

# SACA NEWSLETTER 2009

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## News about our community



### Ladies of The Lake

The Ladies of the Lake have had a very good year. The Garden Competition in July was a success. There are several very green thumbs among the ladies. Next we started compiling recipes to have a cookbook made. For now that is an ongoing project.

Then there was a suggestion the Ladies make up goodie bags for the Seymour Arm bachelors. We had several fun meetings decorating the bags and deciding what to put in the bags. By the time we finished the bags they were filled to overflowing. We had a bonfire at the mailboxes to hand out the bags and who should arrive by a horse drawn sleigh but Mrs. Claus herself. A great time was had by all. The gents greatly enjoyed their gifts. Thanks, Mrs. Claus.

Then the Ladies had a fantastic Christmas luncheon at the hall with lots of laughter and food. We are getting very good at gift stealing. We have it down to a science or at least some of us do.

The next big project is to start preparing for the Fall Fair so hope to see you there and if you would like to volunteer for something, please step forward.



### Seymour Arm Snowmobile Club

#### Trail bits and bites' from SASC

The Seymour Arm Snowmobile had another fairly successful year. Our annual fundraiser the rally on the beach and smokey roast turned out OK even though our smokies were stuck somewhere in the Langley area.

The clubs annual meeting and dinner in Feb. was held at John Rivettes. We had excellent prime rib and all the pot luck extras were great as well, thanks to all the members and guests that were able to attend.

After several years of dealing with the BC government on the overblown Caribou issue we have been allowed a permit to ride in a small area of Grace Mountain. Hopefully they will now leave us alone to enjoy our recreation!

It was another heavy snow season with lots of sore muscles from digging sleds out and many machines suffered injuries as well. Thankfully none of our members were injured or killed in avalanches like in other parts of the Province.

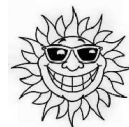
**Revised maps and permit can be viewed on the SACA website**

## 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



### 2009 Summer Sizzler

Aug 1 – 3, 2009

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> at Don Fink Field

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

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## President's Message

Winter has finally passed. It was long and cold with lots of snow but with more sunshine than usual. Spring came late but we are seeing summer visitors and residents starting to drift into our community. Welcome back.

With the slow down in the economy the construction has slowed, though some dwellings are still being built, others being finished from last year.

Your Community Association has been kept busy throughout the winter sponsoring community events such as a Thanksgiving dinner, Halloween party, Christmas Pot luck supper complete with a play by the Pot Luck Players, a very nice New Year's Eve dinner and dance, Easter dinner and a Mother's Day Tea. We will now be gearing up for the summer activities such as the Horseshoe Tournament and the Summer Sizzler.

We will also be having a General Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the community hall. The Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, September 6, 2009 at the hall.

The developers have appeared to become inactive in our area. Properties in town that they supposedly purchased did not close other than the Erlam property. The other potential development of the trailer pads on the north side of town adjacent to the 1100 road and the Seymour River has been quiet with no new information or plans being put forward.

The Official Community Plan will receive final approval at the Ministry level this summer and with that in place we will be able to move forward with bylaws to give our community some input and control over such developments in the future.



### Seymour Arm Community Association

## Fire Truck

Seymour Arm Community Association has acquired a fire truck from CSRD. This was a unit being phased out by Celistia Volunteer Fire Department. The truck is equipped with an 800 gallon tank and an 840 gallon per minute pump. The truck is in excellent condition but lacks equipment such as nozzles, hoses, ladders, fire fighting gear, etc.

We need now to form a fire suppression/emergency response committee to provide direction, recommendations, set protocols and set up a team to operate the unit in the event of a fire. Facilities for this unit will also need to be determined. Training will be coordinated by CSRD.

This is a welcome addition to our community. In the survey of 2006 the second most pressing issue after improvement of the 1000 and 1100 roads was fire protection for our community.

