ĀKE AREA (CARIBOO) RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSL

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PSSST Ya gotta see our centerfold in this issue. Everything is bared!lotsa stuff is coming OFF! Whole new view points are opening up. Hoo boy! **************

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Casual boaters often do not understand the serious consequences that can befall them through ignorance or indifference to the laws governing boating in Canada.

Charges can be laid under the Criminal Code of Canada for:

- dangerous operation of a vessel
- · operating an unseaworthy vessel
- towing skiers or tubers improperly
- failing to stop if involved in an accident
- operating a vessel while impaired

If these sound to you much like the laws governing operation of motor vehicles, you would be right. Vehicles and vessels are treated alike under the Criminal Code.

We all carry liability insurance for operating our motor vehicles. Prudent boaters also carry liability insurance for operating a boat. The largest award in Canada to date against a negligent boat operator is reported to be \$1.5 million. Boaters who have the proper equipment on board and who have taken a Boating Safety course are far less likely to have accidents and huge judgements against them.

As of April 1999, new regulations limited age and horsepower and will soon require operators to carry proof of operator competency. Enforcement is happening now. Ticketing for infractions and laying charges just got easier for enforcement agencies.

WATERSKIING, TOWING

Laws governing towing require the tow vessel (which includes jet boats) to have a driver, spotter and seating for everyone being towed. Towing is limited to the hours between dawn and one hour after sunset.

Towing boats are expected to stay well offshore except when starting or dropping a skier. Towing close to shore otherwise constitutes dangerous operation of a

Waterskiing clubs generally follow the convention of taking off at 90° to shore and returning at 45° staying far enough off shore so that the skier can swing in parallel to shore and drop off in shallow water.

New regulations require boats with more than .5m (20") freeboard to carry a "reboarding device not using any part of the propulsion unit" eg. a ladder.

CHECK THE MAILING LABEL on your envelope. The date in the corner is your membership expiry date. If this date is flagged with a coloured Highlighter pen then your membership has just expired and you will have to renew to receive the next newsletter. This full newsletter has been sent to all ratepayers as a public education service.

Memberships may be renewed by mail to GLARA Comp. 5, Site Q, RR 1, 70 Mile House BC V0K 2K0.

************************************* Green Lake Area Ratepayers' MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

legal description of lot if known	fire number & street
full mailing address (one newsletter	per memberchin)

fax available? E-mail? is cheque enclosed? Make cheques payable to Green Lake Area Ratepayers Association. Fees are \$10 per year (most members are opting to pay \$30 for three years) Receipts will not be mailed, but will be available for pick-up at any general meeting, or from the treasurer. Membership expiry date is noted on your newsletter mailing label. Mail to GLARA, site Q, Comp. 5, RR1, 70 Mile House BC, V0K 2K0

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HIGHLIGHTS OF AGM

GLARA held its annual general meeting in the N. Green-Watch #2 firehall, August 7 1999. There was a good turnout on a nice sunny saturday morning.

Chairman Dennis Tupman called the meeting to order with the fire siren at 9:37am, then gave a concise summary of GLARAs representations to various levels of government and their representatives or agents.

Treasurer's report

Cash on hand \$51.56

Dues collected at meeting \$100.00

Chequing account:

held for years 2001-2003 \$2280
available for current year \$5331.60
(water stewardship budget \$3181.13 left)

total \$8611.60 Term Deposit \$5000

TOTAL assets \$13763.16

GLARA has 269 paid up members.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

CAMPFIRE BANS

GLARA will again write to government departments requesting that BC Forestry campfire bans in an area include all BC Parks in the area too. If a ban is called for, there must be no exceptions.

S. GREEN ADDRESSES

S. Green property fire numbers have been accepted as official addresses by the BC government. This is apparently an unusual event, but the logic that went into developing the system was sound. All agencies agree that it is easy to find your way around on S. Green because the lot numbers correspond to the access roads and every property has been numbered consistently. The original volunteers who worked on that are to be congratulated.

