain and dry well.

The community applied for and received a \$6350.00 grant from the BC Gaming commission to cover some of our operating costs plus purchase some more new tables—we plan on 10 new tables and 96 padded stacking chairs. This along with receiving notice of a further \$2000.00 Grant in Aid from the CSRD means we will have funds to construct a storage area for the tables & chairs at the end of the wheelchair ramp so as to be accessible directly from within the hall and free up more area in the hall itself.

The Summer Sizzler last year was a well organized success that again was only possible through the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers. This function provides our only large influx of funds, other than grants when available to keep our Association going. The plan is to host a Summer Sizzler this summer – but this can only happen if we can count on our volunteers.

There were a limited number of winter events, the first of which was a special Remembrance Day service. Helena Davidson and her theatre group again put on a Christmas production that lived up to the standard her group has set. Leeann Herechuk and her volunteers organized another great New Year's dance & celebration—thanks to all involved. There were some games nights organized throughout the winter and while I am sure people would like to see more events, we need new volunteers to step up to organize these—our core group can only do so much & we really need volunteers so people don't get "burned out"—especially with our small winter population.

**Our General Meeting is to be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am.** We hope to see as many members as possible there. Also we ask that, with so many directors planning on not running for re-election, you would consider who you would like to see running our community for our Annual General Meeting on Labour Day Weekend.

**Lorne Bradley  
Vice President**

### **Waterline Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, August 5, 2007 - 7:00 PM  
Seymour Arm Community Hall

### **Your current SACA Board of Directors As of October 2006 is:**

		term end
President:	Wayne Grant	Oct/07
Vice President:	Lorne Bradley	Oct/07
Treasurer:	Chris Dirks	Oct/08
Secretary:	Judy Reimer	Oct/07
Directors:	Bob Beebe	Oct/07
	Don Honeychurch	Oct/07
	Bob Morrow	Oct/08
	Doris Porteous	Oct/07
	Lloyd Porteous	Oct/08
	Lorraine Thomson	Oct/07

## **SACA**

**Seymour Arm Community  
Association**

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### **Membership Dues:**

\$10 / person / year  
October - October

### **Hall rental:**

Contact Doris Porteous @ 833-2316

## THANK YOU

The spirit of this community is shown by the contributions of its volunteers. Without their continued efforts, we would lose the ability to participate in the many events this small band of people help to organize.

We would like to extend our gratitude & appreciation to the individuals that bestow their time & energy to make these events possible.

On May 14, 2006 the marvellous men of Seymour arm outdid themselves by organizing an absolutely fantastic Mother's Day Luncheon. There were over 40 people in attendance & all the ladies were presented with a long stemmed rose. The gals greatly appreciated the effort of the guys and look forward to next year's Mother's Day Lunch.

Not to be outdone, the ladies of Seymour Arm prepared a roast beef feast for Father's Day with over 50 people attending. All the dads were given Scratch 'n Win tickets to celebrate their Special Day.



The Annual July long weekend horseshoe tournament is always a summer highlight along with the Canada Day celebration sponsored by Kelly's Restaurant. The kids enjoyed games & snacks while the the pits were a bevy of competition.

Last summer's coffeehouse brought warmth & laughter to the hall, with the unpredictable contributions of music, poetry & stories from our locals, & talented Shuswap neighbours. Highlights included an amazing story of a winter trip to Sicamous many years ago, to get medication for Guy Collings, related by Alf & Emie Daniels, rivetting fiddles, a feature set by the host band Birchbark, & of course the wonderful homemade goodies & desserts provided by community members. August 11<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date set for the seventh Annual CoffeeHouse. Don't miss it. Better yet, plan to sign up for the open mike.



November 11, 2006: To remember our fallen soldiers - those that helped keep Canada a free country. A short ceremony was held, a story told, a poem read. Thank you to all of our participants, especially our Flag Carriers, Gregory and Maria; our music ensemble, Wilma, Maria, Sue, and Al; and everyone else who joined in song, to honour those long gone. Let us not forget.

The Annual Christmas potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. We had a good turn out & the food, as usual, was great. Gary disappeared early in the evening & while he was gone, Santa appeared with oranges & candy canes for all & gifts for the children.