Waterline AGM Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00



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At 833-6958  
For Dates  
And Rates

SACA General Meeting Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
SACA AGM Meeting Sunday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
Seymour Arm Community Hall

## Beswick Road Community Park



The development of Beswick Road Park should begin this summer. License of Occupation has been received from the Department of Highways, the environmental assessment has been completed with an archeological assessment still to be completed. A budget of \$40,000.00 for 2009 has been approved by the CSRD Board of Directors. Work will include cutting back the trees on the provincial park side of the roadway to 66 ft., putting down a gravel base, installing a fire pit at the beach access, placement of buoys in the swim area, installation of garbage cans, a picnic table and a vaulted leak proof toilet. Two park benches have been donated by local residents in memory of loved ones and will be positioned in the park area. It will contain

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

## Perch Removed from Nellies Lake

Perch have been removed from Nellies Lake and later on this year the lake will be restocked with native species fish.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May



### Seymour Arm Waste Transfer Station

Station summer hours start June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Liquid Waste Management Report

The Seymour Arm LWMP passed its third reading - Stage 3 report. Its proposals are to build public awareness (maximum \$25 per lot), to prohibit lake discharge from private sources, to have the CSRD acquire any new community systems that are proposed in the area, to construct a septage facility in the area (\$20 per lot), to have water quality monitoring (\$20 per lot), to have scheduled septic tank pump outs (\$20 per lot), and to introduce a building regulation bylaw (\$5 per lot for the first year and after that it will be totally funded by the homeowner). The intent is that the homes with plumbing be the only buildings considered in the building bylaw; this is to have some sort of control on illegal or improperly installed septic systems. The report is posted on the SACA web site for further information. You can read it online, download it or print it.

## Your Current Board of Directors are:

**President:** Bob Reimer

**Vice President:** Don Honeychurch

**Treasurer:** Monica Ruggeri

**Secretary:** Bonnie Mills

**Directors:** Allan Bates

Mike Clemen

Fraser Head

Diana McConnell

Joleen Timko

Lorraine Thompson

Ken Shaw

John Castle

### Membership Dues:

**\$10.00/ person /year**

### Email:

[SACA@seymourarm.net](mailto:SACA@seymourarm.net)

**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.**

## Information About the Developers

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## Road Upgrade News

The log cutting portion (clearing) has been completed on the 1000, 1020, and 1100. All should place close attention to your kilometer signs as the scenery has changed enough that one is unaware sometimes of their location. They have not yet removed the logs that were cut as I understand they are up for tender. There are numerous landings en route and will, after purchase agreement, likely have logging trucks working to clear these sites. The Calcium is on site at the mill plus work has commenced on the processing of the crush just off the 1000 at about 10.3. They have had a further increase in the amount of crush being produced, but I don't have that number yet. I have also received the following update from the Project Manager, B.C. Government:

"We are continuing to complete our aggregate crushing contract. In snow free conditions we will be assessing the road system for minor upgrades, elevating sub grade in preparation for crush, minor corner realignment,

brushing etc. This work is planned for the summer of 2009. Upon completion of this work we will be letting, a contract for the aggregate crush and calcium placement."

## Check the SACA Website for Updates

## AWE'S News & Views

The society has adopted the theme "A Community in Motion" for the 2009 summer. We will be hosting a Project Kickoff Tent at the July long weekend Horseshoe tournament. Come see us and pick up information on our Community Garden, Walking for Health challenge, St. John's Medical Training course, membership drive, volunteer lotto, Healthy Eats & Treats tent at the Summer Sizzler and a Golf Tournament.

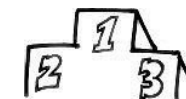
We encourage you to come out and become physically active and participate in our 2009 "A Community in Motion."

Our meetings are the last Monday of each month at 1 PM, at 1259. Liberty Road, Seymour Arm. All members welcome.

Dorothy Marks  
Chair/ AWE Society



## Tournaments and Awards



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

## New SACA Constitution

The new revised Seymour Arm Community Association constitution is ready to be presented to the members of the Community Association. This will be a proposed draft that will allow members to review and put forward any concerns, comments or changes to be included in the draft. The final draft will be presented to the Community Association Annual General Meeting on September 6, 2009 for approval by the general membership. The draft will then be submitted to the Registrar of Companies in Victoria for review and approval.

## SACA WEBSITE

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.