Postal addresses, being Federal and therefore marching to a different drummer, will continue to be RR#1, site_, comp_70mile House BC V0K 2K0

GREENBELT COMMITTEE REPORT

Gordon Labinsky posted several maps of our area showing the history of logging in our GreenBelt. Areas logged up to the early 1960's were basically "high-graded" for Douglas Fir. As a result the early logging was quite selective, generally only taking 4% of the trees. The market for Pine/Spruce developed in the 1960's. As most of Cariboo is Pine/Aspen, the logging was generally clearcuts, leaving only the "weed tree" Aspen. In the last decade a booming market has opened up for Aspen as the main species used in the production of OSB (oriented strand board, a plywood substitute). Now every tree in the Cariboo has a market.

Gordon reported on the newest "five year plan" by BCFS which has identified 15 PROPOSED smaller sized cut-blocks in the S. Green area. They will be "clearcut with reserves". It was also noted that all Crown Lands in the area will be subject to logging sooner or later. Our input may modify plans to take into account things our ratepayers find important. The time to make your wants and needs known is while these things are in the planning stages.

Gordon said he and his committee had impact on the last cutblock proposals. After on-site viewing and discussions re visibility, some blocks were moved or adjusted to meet our concerns. Gordon feels BCFS and Ainsworth are listening to us.

In answering questions, Gordon noted that Aspen had an 80 year life; Lodgepole Pine 100 years, and D-Fir 250 years. Most of our Crown Lands have never been logged. They are in fact old growth, but in the BC interior, old growth trees are not ancient and have actually all been renewed since Europeans first moved through BC 200 years ago. (ed. note: Also, most of the Chilcotin/Cariboo has been burned over with most fires raging during the Gold Rush of 1858 and railroad building in the late 1800's.) The Forest Practices code dictates that adjacent cutblocks must have "greened up" before the next block can be cut. Green-up means trees about 3m (10') which might take 10 or more years.

Gordon has developed the map in our centerfold showing the latest cutblock proposals, which range in size but are smaller than previous cutblocks.

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GREENBELT CONCERNS

Forestry has unveiled their next "five year plan". Of concern to many who have viewed the map of the 15 (fifteen!) proposed cutblocks is their density and locations. These cutblocks will each be about 12 -15 hectares in size. They are all planned for the area south of South Green Lake road and north of Bonaparte road from that junction to Access 7. They propose running logging trucks on S. Green road. All new logging roads will be "deactivated". To see what these cutblocks will look like, check out the one just logged last fall in the same area. These will be virtually clearcut. They will straddle existing snowmobile trails. They will impact on known wildlife corridors. And although Forestry claims they will not be cut before 2001, they have made these plans to cut before outstanding Land Use issues still on the table, have been resolved.

GLARA directors have taken for granted that logging will take place in our Greenbelt area. Logging per se is not the problem. Reducing the size of cutblocks is commendable, but then putting 15 into an area where only one or two could have been expected is being viewed by some as "game playing" and punishing by BCFS. We would expect too that deactivated roads would be put back into production and not just be blocked by falling Aspens across them.

GLARA directors have discussed some options and arrived at what we hope will be well supported

compromises and actions.

- 1. We want BC Forest Service to show good faith by withdrawing cutblock plans in our Greenbelt area until all the outstanding land use issues have been resolved.
- 2. When logging is done we want all commercial logging trucks to use N. Bonaparte Road and have none at all using S. Green Lake Road.
- 3. We want BCFS to realise that the economic well being of our area includes catering to existing healthy recreational activities. This includes maintaining minimal visual impact of clearcuts to users of existing trails, avoiding damaging trails and keeping wildlife corridors intact.

We prefer to work with BCFS, et al, to see that the needs of all users of our Crown Land Greenbelt are given equal consideration. We will continue to present our needs through the various committees and other channels open to us. However anyone concerned with the BCFS five year plan as shown on the map in this newsletter should not leave the issue in the hands of "the few". All are encouraged to make their views known. As well, so that GLARA is up-to-date on members' views, it would be appreciated that a copy of any letter sent to BCFS, Ainsworth or politicians etc. also be forwarded to GLARA.

