

# SUMMER 2023



## Presidents Message:

Summer has finally arrived, cool nights and warm days and just enough rain to keep the fires away.

It has been a crazy few years and are finally starting to work on Access 11 off Womack at Deka lake and will hopefully complete its upgrade this year. A beautiful little walk down this access where you can sit and enjoy the scenery or launch your kayak.

The no shooting sign on Burgess and Womack has been reinstalled, as well as the exit only sign at the Sulphurous Park.

We have hired a young person to mow the lawns on a few of our accesses, however most are still being cared for by local volunteers. As some of our picnic tables are starting to wear, we will be replacing some of them throughout the year.

Take note of our sign board on the Community Board on Mahood by Horse Lake Road. Updated communication can be found there on a regular basis. In addition, when possible, please support our advertisers as they are here to support our community.

As you know we relocated our recycling bins for your convenience to the mail boxes on Blain, Beazely and Higgins Roads. We continue to receive positive results on the new locations. A reminder, these bins are to support your local ratepayers and assist in upgrading projects in all our 4 lake communities.

Please contact us if any of the accesses require some form of maintenance and is something you are not able to help out with. Please respect our accesses by allowing boats to launch safely, swim safely and park in the designated parking areas only. The turn-a-rounds at the bottom of access 6, 8 and 12 are there for a reason and need to be clear of any parking.

We are still working in changing our webmaster on our website so you may have difficulty getting into some of the tabs. Please be patient as we are

working on securing a more usable friendly site and will notify you all when we have upgraded it.

We have started a facebook page in order to provide continued updates and continue to promote our supporting advertisers - please join when you have a minute. [Deka Lake & District Ratepayers Association | Facebook](#)

We continue to work towards a solution relating to our local community hall and are in active discussions with CRD in order to bring back events that we have enjoyed for the past 40 years.

We appreciate and honor all volunteers in our community. Those who can give an hour, a day a week. For those who are here for a short time, remember, our take in, take out rule applies so the garbage through our trails and accesses is limited.

For those who drive their off road vehicles in our community, please only use the roads to get to the 1000 of miles of trails. Respect the speed and sharing of the road. Wear your protective gear and keep safe.

We are hosting a one day Derby on Sunday, August 6, 2023 of the August Long Weekend, combining it with our Ratepayer AGM for 2023, Derby Awards and Community Barbeque. Everyone is welcome. Derby tickets can be obtained from any of our executive or at Access 6 on the morning of the Derby. The Ratepayer AGM, Awards and Community Barbeque will be held at 7598 Clearview (Deka Lake). You are not required to be a ratepayer member to join in with the Derby, Awards or Community Barbeque. Everyone is invited to attend our AGM, however, you must be a ratepayer member if you wish to be part of the Ratepayer voting process. Dues can be paid on site.

Be safe, kind to your neighbours, respect the road and have a wonderful summer.



## ANNUAL DEKA LAKE CLEAN UP

On Sunday, June 4, Ratepayers resumed the annual street garbage cleanup. 18 People participated, collecting roadside trash to make our community look a little more welcoming. The winner of the raffled off ice fishing kit was Gwen Burton and the bottle of wine went to Leanne.

The clean up was followed by hot dogs and dessert at the home of Chris and Ken Schmidt.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### FISHING DERBY

The big item this summer is the Ratepayers Summer Fishing on Sunday August 6. The event will take place at access 6 off Beasley 1 on the South side of Deka Lake. Fishing begins at 6:00am and weigh-in is any time until 2:00pm.

The last Summer derby was 2019 so it will be great to start them up again. As we are not able to use the field behind the Hall, the prizes will be given out at a private residence at 7598 Clearview Rd, close to access 6.



## MOUNTAIN SPRUCE

Spring and the start to summer 2023 has been very busy at the Mountain Spruce Community Events Centre & the Park and there is no slowing us down for the future. These are just a few activities we have had, a full moon snowshoeing & walk at the park, Easter egg hunt at the park over 250 people attended, Epoxy resin workshops, winter beach party, spa night, fondue night, cooking challenge, Donuts with Debbie workshop, plant workshops and a Wine & Paint night and there is lots more to come!

Prizes will be given out at 4:00. Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM which begins at 3:00pm. There will be a community BBQ right after the prizes.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a new facebook page. Everyone is welcome to join in

[\(1\) Deka Lake & District Ratepayers Association | Facebook](#)

## WEBSITE

Our website was created several years ago in html code. This is not particularly friendly and we are currently changing this to make editing easier for us.

