

The GREEN WATCH

The GREEN LAKE AREA (CARIBOO) RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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RURAL CRIME WATCH

In September Corporal Paul Strader, RCMP Clinton detachment, met with the GLARA executive to describe a crime watch system that links alert citizens to RCMP through a "high tech" system.

A planning Rural Crime Watch meeting was held at the South Green Fire Hall on October 27, 1999. Jim Walch from the TNRD and RCMP Cpl Paul Strader were also in attendance. Bob Daub was appointed the contact for the North Green/Watch area, and Bob Craig for the South Green Lake area. Briefly, the system works like this: an alert citizen calls RCMP, Clinton, to report a crime in progress or suspicious activity etc. RCMP respond by recording the report in their computer. They then command the computer to alert all the registered members in the areas of concern. The computer phones all the members and relays the information. This alert means many observers become aware of the incident of concern which puts them in the position of being able to contribute to reducing crime in the area. Many eyes mean many possible witnesses, which means more problems for criminals to "conduct their business" of ripping us off.

Participants in this Rural Crime Watch (RCW) must pay an annual fee and pass a personal "criminal record check". At this moment, the fee is expected to be \$5 which is enough to cover expenses because the TNRD (Thompson Nicola Regional District) is picking up the rest of the costs. Those living outside the TNRD will have a fee of something in the neighbourhood of \$25. We would expect this RCW to include the whole of our GLARA area. The fees apply only to those signing up as participants in the program.

The Clinton project will have sectors of concern to be alerted, rather than alerting areas where the criminal activity is not relevant. Clinton's sectors will be Green Lake, 70 Mile House, Clinton and Loon Lake. The system is up and running satisfactorily in the Merritt/ Nicola area. Loon Lake initiated our program.

GLARA directors have enthusiastically endorsed the program. The initial plan is to get the program up and running with those who have been involved in our previous crime-watch programs, then expand to all interested residents.

Application forms for membership and consent for criminal record search are available from Bob Craig. Everyone in a household must consent to a criminal record search. These should be completed and mailed to Bob Craig, RR#1 70 Mile House BC V0K 2K0. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need further information call Bob Craig 456 2375 or Lazlo Veto 456 2106. Bob has been appointed to the GLARA board of directors as Rural Crime Watch liaison officer.

RCMP, Clinton, have promised to issue weekly press releases of incidents and results, which we will summarize and report in our newsletters.

THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO MEMBERS ONLY
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.

Memberships may be renewed by mail to GLARA Comp. 5, Site Q, RR 1, 70 Mile House BC V0K 2K0. [or call Marie, our treasurer, to confirm that she will send a Newsletter when she gets your dues] Dues are still only \$10 per year. Most are opting to pay \$30 for three years.

Green Lake Area Ratepayers' MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

name of member applying (one per lot) _____ signature _____

legal description of lot if known _____ fire number & street _____

full mailing address (one newsletter per membership) _____

home phone _____ lake phone? _____ work phone? _____

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, RRI, 70 Mile House BC, V0K 2K0

from the Clinton RCMP BLOTTER:

Sept. 28 1999 at 3:27am Clinton RCMP received a report of a break, enter and theft that had just occurred in the Young Lake area. A vehicle was observed leaving the scene headed towards 70 Mile House. While responding, RCMP noticed a suspect vehicle travelling west on N. Bonaparte Road. The vehicle was stopped in 70 Mile House and several generators were observed inside. A subsequent search was done which discovered several thousand dollars worth of stolen property including generators, chainsaws, power tools, etc. The two occupants of the vehicle were arrested by police and held in custody.

The following day it was discovered that 14 properties had been hit at Young Lake by the duo. Items were taken from only a few of the properties. The two suspects may have gotten away with more if not for the quick thinking of residents who reported the occurrence. The residents immediately called police giving time for the response.

The two accused, Mirko Godfrey KARNER of Surrey BC and Darren Wilfred FAUTEUX of Coquitlam BC have been charged with numerous counts of B&E and Theft and possession of stolen property. The pair were held in custody for a court appearance in Williams Lake on October 1st. The investigation is ongoing and further charges are pending.

ADDENDUM from GLARA by D. Tupman

The pair had night vision glasses, maps of south Green Lake and Young Lake. They operated in a fashion that made them prime suspects for break-ins on our lakes.

Jim Walch, TNRD representative by D. Tupman

Thanks to Jim Walch for his considerable part in setting up the Rural Crime Watch program in our area. He was able to obtain a grant (\$8000) which made the whole program possible in our area. Furthermore he was instrumental in encouraging RCMP to adopt this program.

The Rural Crime Watch program is a high tech and resident support to existing Crime Watch and Citizens on Patrol (COPS) activities in our area.