Anyone wishing to take an active role regarding this issue should call Greenbelt Chairman Gordon Labinsky. Gordon's active committee is as follows:

Gordon Labinsky, chairman, his career was with Federal Fisheries;

Bruce Gilmore, holds a degree in Forestry;

Alan Boyd, owner/operator Gemini Services Ltd a custom Logging Company; also Chairman South Cariboo Community Health Council

Dave Claxton, GLARA director; Dennis Tupman, GLARA chairman.

To assist those wishing to write a letter expressing their views, Gordon Labinsky has produced the following list:

The Honourable David Zirnhelt Minister of Forests / Cariboo MLA Room 128, Legislative Buildings Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Mr. John Allen, Deputy Minister Ministry Executive 4th Floor, 595 Pandora Ave. Victoria BC V8W 3E7

Janna Kumi, Assistant Deputy Minister Operations Division 4th Floor, 595 Pandora Ave. Victoria BC V8W 3E7

Mr Mike Carlson, Regional Manager Cariboo Forest Region 200 - 640 Borland Streen Williams Lake BC V2G 4T1

Mr Mike Cleaver, BCFS District Manager 300 South Cariboo Hwy 100 Mile House BC V0K 2E0

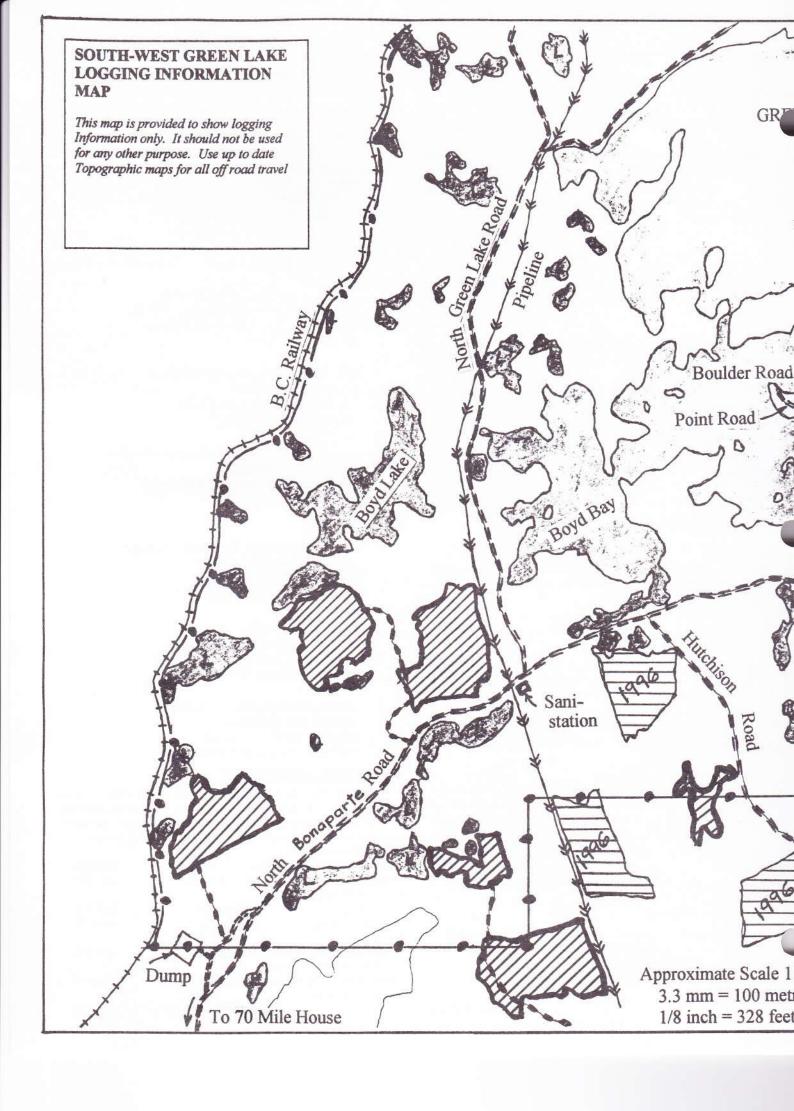
Ainsworth Logging Company attn Mr Ian Hamilton PO Box 67 Exeter Road 100 Mile House BC V0K 2E0