## PICNIC TABLES

A lot of our tables are falling apart. We will be replacing or repairing them so please be patient. Thanks.

## ROCKS

Many thanks to Dalton and Katherine West For donating 3 big rocks from their property. These will be used at access 9 to block anyone from accidently driving down the access into the lake. The access is rather steep.

-CRIB NIGHTS have been very well attended and are every other Friday night at 7pm. We have been seeing more & more new faces from all the different lakes in the area. Next one July 7 at the Mountain Spruce Events Centre at 7571 Pettyjohn Road. Just \$4 per person. You don't have to be an expert crib player, people are there that will help you count your cards and everyone is there to have fun and meet others!

-YOGA TUESDAYS every Tuesday at 10am. This yoga class is for beginners, experts and everyone in between. This will be an adaptive class, so if you would like to use a chair for balance or assistance, that is fine, chairs will be provided. Don't forget your yoga mat and some water, just \$15 per class.

-JAM NIGHTS are back!!! CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!! Come on out on the third Saturday of each month at 7pm, but the next one is July 15 at 6pm as we have a BAND coming out to do a \*\*\*House Concert/Kitchen Party/Jam Night\*\*\*, Tracy Lynn & Danielle "This Mama Tried"!!! The band will play from 6-7pm and then join our



Jam Night for the rest of our evening. Admission is by donation so come on out for a super special evening. It is at the Mountain Spruce Community Events Centre at 7571 Pettyjohn Road at Sulphurous Lake. Bring your instruments, your voices and jam with your neighbours, friends, other musicians from around the Cariboo and the band. All ages, skill levels and abilities are welcome. Let's see all the talent from around the lakes. Coffee, tea & hot chocolate are always complementary and pop & water are just a dollar.

-LADIES NIGHTS are the 2nd Thursday of each month with the next one on Thursday, July 13 at 7 pm, we are having a "Wine & Belly Dancing Night" so hoping to see all you ladies out for some fun! Only a few spots left so RSVP.

-July 22 we have our Foraging in the Park Workshop, 60 spots and it is SOLD OUT.

-Saturday, July 29 we are having a 19+"DART & GAME NIGHT", advanced ticket sales only \$5 per person and beer & wine available for just \$5 each. Tickets are limited so make sure to RSVP now. Ticket sales end July 15.

-The MSCCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be Saturday, August 19 at 11am and is open to all MSCCS Members.

-To RSVP for events, email Shannon at [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com) or give her a call/text at 604-617-7863 to reserve your spots.

Feel free to join the Mountain Spruce Community Centre Society (MSCCS) Facebook Group.

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This Facebook group is to keep everyone at Higgins, Deka, Sulphurous, Hathaway and surrounding communities up to date with events and what's happening with the Mountain Spruce Community Centre Society. If you aren't a member yet, check us out and see just what we are doing in your community and what we are all about. It's not too late to be a member, it is just \$5 per person for the year and you can pay your 2023 dues in person at any MSCCS event or by e-transfer at [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com)

Many of the MSCCS events happen at the Mountain Spruce Community Park at the corner of Mahood Lake Road & Burgess (6335 Mahood Lake Road) where the donated returnables drop off bins are located. If you haven't walked through the park yet, stop by and wander through, it is approximately 1km for the whole loop or 400 metre for the half loop. It is a beautiful park with amazing trails, a viewing platform overlooking Heron Lake, a picnic area, beautiful fauna, birds and wildlife. The park is there for all to enjoy, so check it out and don't forget your binoculars.

Time to get down and derby at the MSCCS Sulphurous & Hathaway Fishing Derby! It will be held on Saturday, August 5th from dawn to 2pm, prizes at 2:30 and the community BBQ from 11-4pm at the Mountain Spruce Community Events Centre at 7571 Pettyjohn Road at Sulphurous Lake. Tickets are just \$10 and that gets you in on all the great raffle prizes too! Tickets available at the Canada Day BBQ on July 1 at the Mountain Spruce Community Events Center, at Donex, Moosehaven

resort or by calling 250-706-2750. Then on Sunday, August 6 is the Deka Lake & District Ratepayers Fishing Derby so it's going to be a derby weekend, you won't want to miss out on.

