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## *My Boating Incident at Wasa Lake. June 2003*

In late June 2003, I was at the beach at the north east end of the lake, with my wife and young children. We were all playing in the sand and occasionally swimming off the beach, as were several other families.

At one point, I was swimming close to the beach in relatively shallow water (I could stand on the bottom).

A large speed boat towing a male water skier was being driven by a female, and a very young child was supposedly acting as a "spotter". It swept in very fast, close to the beach. All I remember is a moment of very loud noise, and the bow hitting my head very hard, shoving me under water. Then the propeller smashed into my back, and the blades cut three long, symmetrical gashes diagonally across my back and spine.

My memory is very fuzzy and sporadic after that. I remember being paralyzed ... being hauled out of the water and onto the beach ... extreme pain ... shock ... very worried and upset faces as my wife (a nurse) treated me and encouraged me to "stay with her" (not die), etc.

911 was called, and eventually an ambulance arrived, taking me to the Cranbrook Hospital. I was kept there a few days, and was paralyzed for about a day, before I started to regain feeling. The propeller gashes were treated, and the extensive deep bruising that extended from my lower buttocks to shoulders lasted for weeks. The concussion symptoms lasted quite a while.

The people in the boat stopped, and apparently helped to get me out of the water. They were from Edmonton, but refused to give my wife their name or particulars and they left before authorities arrived.

In the hospital, I felt a lot of pain, shock, and uncertainty about the future, (at least until the paralysis started to subside).

To this day, I still have scars on my back from the propeller blades. My wife, especially, is always concerned and very worried about swimming and beaches if there are boats anywhere in the vicinity.

I have not gone swimming at Wasa since the incident.

I very much support speed restrictions in Wasa Lake, especially at the north end with the beaches. I am very thankful it was me the boat hit and not one of my kids, because I don't think they would have survived.

From my experience, I believe another severe accident is only a matter of time, if there are no restrictions on speed boating put in place.

*Safety is a common denominator across all aspects of life .....*

*It is not a matter for industry, it is a matter for humanity. Doug Bourne*

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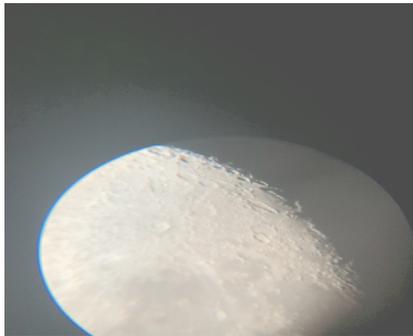


# WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE .....

submitted by Barry Morvai

Hello village people. So here we are into the month of July ..... and it's getting (or was as of the time of this writing) HOT!!! AND ..... the mosquitoes are busy ..... which makes for difficult telescope/night time observing of space stuff ..... and its quite light out late ..... so I had no problem putting the telescope away for a few months.

At Christmas, I was gifted a telescope. Something I've always wanted, but never got around to purchasing. More of a want, than a need. Now that I've had the opportunity to view the moon, and take some really cool pics!!, I wish I'd done this sooner.



Lets clarify something first ..... #1: I am not an expert on telescopes. #2: I am not an expert on the cosmos ..... I have a hard time finding the north star, and if it wasn't for my phone app's, I couldn't tell ya which planet is which (except for mars, that ones easy 😊). I just want to let you know that you do not need to be any sort of expert to go out and take in the amazing "outer worlds" that surround us.

Telescopes range in price from less than a hundred bucks all the way up to a couple thousand. Depending on what your budget is and how passionate you are. And lets not forget about photography ..... there are attachments you can get to go with your telescope, that allow you to take professional quality photos of distant planets and even other galaxies. I used my cell phone to get a pic of the moon and am very happy with the results ..... now I have my sights (no pun intended) set on Saturn and its magnificent rings. It will take patience and late nights, but for me, it's a personal goal to see if I am actually able to get a view, let alone pic, of one of the largest celestial bodies in our solar system.

I hope I didn't bore you with my ramblings, so lets check out the July sky viewing, shall we?

**July 4** - watch for mercury at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. It should be visible to the east before sunrise. Hopefully, we are not blocked by the mountains for this.

**July 10** - new moon ..... you can look ..... 😊

**July 24** - Full moon. Although June had the last super moon, I like to think they are all super moons when there is nothing obstructing our view.

**July 28-29** - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. This meteor shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23, but will peak on said nights. This particular shower is produced from debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The moon's brightness will block a lot of the fainter ones, but you should still be able to catch a few good ones.