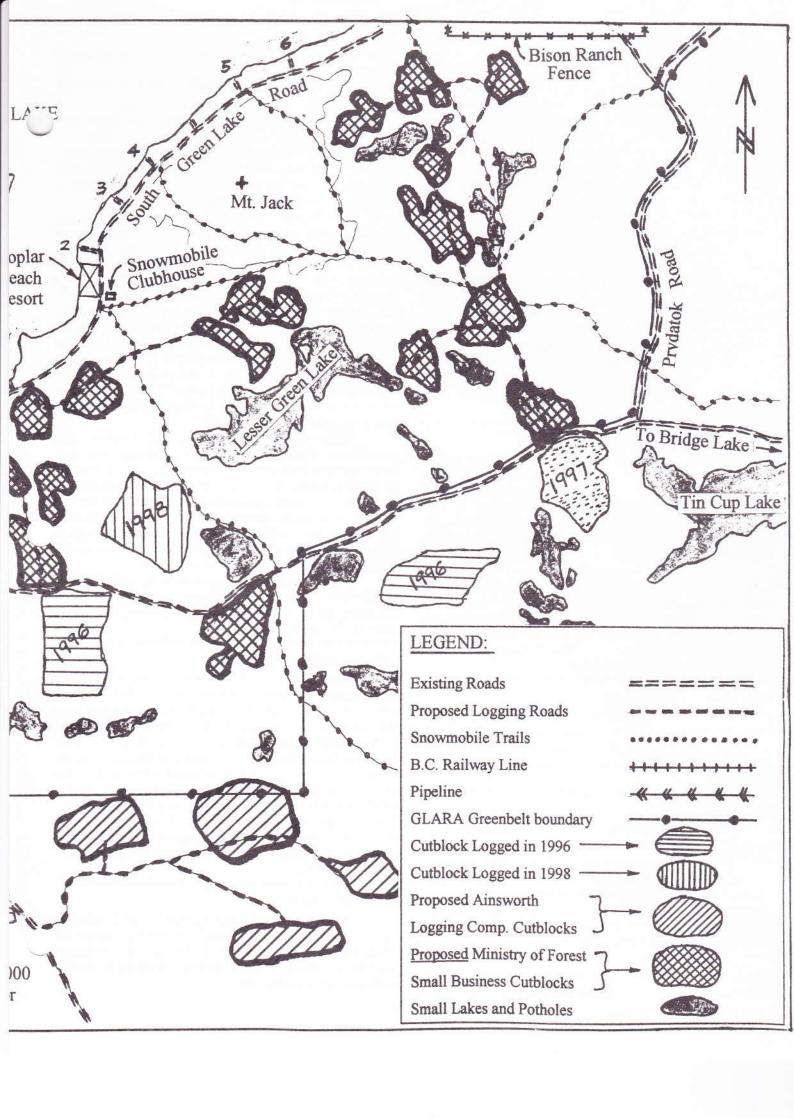
BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The following is a listing of members who provide services in our area. There is no charge other than a membership (\$10) to be listed. Register with the treasurer, GLARA provides this listing as a service to members and has not screened for quality or reliability of services. BUSINESS SERVICES

 Accounting & Tax 	Preparation L. Caterer	456 7526
•Furniture Refinish	ing by Anna Louise Fortin	456 2472
PERSONAL SERV	VICES	
•Hair Cutting	Karin Forbes	456 7740
 Foot Reflexology 	June Bourke	456 7752
SUPPLIES		
•Food, Meals, Gas	Little Horse Store & Restaurant	456 7524
ACCOMMODATI	ON/FOOD	
·B&B, Bakery, Gr	p Restaurant Colleen Leyland	456 7457
GARDEN NURSE	RY	
 Shelby Gardens 	Rafield Road, Little Pressy	456 7682