Thank you everyone for all your donated bottle & can returnables at the Mountain Spruce Community Park drop off. This program is a huge success, so stay thirsty my friends. Funds from this program help to pay for our free events in our community, park maintenance and hall events and upgrades like the new floors, sound baffles, picnic shelters and community event signs, all things everyone can enjoy.

A big "Thank you" to Dave Scott for designing, making and installing our 2 outdoor LITTLE LIBRARIES!!! One is located in front of the Mountain Spruce Community Events Centre on the side of the chalkboard sign. The second one is located at the Mountain Spruce Community Park on the backside of the information sign. Both Little Libraries are full of books just waiting to be read. What is a Little Library, you ask? LittleLibraries are free neighbourhood book exchanges where anyone can take a book and then drop off a book to share with others. No rules, no late fees – everyone can take part!

Little Libraries aren't just about books. They're about connecting with your neighbours and providing a way for people to give to their community. Little Libraries promote reading, literacy and access to books for everyone, anytime. If either of our Little Libraries are running low on books or need attention please send us an email at [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com) so we can attend to them right away. Happy reading everyone!

So hope to see everyone out at an event soon and keep watch on our Facebook Group for new events being added. If you have questions or would like to volunteer feel free to reach out. Thanks again to all our directors, volunteers and the support of all our members in our communities. Here's to making many more memories and good times to come.

Shannon Sadlowski  
MSCCS Secretary  
[mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com)

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW THRU JULY 15**  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**



# DART & GAME Night

**Mountain Spruce Events Centre**  
 7571 Pettyjohn Rd at Sulphurous Lake

<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>29 JULY</b>  <b>6:30-10:30PM</b>	<b>ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS</b> <b>\$5</b> PER ADULT	<b>BEER, WINE &amp; CIDER</b> AVAILABLE <b>\$5 EACH</b>
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NO MINORS - 19+ ONLY - NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED  
**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE THEY SELL OUT**  
 e-transfer \$5 for tickets to [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com)  
 For more information call or text Shannon at 604-617-7863 or email [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com)

**MOUNTAIN SPRUCE HALL**



# JAM NIGHT

**7 P M**

**EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS. YOUR VOICES AND LET'S JAM!**




Prairie Yoga - by The Lakes  
 Yoga Instructor 60 minutes

## YOGA CLASSES

### Tuesdays at 10am

**YOGA FOR BEGINNERS, EXPERTS & EVERYONE IN BETWEEN**



At the Mountain Spruce Hall  
 7551 Pettyjohn Road at Sulphurous Lake  
**Just \$15 per class & don't forget your yoga mat**

This class is for all fitness levels and is adaptive. So, if you would like to use a chair for balance or assistance you are welcome to and they will be available



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## Sulphurous/Hathaway Lake



### FISHING DERBY and RAFFLE



Presented by  
Mountain Spruce Community Centre Society  
Saturday, August 5, 2023

Fish from Dawn – 2pm

Weigh in 8am-2pm

Sulphurous Lake – Sahaydak's Dock

Hathaway Lake - Moosehaven Resort

#### Community Barbeque

11am to 4pm

Prizes Awarded 2:30

All at the Mountain Spruce Events Centre  
7571 Pettyjohn Road

Tickets \$10 each

Available at Donex or Moosehaven Resort or call 250-706-2750

**LOTS OF GREAT DERBY PRIZES!!**  
**3 GRAND PRIZES IN RAFFLE**  
**PLUS LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES**

Mountain Spruce Community Centre Society

Ladies Night



**“WINE &  
BELLY DANCING”**



“Wine & Belly Dancing” 🍷 Ladies Night **Thursday, July 13 from 7-10pm** at the Mountain Spruce Community Events Centre at 7571 Pettyjohn Road at Sulphurous Lake with Kerri Mingo. Enjoy a fun evening with other ladies at this introduction to Belly Dancing. For ladies of all skill levels. **Class fee is just \$20 and wine will be available at \$5 per glass 🍷**. Please wear comfortable workout or yoga wear. No jeans, please. It is recommended to have bare feet, however; you can wear shoes, but nothing too sticky. Kerri has lender coin belts that will be returned to her after the class. Belly dancing is a great way to improve your posture, joint mobility, cardio-respiratory systems and have a fun evening out with your friends and neighbours 😊 **This is an adult only class, 19+**

**RSVP - ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

by responding to this message, email [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com) or call or text Shannon at 604-617-7863 to reserve your spot  
E-transfer \$20 class fee to [mtnspruce@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspruce@gmail.com)



## LORNE DOERKSON, MLA

“Summertime and the living’ is easy, fish are jumping, and the mosquitos are bad”.

