THE GREEN LAKE AREA (CARIBOO) PATERAYERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLESS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Dave Claxton

We are pleased to present our first newsletter of 2001. Soon we will be welcoming back our summer residents and visitors as we all seek our pleasures here in the beautiful Green and Watch Lakes area. Please

MARK THESE DATES:

Saturday May 19 Garage sale
 Watch Lake/North Green VFD Garage sale
 Hall#2 9 am-3 pm (see page 5).

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 South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Dept
 Garage sale @ S Hall 11 am-2 pm (see p 5)

•Duck Races Sunday, May 20th at Rabbit Flats, east end of Green Lake. Concession opens at 11:00 with races set to begin at 1:00. If you've never attended this event, it's a must for this year. There are only 200 ducks available for sale and they go quickly, so don't waste time in contacting one of the area resorts to book yours now. It promises to be a great day with food, entertainment and a perfect opportunity to reacquaint with neighbours after the long winter.

•Community Club meeting, Monday May 28 at 7:30 at the Watch Lake Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to help organize upcoming events. Great way to keep in touch with what's going on and present your ideas!

 June 2nd & 3rd, annual Fishing Derby to be held this year at Ace High Resort. A huge list of prizes will again be available to those of you skilled with a rod and reel (and those of you who are just plain lucky).

 Merchants' Association will once again host the popular "pig roast" on Saturday June 2nd, with the coveted tickets going on sale that morning.

 Saturday July 14 South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual General Meeting — at the Firehall at 10am

• GLARA Annual General Meeting
Saturday August 18th at 10 am at the
Snowpokes Snowmobile clubhouse on
South Green Lake Road Plan to attend. There
will be many interesting and important topics on the
agenda, plus election of officers. If you have topics
you wish to get action on, call a director or President
Dave as they emerge. Do not wait for the AGM.

911 SYSTEM (South Green Lake only)

On April 10, 2001 all of our area under the jurisdiction of the TNRD (Thompson Nicola Regional District) came under the new 911 system. All calls in this area for police, medical emergencies and fire, now should be handled by dialing 911. It is no longer necessary to remember or dial the seven digit numbers as in the past. The South Green Lake VFD has been equipped with the necessary communication equipment and the firefighters have been trained to use their pagers that are linked to the 911 system.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE NOTE: Local areas under the jurisdiction of the CRD (Cariboo Regional District) are not involved at this time. The CRD is still studying the implementation of 911 service and no further details are available at this time.

If you are located in the CRD area continue to use your current system.

Are you still a paid-up member? Check your Newsletter's envelope. Your expiry date is noted. (That's membership expiry, not your demise! We are good, but some things are better left unpredicted.) Fees are still a paltry \$10 with most folks paying \$30 for three years.

Green Lake Area Ratepayers' MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

name of member applying (one per lot)		signature
legal description	n of lot if known	fire number & street
full mailing add	iress (one newsletter per	membership)
home phone	lake phone?	work phone?

fax available? 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.

Bear Attacks: the deadly truth by James Gary Sheldon 1998; ISBN-0-9698099,-1-3

Sheldon is recognised as a foremost authority on Grizzly and Black Bear behaviours. His personal experiences from many years working and hunting in British Columbia's forests and hinterlands; his voracious reading of the research done on bears; his relentless personal interviews of victims of bear attack, or their next of kin; coupled with coroners reports and case histories of bear encounters, make this book required reading for forestry workers and outdoor recreationalists or anyone else who is likely to encounter bears.

James Gary Sheldon, who lives in Bella Coola, was also Chairman of the BC Coast Grizzly Bear Management area which devised policies to reduce Grizzly Bear mortality. In 1989 the BC Ministry of Forests asked Sheldon to conduct a Bear Safety training program for workers in the woods. Since then he has toured the province and elsewhere putting on programs to provide workers and recreationalists with the education needed to minimize bear encounters and killings. Bear Attacks is his second book on the subject.