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OLSEN'S BUTTE

Olsen's Butte was in a five year reserve, not Park reserve as we were lead to believe. This means that it can be logged for "visual values" and may become a Forest Service Recreation site. However the ban on mining claims remains in effect. Ethyl Fouchier, our resident Olsen's Butte watchdog, has no concerns at this time. She said she has had positive dealings with Forestry and Mines personnel. In fact Ethyl's exact words were these Mines and Forestry people are younger men who know the needs of a woman."

TNRD 70 Mile DUMP

Barry Roman pleaded with members to do everything they could to see that dumping is done according to the signs. When dump sites are mixed, such as plastics and rubber contaminants in the wood/brush site, they all have to be removed by hand. The TNRD answer will be to put an attendant on site to monitor dumping and to charge a fee per vehicle.

[ed note: This is exactly what has been in effect in the lower mainland for years. There is a total ban on some substances such as gypsum board which must be trucked to a separate recycling depot which charges by the pound.] The predictable result of charging is an increase in roadside dumping and dumping in Parks, rest areas and schools containers

ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Bob Craig reported that the voluntary S Green roadside cleanup picked up four truck loads of litter this year. The Highways department recognised the effort with a \$500 donation "toward something on the Lake".

HELP WANTED

GLARA directors feel that their mandate is to represent everyone in this area, even if it runs contrary to any individual director's views. That is how we view the democratic process. Also, anyone willing to help GLARA directors by working on resolving any community issues, is invited to call our chairman, Dennis Tupman and volunteer. We do get spread thin at times. S. Green reporter wanted.

Sandy Gould has done a fine job of representing S. Green in the Free Press for many years. However she has now stepped down and we no longer

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have that voice. Sure would be nice if someone volunteered to take it over.

USER FEES [editor's comments]

The trend seems to be towards user fees everywhere. I was a strong supporter of user fees. After all what could be more logical than having users pay for what they used. Remove that item from the property tax and let it be self supporting. I want to apologise. I was wrong. I was naive.

The tax burden was not shifted. We all still pay the same taxes, but no longer get the services we used to get. Now we have to pay. I remember when all provincial campsites were free. Last year we lost the free Forestry Service campsites. This year BC Parks is charging \$2 to dump at the sani stations. Everywhere I RV outside of BC, dumping is at my campsite or at a central place on site and is free. Hwy. rest areas all over N. America have free dumpsites. Could it be that that the alternative to free dumping is illegal dumping? Could it be more expensive to clean up that pollution than it is to provide free dump sites? Places in Mexico are a mess which disgusts touring RVers. BC may really become "Mexico North".

When the service was included in our tax bill, politicians found it difficult to increase the tax. However now that they have user fees, it is easy to individually bump them up. Divide and conquer. We now have to mount a protest on every user fee service to fight increases, whereas before we could channel our energy into resisting tax increases. Pretty smart move on the politicians part; pretty dumb move on our part not to have anticipated the outcome.

There has been an incident of an RVer dumping his holding tanks on S Green access #2; and that was when the service was free. We can look forward to more of the same.

LIFEJACKETS

The law as yet does not make the wearing of lifejackets or personal flotation devices (PFDs) mandatory. You need only have them on board. Lets keep that discretion. If you encounter conditions with cold or rough water, wear them. Children must always wear them, for they often move around and do not have the experience to avoid a fall overboard. Cold water can incapacitate even medal winning swimmers. Wearing a PFD when boating in cold water is a must.

Coast Guard reports that 40 % of young men who drowned, were recovered with their fly open! They also were not wearing PFDs because they had no intention of falling in.