Jim Walch indicated that this is his last year as the TNRD director for our area. Thanks Jim for all you have done. We appreciate it.

100 Mile Free Press Reporters. by D. Tupman

Many thanks to Flo Gagne for her perennial work on reporting for North Green and Watch Lake. Her faithful and objective reporting for many years now has been a great support for community spirit building in that area.

Flo and Ed Gagne have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as well. Congratulations to you both.

Thanks also to Sandy Gould who has stepped down from her job as South Green and 70 Mile reporter. We know how hard you worked on this job, Sandy and wish to extend our sincerest appreciation for a job well done.

Taking Sandy's place will be Jackie Stroud. Thanks Jackie for stepping into this arduous but important job.

GrnLk GARBAGE DUMP by Uli Junker

In the last meeting of the TNRD's Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee we learned that most of the landfills (& transfer stations) are supervised by one or two persons.

We all know what it means:

- Limited hours of operation,
- High costs for everyone (tipping fees or taxes)
- Variety of items permitted limited,
- Seeing garbage dumped all over our area.

Open burning is still practiced at the Loon Lake and 70 Mile House Transfer stations. All the other stations chip the woodwaste or do not allow to pile it. As long as we can convince the users of our transfer station to pile burnable items on the wood waste pile only; dump no items with toxic contents; separate appliances, tires, etc. and put all the rest into containers, the TNRD will carry on with burning 2 or 3 times a year and our dump will remain free of supervising and free of additional charges.

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 Refinishing	by Anna Louise Fortin	456 2472

PERSONAL SERVICES

•Hair Cutting	Karin Forbes	456 7740
•Foot Reflexology	June Bourke	456 7752

SUPPLIES

•Food, Meals, Gas	Little Horse Store & Restaurant	456 7524
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ACCOMMODATION/FOOD

•B&B, Bakery, Grp Restaurant	Colleen Leyland	456 7457
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GARDEN NURSERY

•Shelby Gardens	Rafield Road, Little Pressy	456 7682
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GREENBELT FISH STOCKING DATA by Gordon Labinsky

The following is some fish information that I received from contacts in Victoria and may be of interest to those of you who enjoy going out on our lakes to drag fish around by the lip or who like staring down a hole in the ice. The key to reading these stats is **RB**=rainbow; **KO**=Kokanee; **FG**=fingerling; **FF** = fall fry; **YE**=yearling.

Lake	Year	Species	Life stage	Average size (g.)	Number
Green	1996	KO	FR	1.3	311,298
	1996	RB	YE	7.2	75,000
	1997	KO	FR	1.0	300,000
	1997	RB	YE	10.4	94,710
	1998	KO	FR	3.4	400,000
	1998	RB	YE	14.9	95,000
	1999	KO	FG	3.7	323,761
	1999	RB	FF	2.0	25,000
	1999	RB	YE	19.2	93,896
Watch Lake	1996	RB	YE	6.4	50,000
	1997	RB	YE	12.1	50,000
	1998	RB	YE	5.1	50,000
	1999	RB	YE	39.0	50,000
Jim Lake	1996	RB	FF	1.5	26,724
	1997	RB	FF	1.1	10,000
	1998	RB	FF	2.2	20,000
	1999	RB	FF	1.4	10,000

Dave Claxton and myself helped out when the Fisheries people were doing the Kokanee egg-take at Watch Creek in Sept./Oct. this year. We were successful in getting about 140,000+/- Kokanee eggs which were taken to Clearwater River Hatchery for incubation and rearing.

We had much better results than last year's take. There seems to be very good survivals from the last two year's fry planting. I have found Kokanee spawning in large numbers in 83 Mile Creek, Watch Creek, the outlet stream from Green Lake down to Little Green Lake, and have even found spawning Kokanee in Nolan Creek.

CARIBOO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

This group is chaired by Bob Daub and involves a group of ranchers, lodges, fishing resorts, restaurants, stores, craft shops in the Green/Watch area. Their purpose is to promote this area as a tourist destination. We are pleased that Larry Borne of the Ace High Resort is now a member of GLARA Board so that we can get first-hand information and representation of this active sector in the Green/Watch area. Some of their promotional activities have been organizing the annual fishing derby in the first weekend of June, posting of informational signs in the region, sponsoring a web page (www.cariboovacations.com), setting up a booth at the sportsman shows in Vancouver (last year in Edmonton), arranging country bar BQ's which are open to all, barn dances, production of an illustrated brochure, and to give input into the Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan.

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Greenbelt Forestry Goals

To clarify what GLARA has been working on and asking of Forestry the following draft objectives are circulated to the membership to invite input.

