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News about our Community



Ladies of The Lake

The next main event was our annual Snowmobile Rally and Smokie Roast. It was once again a great success. There were about 60 sleds on the beach. (That's participants, volunteers and on lookers combined.) "Thank you" to all of the people who donated prizes, supplies and/or their time to make this event possible.

Our February general meeting and potluck was held at the McClurg's. Our potluck featured a great mixture of international dishes...and what a wonderful display of cultural culinary cuisine it was! A special thanks to Karen Hughes & Monika Schrott who share the position of Social Director and organized our meal. A job well done ladies!

Our next meeting is tentatively slated for the Saturday of the October Thanksgiving weekend.

This year's heavy snowfall has led to more challenging but exciting and enjoyable riding.

One final note... enjoy your riding at Grace Mountain as this may be our last year to ride there legally if the bureaucrats in Victoria have their way. So much for 'us' being able to enjoy 'our' Winter Wonderland!

Once again the Ladies of the Lake hosted the semi-annual Seymour Arm Fall Fair. This time the theme was 'Return to Yesteryear'. The event was a great success thanks to the organizers and, of course, all of the volunteers!

For Christmas the ladies met for a gift exchange and a luncheon type social.

The group is currently in the process of gathering recipes for their 2nd cookbook. As yet however no date has been set for it to go to print.

Later this summer the ladies will again be hosting the pond and garden competition and tours.



Seymour Arm Snowmobile Club

'Trail bits and bites' from SASC

Our sledding season began as usual with the clubs annual/general meeting in October. After the meeting we had our first Octoberfest. It was at the Seymour River Guest Ranch with our hosts being Harry & Monika Schrott who (I must say) did an exceptional job!

SACA Committees

Community Hall Renovation

Friends of the Library

Forestry Committee

Recreation Committee

Road Committee

Wharf Committee

Youth Committee

Clubs and Organizations

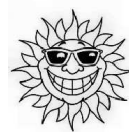
Aging With Ease

Ladies of the Lake

Snowmobile Club

Water Users Community

Theater Group



2008 Summer Sizzler

Aug 2 – 4, 2008

Daily Schedule

7:30-10:30 am pancake breakfast
11:00-6:00 pm concession
11:00-6:00 pm beer gardens

Registration for most events takes place in the morning on Aug 2nd at Don Fink Field

Registration Times and Event Registration will be posted at the mailboxes.

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President's Message

This past year has been a busy year for the community. We have witnessed a surge in growth with many properties sold and new dwellings constructed for the many people that find our community a unique and pleasant one in which to vacation and live. Our community has also been faced with the possibility of major condo development and vacation trailer pad coming to town. At this time we do not know what the development will look like or if it will happen at all. It is thought that the trailer pad part of the development could possibly go ahead this year.

An interesting initiative, the Official Community Plan (OCP), is nearly complete. Once this is signed off by the CSRD, it will provide our community the ability to formalize bylaws to guide and shape our community.

The community has completed the reconstruction of the wharf with an improved steel substructure. This structure will have a much longer anticipated life. The new wharf has an added safety feature with a sidewalk and railing.

Community Parks will be developing Beswick Road into a community park. This will be putting some of your tax dollars to work in our community to provide a recreation spot for the citizens of Seymour Arm.

The 2007 Summer Sizzler was a resounding success and can only be attributed to the generous contribution and dedication of all the volunteers. This event generates the funds required to operate SACA



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and all functions supported by SACA. The 2008 Summer Sizzler is fast approaching and again we need your support to make it a success.

In addition the fall fair was a highlight at the end of summer with a terrific turnout. It is surprising how many skilled gardeners and artisans this community attracts. Other notable functions that merit mention are the Potluck Players that put on entertainment for the Christmas potluck supper. Another function that was very well organized and attended was the New Years festivities with a Chinese supper theme and dance that followed.

I wish to thank all directors that have served in the past and present. In particular we wish to thank those directors that completed their most recent term and have taken a break from the mantle of public service – Doris Porteous, Judy Reimer and Lorne Bradley.

Waterline AGM Sunday August 3rd 7:00

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Hall Rental Please Contact Lorraine Thompson At 833-6958 For Dates And Rates

SACA General Meeting Sunday May 18th 10:00 am
SACA AGM Meeting Sunday Aug. 31st 10:00 am
Seymour Arm Community Hall

New Park For Seymour Arm



Beswick Road Community

Park has been approved by the Parks Commission. It will encompass the road area that lies east of Silver Beach Provincial Park. Plans currently include a grassy area, to replace the current road, a fire pit area on the beach for community wiener roasts and fires, a memorial bench dedicated to Bonnie Grant and also other benches and picnic tables. There will be a roped/buoyed off section in the water for swimming and boat control. Right now 24 parking areas will be available on the top end of the road that bypasses the campground. More information including diagrams can be found on the SACA web site. The community wishes to thank the parks commission for providing this new park area.

Current plans show that it will contain the following:

1. 24 Parking Stalls
2. 2 Garbage Containers
3. 3 Pre-cast Picnic Tables
4. 3 Park Benches
5. 1 Concrete Firepit
6. 264 sq m of beach above the high water mark
7. A roped off/buoyed area for public swimming including a diving platform
8. 1 Leko Vault Toilet
9. 1 Sign denoting the community park

New Wharf Completed

Seymour Arm Community

Wharf has been completed. SACA assumed ownership and operation of the wharf as of March 28, 2002. SACA qualified for \$500,000 over five years which was designated for expenditures such as maintenance, upgrades, operation costs and replacement of the existing structure. The new wharf was completed last summer and should last for many years. Included on the new wharf is a sidewalk and railing. Money has been set aside for ongoing maintenance.