CRATER LAKE

Gordon Labinsky reports that "Goal 2 Submission for Protected Area Status" has been accepted for Crater Lake. Expect to hear an official announcement this fall for this new Class A Provincial Park. Public participation does pay off.

NEW BOATING REGULATIONS

As of April 1 1999, the Federal Government proclaimed new boating regulations. These will impact on all water craft, both powered and unpowered, (like sailboards) and on all operators of powered boats of any horsepower, even those with just an electric motor

The good news is that the government is not getting any money out of this. Any fees go to the profit and non-profit groups authorised to administer the

Boat Operator's Permit system.

You are encouraged to pick up a copy of the Canadian Coast Guard's Safe Boating booklet, available at government agent offices, and all Shell and Turbo gas stations. This is a new reprint this year and has all new regulations flagged with a green exclamation mark. The booklet is free.

The Coast Guard and RCMP have been on Green Lake at least three times this summer, enforcing the new regulations. Up to this writing in mid August, we understand they have been only issuing \$200

warning tickets.

1. In effect now is new equipment required on all watercraft. Most must now carry a 15m buoyant heaving line and a watertight flashlight in addition to previous requirements such as a sound signal, bailer

- 2. Also in effect now are the age and horsepower restrictions. Those under 16 may not operate Personal Watercraft (PWC's ie jet skis, sea-doos etc.) Under 16's are restricted to a maximum 40hp Under 12's are restricted to a maximum 10 hp
- 3. Being phased in over 10 years is the requirement for everyone in Canada to carry on board proof of boating operator competency when operating any powered vessel. (any hp, incl. elec. motors; also includes PWCs)

 Anyone born after April 1 1983 must carry this proof as of September 15 1999.

• Everyone operating a vessel under 4m (13.5') must carry proof by 2002

All others must carry proof by 2009.

The Canadian Coast Guard has set course requirements and has authorised several groups in Canada to grant this proof now called a Pleasure Craft

Operators card (PCO card).

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons with 30,000 paid up members across Canada is a non-profit group that has taught boating safety and competency courses since 1954. GLARA director Jack Wainwright is also the Training Officer for Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron. He has received special "registered provider" status from the National office in Scarborough Ontario to administer tests and courses for the PCO card this summer for the Green Lake-Watch Lake area, Jack held three 8 hour courses this summer with a maximum of 10 per class. Early classes were not filled, but the last class was oversubscribed.

You do not need to attend a class to get the PCO card. You may simply study the CPS Boat Pro manual, available from GLARA \$10 and read the CCG Safe Boating guide (free) and then "challenge" the test (\$20 which covers administration of the test and card). The CPS CCG PCOcard is a wallet sized plastic card. PCO cards are good for life and there are no annual or other charges. The government gets none of the money.

Jack will administer challenge tests at Green Lake on Sunday September 15 for the last time this year. Test takes about 30 minutes. It consists of 36 multiple choice questions and requires a minimum 75% to pass. Call Jack after 9am Sunday Sept 15 if you wish to write the test. Jack Wainwright's number is 456 2256. Tests will be administered at 775 South Green Lake Road. GLARA expects that the program will be offered again next year at Green Lake.

FIREFIGHTERS GET PCO Card free

As a "thank you" for the time and efforts put in by volunteers in our Fire Departments and GLARA, Jack made GLARA the offer of free course instruction (\$30 value) if GLARA would pick up the cost of materials (\$10 manual, \$20 test). GLARA directors approved this expenditure. As a result some 15 firefighters now have the PCO card. ***************

GET YOUR PCO card in BURNABY

Standard costs for this PCO course and card range from the \$60 CPS charge to \$80 some commercial groups charge. For those living in the lower mainland, Jack Wainwright is teaching the course most months through the Burnaby School District adult education program (3 consecutive Thursday evenings) Cost \$60. Challenge test dates have been scheduled for each month in Burnaby. Jack's Vancouver number is 434 3280.