Although Sheldon draws conclusions and freely offers his opinion, he also openly presents his evidence for readers to draw their own conclusions.

His conclusions are the same as the majority of active outdoor recreationalists that I know namely:

- Black Bear and Grizzly Bear populations are not threatened in BC, on the contrary, they are increasing.
- · More people work and play in bear habitat.
- · Bear encounters will continue to increase.
- Areas like Parks and "Cottage Country" where Bears are "protected" by a ban on hunting will continue to have serious attacks, requiring vigilance and destroyed bears by Conservation officers.
- Areas which have even a short open season on bears will continue to condition bears to be wary of Man.
- There are "predatory" Black Bears who stalk and kill, even when they have an abundance of food other bears eat.
- Play dead for a Grizzly, fight a Black Bear does not always work.
- Although bear attacks are rare considering the number of bear encounters, there are enough serious maulings and killings every year in BC to warrant everyone travelling or living in Bear Country to be prepared.
- In Sheldon's mind, preparedness also includes being armed with either firearms or pepper spray...and the knowledge to use them.

BEETLE ATTACKS IN OUR AREA

The 100 Mile House office of the Ministry of Forests has recorded scattered infestations of Douglas Fir Beetles in our area. So far we have been spared major outbreaks of Mountain Pine Beetle. BCFS is identifying infestations and acting to remove the trees in a timely fashion which should assist in controlling the outbreaks. Infested trees must be cut and milled or burned before next April (or July for Mt Pine Beetle).

Residents can help reduce the problem by: • not cutting infested wood for fuel unless it will be

burned before next April.

 cutting only dead dry wood, which will not have beetles. Remember it is illegal to cut live trees on Crown Land, without a permit.

etimely disposing of green D-Fir logs and branches

because they attract beetles.

reporting any Beetle killed trees in your area to BCFS

Detection of beetle outbreaks are indicated by yellowing needles which turn red within a year following an attack. These trees have been killed and must be removed and milled or burned before the adult beetles hatch. Reddish brown boring dust found in crevices of bark, well above the base of the tree or resin dripping from the upper trunk, indicate the presence of beetles. BCFS and Government Agents have pamphlets describing Douglas Fir Beetle and Mt. Pine Beetle life cycles, identification and controls.

SPRING/SUMMER BURNING

With the coming of spring we all want to get outside and tidy up our properties. Please be extra careful to avoid grass fires. Postpone burning if it is windy. Have rakes, shovels and a charged water hose on hand. Monitor your fires until they are out. Keep all piles for burning under one meter and away from other combustibles.

A dry summer may result in fire bans. Please listen for them and comply.

HERROMAN DE

We regret the sudden and recent passing of three residents in the local area:

Eileen Holloway Dudley Kill Terry Burt.

All of these folks have been active in the community. We send our regrets to their loved ones and families

RURAL CRIME WATCH PROGRAM by Bob Craig

The AGM of the Rural Crime Watch was held in Clinton on March 20 2001. There was a good turnout of members, including four from our area. Membership now stands at 113 households (over 200 individuals). It is steadily growing as more people become aware of Community Crime Prevention and the advantages of these programs.

The computer fan-out system is in working order with more updates being made to fine tune the system. Membership fee is now \$10 per household. Payment can be sent to "47 Mile Area E Rural Society" c/o Clinton RCMP 1204 Kelly Lake Rd, Clinton BC V0K 1K0

The new RCMP corporal from Clinton will be attending the GLARA AGM in August to discuss the program and answer any questions. In the meantime if anyone is interested in joining this organization, please contact me, Bob Craig 456 2375, and I will provide you with the details and necessary forms.

by Bob Craig, Area Representative *************

70 MILE TRANSFER STATION

a report from TNRD

Over the past few months, users of the 70 Mile House waste transfer station will have noticed some changes made by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. Compounds have been constructed for appliances, scrap metal, tires and a wood waste only area designated. Also, new signs have been put up with instructions on what can and cannot go into the container. A local resident has been hired on a part-time basis to help keep the site neat, clean and orderly. More changes are in the works for this year as the worn out wooden retaining walls are going to be replaced with concrete; and another compound is going to be constructed as a residential waste and furniture exchange area.