I hope all of you are enjoying the beginning of summer in the Cariboo!

In the last week , I have been busy travelling across the province with my caucus colleagues. We have seen the devastation that flooding, and fires have left behind in Lytton, Merritt, Cache Creek . I, in my role as critic for Rural BC have been saddened by what I have seen, Lytton was truly an eye opener because of the lack of any forward restoration for the residents.

Returning to the Cariboo is always great, and my time in the riding is busy and fulfilling. Spending time at events gives me the opportunity to speak with everyone about everything. It is something I truly enjoy.

This Canada Day will again be busy for me attending the many events scheduled in the area, from the Williams Lake Stampede to the 108 Canada Day Community event and then onto the Bridge Lake Stampede finishing with the Citizen of the Year in 100 Mile. So many great things to do on the long weekend.

As we move into July and August, I ask that everyone remain vigilant around campfires. We may lose the ability to have them again dependant on weather, but we should enjoy the opportunity while we have it.

I hope to see many of you over the summer, and you can always reach out to me on FB or at my offices in 100 Mile or Williams Lake. Take care and be safe.

MLA Lorne Doerkson, Cariboo Chilcotin



# Yard and bake

## DEKA LAKE NEWS

by Vye Monger

The residents of our community have done it again. Donations to the second annual bake sale and to the yard sale were indeed generous and plentiful.

Although the bakery items sold out very quickly the coffee corner stayed open along with the yard sale. The donut-making crew had made 30 dozen donuts which were iced the morning of the sale by the ever-efficient Wilda Mathews.

We are certainly fortunate that so many of our residents gave up their holiday to work at this event. Many thanks to the volunteer fire department and the Ladies' Auxiliary who sponsored these events.

Appreciation is also given to all the people who patronized these important fund-raising functions.

The monies raised from these events will be readily welcomed by the fire department.

Winners of the door prizes are as follows: the grocery hamper which consisted of non-perishable food was comprised of donations from many local residents and was won by Wilda Mathews.

The loan of a video machine and two movies was donated by A and B Video and was won by Rose Smyth.

The hooked wall hanging

was donated by Ernie Goode and was won by Jeanette Nillson.

The macrame hanger was donated by the Biro family and was won by Thelma Pickles.

### FIRE-FIGHTING PRACTICE

There will be a fire-fighting practice on Sunday, June 5 at the firehall at 9:30 a.m. All fire-fighting crews are requested to attend.

### MAILBOXES

Newcomers to the area who require a mailbox must make a formal application. An application can be made at the Lone Butte Post Office for a compartment at the Maki site.

### LOST TIRE

Dennis Watt of Higgins Lake has lost the spare tire and wheel which was mounted on the front of his three-quarter ton truck. It is believed that it was lost near the creek on Burgess Road just past the Mahood Road junction. If anyone has found this tire please call 593-2204.

### ROADS AND WEATHER

The roads in the subdivision are in fairly good condition. The other roads in the community are somewhat less than smooth but a grader is working in the area.

The weather has been hot and dry and as a result the roads are extremely dusty. The residents whose homes are located close to the road would certainly appreciate it if drivers would slow down

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The district governor also had words of praise for Carlson who distinguished himself as one of the top four zone chairmen in the district.

Centennial Park for the VFD's Evolution Day on July 24, to assist the 108 Fire Department's smaller trailer. Bike-a-thon crests have been ordered, and the ranch

...sold out early Saturday morning. This year, the ladies will keep their proceeds in order to fund their own projects, which include placing of plaques in memory of two

...to the Ten Canadian Youth Co Ottawa for the on Canadian studies which highlights bo ermental and cultural tutions. Visser has ahead

# Deka Lake fire-fighters plan July

## DEKA LAKE NEWS

The social committee from the Deka Lake District Volunteer Fire Fighters Association along with the Ladies' Auxilliare are co-hosting a community picnic on July 31, commencing at 1 p.m. The site, yet to be confirmed, will be announced in a future column.

**LOAN OF MEGAPHONE NEEDED**  
The picnic committee would appreciate the loan of a megaphone in order to facilitate the announcing of the race starts. If anyone has one to loan please give Nellie a call at 593-4304.