NEW LAW re UNMUFFLED BOATS

As of April 1 1999, vessels that are unduly noisy as a result of no underwater muffling can be ticketed. RCMP have apparently served verbal warning to some of those guilty of operating on Green Lake. Some older jet skis with above water exhausts are also illegal now. RCMP are responding to the thick file of complaints they have received over the last few years. If you wish to have RCMP continue enforcement, it is important to lodge your complaint with them. Do not expect feedback or immediate action, but rest assured that enforcement will be forthcoming. ***************

LEGISLATION AGAINST STUPIDITY Jack Wainwright

Many believe that the new boating regulations came into effect only because a few boaters were ignorant, or arrogantly indifferent to their impact on their neighbours, or just plain stupid...or maybe all of the above. The arrogance of a very small minority enjoying Green Lake has spawned quite a reaction. In my journey through life, I have become aware that what goes around, comes around. Scofflaws sooner or later are punished. Inconsiderate neighbours get no support when they need it. Live and let live applies only when it is reciprocal.

Before fast jet boats were popular, kids were happy with skiffs and small motors. When their inexperience caused a collision, no serious harm was done. Kids on PWCs are now having high speed collisions, and dying! Ergo a law gets passed to penalize the stupid parent who let his kid operate a high speed craft.

A bicycle helmet law was passed to minimize the growing trend of serious head injuries from the new uses of Mountain bikes and the growing conflicts with other street traffic. Now everyone must wear a helmet when using a bike or motor bike. We no longer have the option of using our own discretion, thanks to the stupidity of a few.

At Green and Watch Lakes many parents still not only set a bad example but permit their kids to use dirt bikes, unhelmeted, unlicenced, unsupervised. What stupidity. At Green Lake we have had fatalities and serious injuries as a result of "macho?" attitudes.

RCMP say that our area is the worst regarding dirt bike scofflaws. Tickets are issued, bikes are confiscated, but as one officer noted, you never catch all the fish in the lake. But for the RCMP when they do come in to enforce, it is like shooting fish in a barrel.

GREEN LAKE FISHING REPORT

Ain't no one talkin' much, but rumors abound that last winter's ice fishing was very good, and this summer lots of reports of large trout and big Kokanee being taken by those putting in the time to try for them. I still think that a healthy population of Suckers that feed on the bottom stuff produce lots of baby Suckers that become food for the Trout. I recall that the fishing crashed after there was a concerted effort to decimate the Suckers. It don't pay to mess with Momma Nature!

HEALTH REPORT by Alan Boyd

I wish to thank all the members of our community for their letters and verbal support in expressing the community's needs to our MLA David Zirnhelt and the Ministry of Health.

Though your support we have seen much of our funding needs addressed by the Ministry of Health and Seniors as well as the Ministry of Children and Families.

We had a small operating surplus at the end of the fiscal year March 31 1999, and expect to have a balanced budget in this current year. We have addressed some of the staffing needs in the hospital and have posted positions at Mill Site Lodge. We are also adding one more position to the lab. We still have staffing needs in other areas which will be looked at this year. The "South Cariboo Community Health Centre" is progressing on time and on or under budget. The contractor Spring Valley Ventures Ltd. indicates a completion date of Dec. 01 1999 and after two weeks to correct any deficiencies we expect to take possession of the building. (ie mid Dec.)

Any concerns or suggestions/needs you have would be welcome and we as your Health Council would like to hear them...so write to us at:

South Cariboo Community Health Council

PO Bag Service 399; 100Mile House BC, V0K 2E0

WATER QUALITY TESTING

Dennis spoke to Robert Grace, Biologist for Environment, in Kamloops. GLARA is hoping to set u a partnership with Environment in order to analyze the data from past tests, including the Queens University bottom core samples from Green Lake. By doing this summary we will be able to have a five year story of the lake's quality as well as a comparison between this recent data and the core samples which go back to the last ice age over 12,000 years ago.

This kind of government / citizen partnership is being done on a number of lakes in BC. This is all part of a plan to track what human activity is doing to our

lakes for long term sustainability.

ROAD and NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH(D.Tupman)



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