The TNRD has noticed a significant improvement in site operations and cleanliness and would like to thank all 70 Mile House and Green Lake area residents for their cooperation. Residents are also reminded that in order to get BC Environment approval to burn the wood pile, it must contain wood only, and not be contaminated with garbage, plastics, insulation, asphalt shingles, etc.

For more information on your transfer station,

please contact:

Terry Kress, Mgr Environmental Health Services #300-465 Victoria St, Kamloops BC V2C 2A9 phone: 250-377-8673 Toll free: 1-877-377-8673

fax: 250-372-5048

Note: A special thank you is due Uli Junker, Glara director and Transfer Station Coordinator for his substantial efforts in assisting this process. page three

ATVs and DIRT BIKES: by Dave Claxton

Unfortunately there continues to be a problem with the operation of unlicensed and uninsured ATVs and dirt bikes on local public roads. I receive too many calls from residents who have experienced close calls while walking, bicycling or driving on North and South Green Lake roads. Sooner or later a serious accident will happen that could result in financial ruin for the operator of the unlicensed vehicle, let alone the injuries and risk to life of innocent people. The RCMP has made it clear that they will enforce a no tolerance policy and they will be patrolling these roads, (ed note: "roads" include the road allowance up to property lines, and all logging roads)

First offence fine is \$575.00. If you operate one of these vehicles or have friends, family or juveniles who do, make sure they know the law! There are miles of local off road trails where the sensible operation of ATVs and dirt bikes is both legal and enjoyable. Have a safe and enjoyable season.

GLARA Director's meeting Apr 9/01

- •Treasurers report: This year's budget has \$3340 available. We have now spent half of the \$5000 water quality stewardship grant. Up coming expenses include signs to protect habitat and legal buoys to mark shoals off the launch ramps and two newsletters.
- Membership stands at 334 paid up.
- ·Water testing: All samples are in. Our Biologist has been too busy to send us a written report, but in lieu he says he will let us know if anything is amiss. So, in this case, no news is good news.
- ·Buoys have been purchased to mark the shoals off Sunset launch ramp and Little Arrowhead ramp. They are Canadian Coast Guard compliant white cylinders with orange reflective tape and the word ROCKS on two sides. GLARA paid for the buoys and BC Parks is supplying the anchors, shackles and chain. Volunteers will install them where bleach bottles have been used in the past.

For those who have not yet taken the course to get the Pleasure Craft Operators card -.

> Please note that buoys must float in at least 5 feet of water, so they are never on the hazard, but instead mark the general vicinity.

Directors Meeting Highlights cont.

 Road work is underway on the N Green cattle guard considered a hazard to vehicles. Also S Green Rd is in the budget for a major upgrade. As well all GLARA roads are in the budget for lines to be repainted this summer. ...now if they would just pass that budget!

BOATING and BUOYS

As noted in the Directors meeting minutes, GLARA and BC Parks have joined forces to mark the shoals off the boat launch areas. Many boats have come to grief on these rocks which has prompted civic minded citizens to flag them with bleach bottles, flags, etc. The Canadian Coast Guard applauds this initiative, but would like to see the markings conform to the accepted standard. We had a choice of two types of buoys or a stationary pillar. The pillar would have been a concrete block with appropriate signage on top. Knowing the power of shifting ice in the spring, we felt that it would not last long. We opted for buoys because they can easily be shifted back into place if the ice moves them. These aids will stay in place all winter, indicating rocks that at low water are also a hazard to snowmobilers.