November 5, 1999

GLARA GREENBELT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO FORESTRY – **Draft Document**

Overall **goals** For GLARA and our Greenbelt

1. To protect the natural landscapes and water features that attracted most of us to the area, and the quality of life for us and future generations.
2. To continue to collaborate with forestry officials to clarify what level of logging will occur within our Greenbelt in those Crown Lands that will be designated “Backcountry” in the Sub Regional Plan process.
3. To attempt to have our Greenbelt area, presently designated as an Enhanced Resource Development Zone, treated as a Special Resource Development Zone like the rest of the Interlakes area.

Desires for the area to fulfill these goals for GLARA.

1. To aim for **certainty** and **reasonable predictability** in what is to happen in the Greenbelt regarding future logging.
2. To develop collaboratively with Forestry officials a long-range sustainable logging plan for the area.
3. To underline with Forestry officials the need to preserve biodiverse habitat values in the area.
4. To ensure that visual buffers are maintained in cut blocks besides registered trails and roads, and to protect existing viewsapes.
5. To where possible to keep to the minimum the construction of new roads when logging in the area, and to keep these roads to as close to 10 meters (33 feet) as possible in width.
6. To protect existing registered recreational trails in the Greenbelt.
7. To work cooperatively with Forestry officials to protect existing motorized trails and where appropriate and feasible create new trails in planned wildlife, no-logging corridors. (Some of the trails will be walking, non-motorized trails only.)
8. To protect recreation and tourism opportunities in the area.
9. To protect fishing and hunting opportunities in the area.
10. To protect grazing opportunities in the area.
11. To protect our park lands from the impact of logging.
12. To discourage wherever possible logging traffic on existing paved roads immediately adjacent to Green Lake, North Green, Watch Lake, and South Green Lake Roads.
13. To communicate with the membership the progress, concerns, and objectives related to logging in our greenbelt, and to invite input.

GREENBELT REPORT by Gord Labinsky

On Aug. 18/99 we were on a walkabout with several Ainsworth Logging Co. staff to address and hopefully resolve some of our concerns regarding their proposed cutblocks in the Jim Mt/ Tin Cup area south of Green Lake. Ainsworth has 8 proposed cutblocks in this area of which all but one are outside our Greenbelt boundary.

Cut block 375-03 crosses Jim Lake road mid-way between the recreation use trails to access roads #10 and #12. Most of this cutblock lies south of our greenbelt. It will be selectively cut so should have minimal visual impact on Jim Lake road traffic. This road will also be upgraded to present day logging road standards from North Bonaparte Rd. to the cutblock.

We have a commitment from Ainsworth that they will make good any damage done to existing recreation use trails that are in or near their cutblocks.

On cutblock 375-06 on the south side of N. Bonaparte Rd near the micro-wave access it was agreed to move the boundary of this cutblock far enough back from the road to provide visual screening.

The 5 Ainsworth cutblocks in the area of the sani-station have been reviewed, most of our concerns were addressed, and these cutblocks will now be "signed off" by BC Forest Service for logging.

On Sept 29/99 we were on a walkabout with several Ministry of Forests (100 Mile House) staff members to resolve concerns with the PROPOSED Small Business Forest Enterprise Program (SBFEP) cutblocks south of Green Lake. All cutblock boundaries will be set back from S. Green Lake Rd and N Bonaparte Rd to provide visual screening. New logging access roads will be relocated to eliminate logging truck traffic on S. Green Lk Rd. All logging roads built to access these cutblocks will be closed up and deactivated allowing trees to regrow. All logging will be done in the "off season" to reduce impact on summer tourism and recreational use and winter snowmobile trail use. Areas of uncut timber approximately equivalent in size to the area being logged will be designated as Wildlife Tree Patches (WTPs) and will not be logged.

The 15 proposed cutblocks will be done in two passes with two to three years between passes, ie not all in the same year. These cutblocks will then be allowed to grow back for 15 to 20 years before any more logging is done in this area. The only exception to this would be in the event of a natural forest disaster: ie insect attack (Mountain Pine Beetle etc.); severe ice damage; wind throw damage (blowdowns) or forest fire damage. Any of these events may require salvage logging in the area in the future. Because of the general

flatness of the terrain none of these cutblocks should adversely affect the viewscape of N. Green Lk residents looking south.

BC Forest Service staff are busy working to complete the Recreation Management Plan (RMP) for the 100 Mile House Forest District and for our Green/Watch Lake area. Look for the release of this plan sometime in the spring of 2000. As part of our June 1997 submission to the Sub-Regional Planning Process (SRP) of the Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan (CCLUP) we had asked for all of the Crown Land within our Greenbelt and some areas adjacent to our Greenbelt to be designated as "Backcountry land classification". This has apparently been accepted by planning people in government. When the RMP is released it should clarify how the different resource users identified in the CCLUP: ie grazing, wildcraft, mining, recreation, tourism, fish & wildlife, and timber will be allowed to impact these designated Back-country areas.