The Potluck Players staged a show as after dinner entertainment. This year, we did two short plays. The 1st, called "Santa Clause", featured an unlikely cast including a vampire, werewolf, ghoul and various other characters. In spite of this, the performance rated a lot of laughs and reports afterward were that the audience had a good time. The 2nd play, "On Such a Night" was renamed "Still Snowing" by the cast & crew, & as a result, we were blamed for the tremendous amount of snow we had this winter. It was also a big hit with our audiences. I want to say thanks to each person involved in these productions. In no particular order they are: Leeann Herechuk, Hans Uski, Martin Koebler, Karen Antonsen, Lorraine Thomson, Monica Ruggeri & Sue Kyle. Once again it was good fun & lots of work and we look forward to another great performance next Christmas. To round out the evening, Sue Kyle, Alan Bates & John Rivette provided us with carol music with which we all enjoyed a good sing song.



Thank you to everyone who showed up to help out with, to dance and have fun at the 2007 New Year's Eve Dance. There was lots of food to munch on throughout the night, as well as a hot lunch at midnight, a cash bar, 50/50 draw and door prizes. Chris did an awesome job on music, and some great donations were provided which helped turn a profit. An advertisement in the May North Shuswap Kicker was placed to thank the following businesses: Adams River Rafting, Anglemont Inn, Askew's Foods (Salmon Arm), Coopers (Valleyview), Copper Island Pub, Daniels Store &

Marina, Home Hardware (Scotch Creek), Quaaout Lodge, Super Valu (Scotch Creek), Shuswap Lake Park Store, and Sunnyside Market. We almost missed the New Year's Count Down, the glitter-filled helium balloons lost their float overnight, and the glittered balls didn't stick too well to clothing, but there was still glitter everywhere! It's all for fun and everyone had a terrific time at "The Glitter Ball". Looking forward to seeing everyone again for next year's dance!

This Spring, our Easter celebration was a pot luck brunch at the hall. Louise K., Kellie A., & Lorraine T. went over the top with organizing & decorating. Leeann H., Blair D., & Gary L. knocked themselves out in the kitchen. Helena D. organized a delightful Easter bonnet contest. We had everything from Brett K.'s 1<sup>st</sup> place "Chick Mowhawk" to Emie D.'s "Crocus Ice-cream Bucket" bonnet! A wonderful day with enthusiastic participants & many generous donations.



## Community Committees

- Hall Renovation Committee**  
Wayne Grant 403-540-4804
- Hall Maintenance Committee**  
Doris Porteous 833-2316
- Friends of the Library**  
Lorraine Thomson 833-6958  
Helena Davidson 804-6018
- Seymour Arm Forestry Committee**  
Lorne Bradley 804-6245
- Seymour Arm Road Committee**  
Lloyd Porteous 833-2316
- Seymour Arm Theatre Group**  
Helena Davidson 804-6018
- Seymour Arm Wharf Committee**  
Lorne Bradley 804-6245
- Seymour Arm Youth Group**  
Wilma Dirks 804-9112
- Seymour Arm Snowmobile Club**  
Don Honeychurch 403-282-6670
- Seymour Arm Water User's Community**  
Bob Reimer 833-7610
- Southside Water User's Community**  
Lorne Bradley 804-6245

## 2007 COMING EVENTS

May - October

### MAY

- Mother's Day Lunch
- Hall Work Bee and Swing Assembly
- SACA General Meeting
- Recreation Planning Committee Meeting
- Horseshoe Pit Clean-up
- Sunday Horseshoes

### JUNE

- Father's Day Dinner
- Summer Solstice Beach Party

### JULY

- Annual Horseshoe Tournament
- Canada Day Celebration

### AUGUST

- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Sizzler
- Annual Swim Across the Lake
- Swim Lessons
- Water User's Annual General Meeting
- Coffee House

### SEPTEMBER

- Fall Celebration
- SACA Annual General Meeting

### OCTOBER

- Halloween Costume Party
- Games Night

*All events are tentative based upon volunteers & participation. Complete details, including dates & times will be posted at the mailboxes closer to the event. New ideas are always welcome & appreciated. If you would like to become involved or organize an event, please contact one of the SACA directors.*



**The Ladies of the Lake** started off the fall of 2006 with a pot luck harvest dinner.

After a scrumptious meal, presentations were made for the pond & flower garden tour winners. This was a 1<sup>st</sup> time event spearheaded & organized by Marilyn D. Lots of positive input on this project.