We had a choice of two Buoys. A Cardinal Buoy would have indicated on which side the hazard lay and which side safe water lay. Cardinal buoys were rejected because of cost and obscurity. A boater must know what a cardinal buoy is and then identify which of four it is and then determine compass direction to read the buoy correctly. So, we opted to go with an official "Hazards" marking buoy. This is a white cylinder, weighted and foam filled so it floats vertically showing about a meter above the water. It is marked with orange reflective tape which is very visible when a light is shone on it. As well it has the word ROCKS on two sides. The weakness with this buoy is that it only shows the vicinity of the hazard. It must float in 5 to 10 feet of water which means the hazard could be anywhere around it. Those who have taken the PCOC course will understand that this is a characteristic of any buoy other than a Cardinal buoy.

GLARA, as directed at the last AGM is still negotiating wording and placement of signage at the three bays that are to be reduced speed areas to protect habitat and wildlife. These areas are East and West Lagoons just east of Haines Island, and Boyd Bay at the SW end of Green. Our recent lakes classification gave Green Lake a split category with the recommendation that speed be controlled to protect habitat and nesting birds etc. GLARA members agreed, but we are finding it is a little more complicated, with several government bodies having to agree. In comparison, we already have written approval to place the Hazard Buoys. In the meantime, lets suggest that we avoid high speed PWCs, skiers and tubers in these three bays. Note, the quieter water east of Haines will not be affected, just the two little bays at each end. page four

NOTICE OF MOTION for August AGM

moved: that GLARA investigate the possibility of having the South Green Lake area, currently under the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, transferred to the Cariboo Regional District.

moved D. Tupman seconded F. Kuyel

Dennis Tupman, Director on the GLARA Board is planning to make a motion that we initiate having the South Green Area join the CRD. Fred Kuyek will second the motion. This is a very complicated process. Ultimately a public referendum would be needed.

When GLARA was first formed, we looked at this possibility, but realized that it would take a long time, much effort, and a lot of political process. We decided to shelve the idea at that time.

Why would we even consider the idea?
There may be real benefit in having the population and the tax base from the South Green area feeding into the CRD and ultimately, the 100 Mile Community. 100 Mile is where we do most of our shopping, where we go for hospital care, where we attend our schools, where we have our seniors' homes, where we may wish to have additional facilities like swimming pools and ice rinks. Now most taxes from the South Green side go to Victoria or the TNRD (The largest city in which is Kamloops)

We had a meeting recently about the vision for facilities in this region, mainly located in 100 Mile House. There are school expansions and renovations planned in the future. There may be possibilities for cost sharing with the school system in constructing these facilities, in other words, jointly funded. How sensible would it seem, therefore, to have the tax base of South Green contributing to our 100 Mile House community.

Right now we have building inspectors for South Green coming all the way from Kamloops. We also have to deal with two different Environment bureaucracies, one in Williams Lake, the other in Kamloops. Technically we should not be using the library in 100 Mile House as our taxes support the libraries in Kamloops, These are but a few examples.

The whole matter needs to be discussed. It may prove to be too difficult to proceed. However at least we will look at the issues, present these to our membership in detail then have the GLARA membership decide further action. We need to stress that it is our intent that no change will be taken without approval and direction from our members.

A huge thank-you to Flo Gagne for her many years of community service and her excellent reporting of North Green/Watch News and events. Flo set the standard. Arlene Jongbloets has volunteered to maintain the tradition.

Thank you Flo! Thank you Arlene!

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BOATING: - reminder of new rules

Two days ago I was told that a BC woman had been charged for failing to have a "sound signalling device". This needed only to be a whistle on a PFD ("lifejacket"). She received a summons to appear in court, which is the only way infractions are dealt with in BC. She was found guilty and fined \$250, which is the lowest fine possible though summary conviction. Unlike eastern Canada (Manitoba & east) where they write "tickets" for boating infractions and noncompliance, BC, AB & SK still rely on summary conviction. Eastern provinces have opted for the "contraventions act" which lets enforcement agents other than just RCMP also write tickets. There tickets start at \$100.