Seymour Arm Waste Transfer Station

Station summer hours start June 15th, Sat., Sun. & Tues from 1 – 5 pm & all holiday Mondays 1 – 5 pm. Special 1 summer hour/week as well as any changes will be posted @ the mailboxes and Daniels Store. Winter Hours are Sat. 1-5 pm.

Seymour Recyclers will be available for garbage pick-up this summer starting July 1st (\$2.50 min/26" X 36" bag) with FREE refundables pick-up of which 25% of the refunds are donated to youth events & prizes. Please put glass refundables in their original package.

We have \$200.00 to sponsor youth events this summer. I am looking for volunteer(s) who want to host or help with any of the kids events throughout the summer.

Contact Wilma @ 250-804-9112 or Box 61 for garbage service or to host a kids event.

Seymour Arm Sunday Morning Fellowship

This group continues to meet every Sunday of the year at 11am. 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 3rd anniversary on the 1st Sunday in May

Your Current Board of Directors are:

President: Bob Reimer

Vice President: Don Honeychurch

Past President: Wayne Grant

Treasurer: Chris Dirks

Secretary: Bonnie Mills

Directors: Bob Morrow

Bob Beebe

Fraser Head

Lesley Milligan

Joleen Timko

Lorraine Thompson

Lloyd Porteous

Membership Dues:

\$10.00/ person /year

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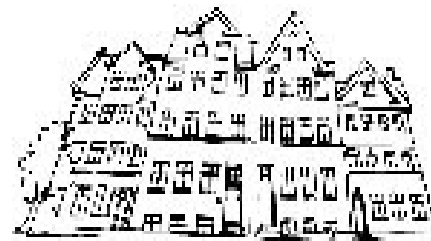
Hall Rental: Contact: Lorraine Thomson or leave a request on our website

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.

Proposed New Development For Seymour Arm



Developers have proposed the possibility of a major condo development and a large vacation trailer park coming to town. At the present time we do not know what the development will look like or if it will happen at all. SACA has an ad hoc committee chaired by Wayne Grant and at the time this article was written this committee has held a couple of meetings with the developers and it looks like the trailer pad part of the development could possibly go ahead this year.

In addition to contact with the developers SACA is also in close contact with our CSR representative. Dennis Delisle has been made well aware of our concerns re this large development proposal. More information may be available by the time of the May long weekend general meeting.

AWE'S News & Views

AWE declared July 25, 2007, Seniors Recognition Day; in which we honored our most senior, seniors, those 85 and older, with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to family, friends and community. There were nine certificates presented at the open house in the afternoon, at the Seymour Arm Community Center. The dignitaries attending the ceremony and presenting the certificates were; Jaclyn Mayes, wife of MLA, Honorable Colin Mayes, George Abbott, B.C.'s Minister of Health and Denis Delisle, local area representative for Seymour Arm. Attending with the dignitaries were five staff from Interior Health.

An open house, to commemorate AWE's

second anniversary in the community, was structured around this event. It was well attended and very informative with a PowerPoint presentation about the organization and the programs that we offer to the community.

The willingness of local government to support AWE with funding and to recognize the problems that our remote, rural setting, presents for our aging population is allowing us take a preventative health approach to our issues. Our aim is to build a working relationship between businesses, community, government and individuals; to provide programs that encourage people to make healthy choices and take action to enhance and maintain healthy lives as they age.

In order to obtain our goals we rely heavily on volunteer commitment. If you have a willingness to make a great community even better and can commit to 10 hours a month to please come, meet our executive and join our team.

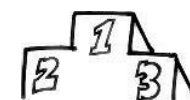
Winter Programs

Dancing for Health is an example of one of our winter programs. It ran for five weeks every Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The instructor was Estrellita Bogdanovic, there were no fees for this program and a healthy snack was provided.

Dorothy Marks
Chair/ AWE Society



Tournaments and Awards



**Horseshoe
Tournament
Winners are
posted on the
SACA website**

New Website Now Online

The community association and the water users group have jointly launched a new website. It can be accessed at:

<http://www.seymourarm.net>

Within this site you will be able to email or leave messages to various members of both SACA and the water user boards. In addition it will provide an easy way for members of the community wishing to volunteer for the many various community committees which are dedicated to meet the needs of people living in Seymour Arm. A calendar is provided to allow viewers to check up on events and various community clubs, societies and activities. The website will also provide links to many other sites of interest both in the North Shuswap area and to other organizations and services that would also be of interest to those viewing the site. The board will be updated on a regular basis making sure that the information posted on the board is timely.

Email Addresses

We would like to make up a mailing list to forward up to date information when appropriate to SACA members. A fill in form will be available at both the spring and fall general meetings and a request will be posted to the website. We would also like to gather a list of phone numbers to enable us to contact members if necessary. All information will be kept private and will not be given to other people/organizations. The general email address for SACA is saca@seymourarm.net or you can leave a message on the contact page of the website.