## SECOND ANNUAL SWIM MARATHON

It is planned to have the second annual cross-lake swim during the picnic, to commence at 1:30. Any additional bathers who would like to join the group are welcome. It is important to give advance notice of intention to participate in order to arrange for an escort boat. Potential swimmers are asked to advise Moira at 593-4467 of their intentions and whether they need an escort boat supplied. There will be the safety precaution of an escort boat for each swimmer.

**POWER OUTAGE**  
A tree on the Duconol property on Mahood Road was blown across the hydro lines and as a result the power was out on Monday in the entire subdivision at Deka Lake. It couldn't have happened at a more inconvenient time than at dinner preparation...

**SMALL WORLD**  
It's a small world. Recently when Thelma and Fred Ferris

were holidaying on Vancouver Island they required a jump start on their vehicle. The nearby camper who came to their assistance turned out to be a good friend of the Ferris' neighbors, Daisy and Shirley Kreiger.

**STORK REPORT**  
Congratulations to Kathy and John Dahle on the birth of their new daughter, Julie Anne Margaret Dahle weighed in at 3402 grams on May 29. Big brother, Peter, is very proud of his new sister.

**RECUPERATING**  
Bruce Bell had a short sojourn in 100 Mile hospital but is now back home.

Sorry to hear that Gary Biro is back in Kamloops hospital for a week of further treatment to his leg. Best wishes, Gary, and we all hope you're home soon.

**FIRE-FIGHTING PRACTICE**  
There will be a fire-fighting practice on Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at the firehall. All fire-fighting crews are requested to attend.

## SULPHUROUS AND HATHAWAY NEWS

**YARD SALE**  
A special appeal goes to the summer residents to go through their attics, basements and garages and bring along those unwanted items for the yard sale to be held on Saturday, July 2 commencing at 10 a.m. at the Biro property next to Hathaway Resort.

This yard sale is an important fund-raiser for the Sulphurous District Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. All proceeds will be used for fire fighting equipment and community services.

There will also be a corner set aside for coffee and donuts. Do plan on coming and meet your neighbors, whether from across the road or from a neighboring lake.

Another shipment of 10 sizes, including tiny tots, will be available at the yard sale or from Ted at 593-4375 or Thelma 593-4386.

**APPRECIATION**  
Sharon Pawlyk would like to thank all the friends and neighbors who have been of such great assistance to her. Sharon is still on crutches and this help has made things much easier for her.

**WELCOME MAT**  
Welcome to Madeline and Tom Dennison who recently purchased the Found's property on Sulphurous Lake. It is hoped you'll enjoy your new home and your neighbors look forward to meeting you at the July 2 function, if not before.

Welcome back to Mona and John Davis who have again taken up permanent residence at the lake. Mona

and John are old friends and it's nice to have them back.

**COTTAGERS**  
Sylvia and Al Juzak to their cottage for weeks. After two cutting the tall grass have defied they'll come up sooner and often. They are enthusiastic gardeners and the garden already in and as the have green thumbs looking to prosper. I have you back, folks.

**BRIDGE PLAYERS**  
Hathaway Lake Club had their winds at Jean's Place. Prize awarded to the winners for the season.

Dee Dimmer won place. Karol Patel second place and Don took third prize. dinner and a good time had by all.

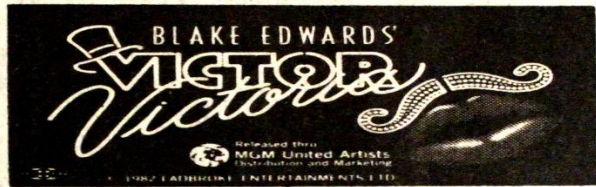
**RELOCATING**  
Jean and Ed's new Hathaway Resort is about ready for the big They are only awaiting arrival of the carpet.

**Wed., June 15 to Sat., June 18**  
**7:00 PM**

# RAIDERS of the LOST ARK



**9:00 PM**



**Sunday, June 19 to Tuesday, June 21**  
**7:00 PM**

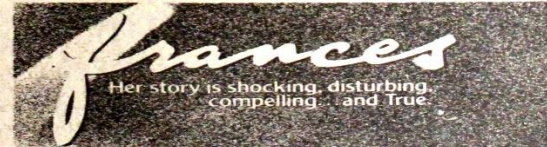
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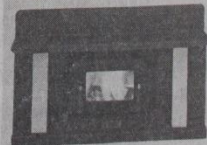
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