It is worthwhile to review the rules for towing,

as failure to comply can be expensive. all vessels towing waterskiers, tubers, wakeboarders or any other way people are towed, must have a competent driver and spotter plus seating in the vessel for each person being towed. A PWC (personal water craft ie jet ski) is a legal tow vessel only if it has seating for the towed and a spotter. PWC's must be three seaters to tow

*towing people in Canada is restricted to the hours of sun-up (dawn) until one hour after sun set.

· expected soon is the restriction embraced by all provinces except BC, AB, SK. of maximum speed of 8km/h (5mph) within 30m (100') of shore. Those towing are allowed to take the person towed from shore but must go straight out into the lake. On landing the boat stays 30m out and the skier swings in. Others can be towed to shore, but only at 5mph. This is a good practice to follow, even if it is not yet required.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment must be carried on all boats including sailboards, rowboats, canoes, kayaks, Personal Watercraft (PWCs), paddleboats; runabouts, sail boats, skiffs, yachts...etc. There are a few exceptions but only if you are wearing your PFD.

Canadian approved PFDs, of sizes to

fit each person on board.

· a bailer (cut off bleach bottle, min 750ml)

a sound signal device(whistle, horn)

 a 15m buoyant heaving line (water ski rope is ok; or make one up of braided poly rope and a floating weight so it may be thrown.)

 manual propelling device (a paddle or equivalent. Sculling rudder of small sail boat is ok)

watertight flashlight (only required)

after sunset or in low visibility)

The above is the minimum equipment for any boat under 6m (20') Equipment requirements increase with the size of the boat. Review the Canadian Coast Guard Safe Boating guide, available from Gov't agent, for the required equipment for your boats.

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It can get expensive to outfit small boats here at the lake when many of us have a large number of small boats. There are ways to make sure when the grandchildren take them out, they comply. One way was described in last fall's newsletter using an "essentials jar".

Another way is to make sure every PFD has a whistle attached. Then make up a heaving line and attach it to a bailer made of a cut down 1L bleach bottle. If the small boat is not armstrong paddlepower, then leave in the boat a small paddle, or even a fence picket which can be used to "manually propel the

The heaving line will probably never be used in a small boat as it would be faster and easier to just paddle over to the victim. Where it might be used is to throw it to another boat for use as a tow line.

3/8 " braided polypropylene rope is the least size desirable and cheapest for a heaving line. Avoid the yellow three strand twist poly rope as it has a "memory" rendering it useless for throwing. For a floating weight, a commercial fish net float may be used, or failing that cut a 5 inch chunk of 2x2. 15m finished length is required. Do not get enthusiastic and go much longer than 15m (50') as it just gets in the way. These are cheap enough (I made one for \$1; the commercial ones in a bag cost \$25 to \$37 each) that you can tie one into each boat and leave them there. If you want to keep the rope from tangling, put the whole thing into a cloth bag, or a large "zip lock bag". You can also tie in a bailer and just leave it in the boat.

BOAT AND BIKE SECURITY

Boats and bikes are frequently stolen. Locking them with a bike cable and padlock is prudent as it does deter the casual thief who might take unlocked ones for a joy ride. As we know, very little will stop the professional thief who has targeted your toys and belongings. But that doesn't mean you should make them easy to steal. ***************

BOATING SAFETY COURSES

Jack Wainwright, training officer for Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, Burnaby Squadron, is holding one day 8 hour Boat Pro courses in Burnaby on Saturdays: June 23, July 7, This course is an enriched boating Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 23. safety course exceeding the Coast Guard's minimum criteria. The Canadian Coast Guard accredited tests are given as part of the 8 hours, 75% on the test earns you the Pleasure Craft Operators card which is good for life. Cost is \$60. For more information or to register call Jack at 604 434 3280. Jack will also be at Green Lake most of July and August and may do a course, July 21 if demand warrants. 250 456 2256. *************************

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