GREEN /WATCH LAKE SYMPHONY OF FIRE

This year for the Millennium change a community event called the Green / Watch Lake Symphony of Fire will occur just after midnight. Everyone is welcome as the funds to buy the fireworks came from the road clean up work party.

Anyone wishing to donate money to enhance the fireworks display please mail a cheque to Bob Craig, P.O. Box 126, 70 Mile House, BC V0K 2K0. Further information: Bob Craig 456-2375. B.C.

LAKE CLASSIFICATION

After four years of waiting and sending many briefs to the Lake Classification folk GLARA has heard that our Lakes are to be classified this fall or early in the New Year. We do not anticipate any surprises in our classification that will have a major implication for future development and designated use of our lakes in our area. We are closely monitoring this process.

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**SOME EXCEPTS FROM THE BC
RECREATIONAL BOATING FATALITY
REPORT OF 1992 - 1996**

Summarized by Jack Wainwright, Cariboo Power and Sail Squadron Registered Provider, Sept 1999

1. These are the most recent BC statistics; compiled from coroners' reports; they cover five years: from 1992 - 1996.

2. 189 died in 126 incidents. This average of **38 boating fatalities per year** is fairly consistent. (to keep this in perspective note that **380 die of drug overdoses each year** in BC.)

However, most of these boating fatalities were preventable.

3. There are no records of nonfatal accidents, number of boaters in BC, or number of hours spent boating.

4. Most fatalities occurred between 11:00am and 10:00pm. (afternoon & evening)

5. Male fatalities outnumbered females 10:1

6. Highest risk were 16 - 45 years old, with a marked peak in the 26 - 45 year range.

7. -44% of fatalities were alcohol related (motor vehicle deaths are 26% alcohol related)

8. PFDs were worn properly by just 17% of fatalities; 70% were not wearing PFDs, rest are unknown.

9. - 23% of fatalities were considered experienced boaters; 10% were inexperienced; rest were occasional or experience unknown.

10. Most fatalities involved 1 to 3 boaters; weighted average is 2.3 persons per incident.

11. Of all fatalities, 27% were fishing, 10% were watersports, 34% were "other" including cruising, rest were unknown activities (maybe just messing about in boats?).

12. **Most fatalities, 122 of 189, were in boats under 5.5m (about 18')** [75 in "other", 32 in canoes, 7 in Kayaks, 8 in PWCs,]

13. Official cause of death was drowning in 143 of 189 fatalities, mostly brought on by hypothermia.

14. In 58% cases the vessel was making way; 15% were stopped; 15% were attributed to high speed. (rest unknown.)

15. -51% capsized; 26% fell overboard; 14% collided. Only 9% were unknown or "other

16. **Of the 189 fatalities, 84 were**

on lakes, 67 on ocean, 35 in rivers, 3 not recorded.

Of the 51% that capsized principal causes were

- **overloaded boats** with diminished freeboard (need 6" minimum freeboard)
- **standing to land a fish or urinate**, thus upsetting the boat.
- strong tidal currents or river currents.
- excessive wakes from other boats.
- flimsy rafts or tubes that deflated in river currents.

Of the 26% that fell overboard, causes were

- **standing to land a fish or urinate.**
- **violent turns.**
- sudden pitching caused by wakes, tidal currents or stormy conditions.
- slipping on slick decks.
- leaning over the rail to vomit

Of the 14% that died in collisions, causes were **speed** and

- **following too close** to avoid lead vessel stopping.
- **turning sharply** without looking and then colliding with another vessel.
- **hitting floating or fixed objects:** logs, wharfs, rocks, etc.

Obviously the foregoing statistics do not consider the number of incidents that were close calls and no one died. We can only guess at that number...how does 10:1 sound? We have all seen the near misses that were never recorded. We may be among those who have had close calls, thank their lucky stars and say "but for the grace of God, there go I."

To get the full copy of the report, call the CCG Office of Boating Safety (604 666 0146) and ask for The Recreational Boating Fatality Report, BC
1992 - 1996

REMINDER: Boating permits needed.

Everyone born after April 1 1983 must now carry a permit proving "operator competency" if operating any size boat with any size motor. The offense falls under the Contraventions Act. There is no maximum fine quoted. Minimum penalty for summary conviction is \$250. GLARA will again sponsor the course needed to get this Pleasure Craft Operator card next summer, GLARA has also requested on water enforcement by Coast Guard & RCMP next summer.