Dianna M. graciously offered card-making sessions throughout the year in her home again.

Once more, we had a Christmas pot luck luncheon open to all the ladies in Seymour Arm, proving once again that we have a lot of good cooks in town. It was also great to see a few new faces.

### **AWE's News & Views**

On July 22, we celebrated AWE's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday with a health & wellness fair. This is to be the 1<sup>st</sup> of many health promotions to increase the awareness of health issues. AWE's priority is to focus on healthy lifestyle choices by facilitating the introduction & delivery of programs to help develop appropriate skills & knowledge to make these choices.

In October we did a blanket survey of the community to get a better understanding of what the community needs were in the way of therapeutic services. We wanted the community to identify their own solutions to local health priorities. From the response of this survey, AWE arranged for a certified practitioner of kinesiology, Todd Stone, to visit Seymour Arm in Jan., Feb., & March. He had a total of 39 appointments & was well received.

To celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday in Seymour Arm, we will be hosting an open house & a Seniors Recognition Day, held at the community hall on July 25, from 1pm to 5pm. We will present our senior seniors, those 85 or older, with a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation for their contribution to family, friends & community. We would like to invite everyone to stop in, meet the directors, visit & share your views, thoughts & ideas.

Many thanks to the many people who are supporting the society & its program. Our aim is to build a working partnership between business, community, government & individuals. Our mission is to improve quality of life of the elderly & those coping with disabilities.

Dorothy Marks  
Chair / AWE Society - Seymour Arm, BC



A 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **FIRE DRILL** was organized by Don Honeychurch. Attendees learned several fire fighting skills; although, some of us had a hard enough time throwing out the hoses. A very fun & informative time was had by all.

### **Seymour Arm Sunday Morning Fellowship**

This group continues to meet every Sunday of the year at 11 am. Attendance varies over the year, peaking at about 25 during the summer and falling to as low as 1 or 2 during the depths of winter.

Each Sunday features a different host & they bring their own unique version of worship with them. The group will celebrate its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **"Trail Bits & Bites" from SASC**

*Fellow sledders & other interested parties...Well, our wish of 'Let it Snow' from the end of last season definitely came true for us this year! And because of it we had one of our longest sledding seasons!*



*Our rally on the beach was a great success this year. (Unlike last year when we had to cancel it because of a lack of snow) A fun time was had by all with the participants ages ranging from 5 to 50 'something' (Don't worry Henry T. your secret is safe with me) A new category was demonstrated at the rally this year by a McClurg gang member...I believe it was called 'Driving on the bottom of the lake' (No...it wasn't on purpose!) Special thanks to all those who donated prizes, concession supplies, & for their time. We couldn't have done it without you!*

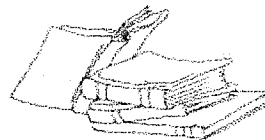
*In February, we held our General Meeting & pot luck supper at the Seymour River Guest Ranch. Thanks again to Harry & Monica Schrott for hosting.*

*An information meeting was held at the Marks' residence with a director from SARCO, a BCSF representative & several of our club members. SARCO is concerned with the depleting number of caribou that 'apparently' are in our riding area. They are attempting to close down some of our riding trails in an effort to increase the herd population. Unfortunately, they do not appear as yet, to recognize the fact that the number of natural predators in the area has been steadily increasing which is no doubt the major contributing factor to the decrease in the caribou's pop. Anyway, hopefully some common sense will prevail & we will be able to enjoy our 'Winter Wonderland' without any further restrictions.*

*Our next meeting is slated for the Thanksgiving Day long weekend in October. In closing, I wish to thank all those involved for trying to keep our area open and of course once again, be thankful for yet another safe sledding season!*

Linda Honeychurch  
SASC Secretary

### **Friends of the Library**



This last year was quite an active one during the Fall & then very quiet over the Winter.

If you are interested in joining Lorraine T., Hans U., Lloyd D., & myself (Helena) on the library committee that meets monthly, please contact me. We are expecting another shipment of books very soon & will be holding a work party in the next few weeks.

**The Library is OPEN every Friday**  
1:00 - 2:00 pm  
*we would love to see you there*