Many of you have a story, adventure or life story about people you know in our area, that happened in years past and you are eager to share, so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766, email me at judymcphoe9@gmail.com or email trivillagebuzz@gmail.com directly.



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Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and  
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Hello from the Lion's Den:

The Wasa Lion's are up and about again! Although the Covid restrictions continue to make things a little on the difficult side to accomplish much, we have managed to make some progress in the community. The Adopt-a-Highway campaign went ahead again this year with a lot of help from community members and Lion's. There was a great turnout with around 15-20 people which made quick work of it. One anonymous passer-by even donated \$20 to our efforts. Thank you, whoever you are!

The Lion's also held a book-garage sale in an effort to rid ourselves of the mountain of donated books to our garage sale items. It was a great success.

The Lion's Club has also been successful in acquiring new rink boards for our rink. They were previously installed at the rink in Cranbrook. They will be installed on our rink later this summer. Some of the people responsible for making this happen include Terry Potter, our president, Lion Alex Jensen, who will spearhead the project, Eric Sonnégarde(sp) who has always been a great help with the rink, Stacy from Parks and Rec, Kaylyn from CBT for the funding, Jane Walters with the RDEK and our own Sharon Prinz who always does a good job on the paper trail necessary to put a plan of this scope together. Thanks to everyone else involved and to the other people we will need to transport and erect the boards in the future!

A good job well done.

May the summer be enjoyable and bountiful!

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submitted by - Sherry Shields

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### UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

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Niche Engraving - \$275.00

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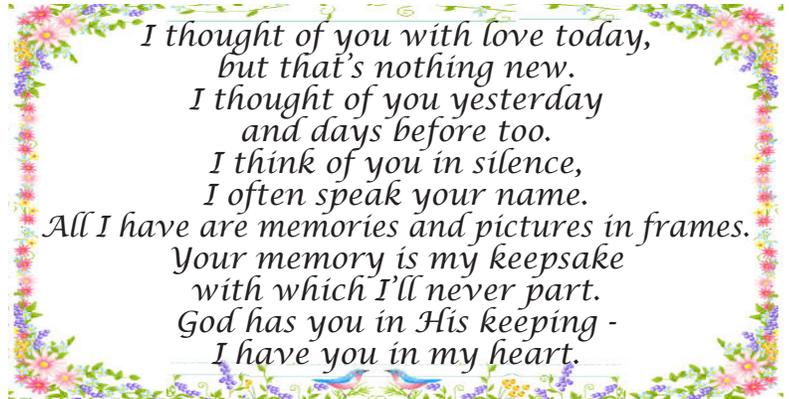
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- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.
- TKC coffee is held the 2nd wednesday of each month



Donate your pop cans & liquor bottles (no dairy please), to the Wasa & District Lions Club to help with their scholarship fund. Please call Val @ 250.422.3499 to make arrangements for drop off at the Lions Grounds.

## Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent injury? or have plans for surgery?  
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or Trinda @ 250 793-9491

# RDEK NEWS

RDEK NEWS



By Area E Director Jane Walter

Area E has been very fortunate because we have had many people volunteer. They have helped to build many facilities, helped to create new parks, trails & helped their neighbors when they were in need of assistance.

Susanne Ashmore, Doug Barraclough, Bob Eccleston, Cheryl Greenwood, Barry Garl & Len Hunt, Judy McPhee, Gordon Olsen, Virginia West & Jim Westwood have volunteered to be on the Area E Planning Committee & the Electoral Area Advising Committee. This committee is has a very diversified life experiences, it is mandatory to have an agricultural background, business background, environmental experience & a good knowledge of the Area needs & concerns.

The Area Planning Committee advises me & the RDEK Board on the various Planning applications eg. applications that would change zoning, ALR variances & crown referrals.

The other committee is Electoral Area Advisors Committee, which has the same members as the APC. This committee advises me on the volunteer of the year, Columbia Basin Initiatives funding & also advises me with the Grant-In-Aid grants. I have been receiving questions on this process, so I am going to go through some of the qualifications & why these grants are important.

In order to be able to apply for the grant you must be a registered group, local government or a society. If you are not one of these groups you can apply if you can get one of the above groups to apply for you.

Over the years various new groups have used that process, for example the Volunteer Fire departments in Wasa & St. Mary's Lake. Usually, unless it is a one time grant, most of the groups form their own group so they can apply in their own name e.g. The Meadowbrook Community Association.

One group that has sponsored a group is the WLLID - they helped the Wasa Fire Committee & they also sponsored the WASA group for the Safe Boating Signs. These signs was the result of a meeting I held with many boaters present & the general consensus was the signs would be a good idea, as it would remind people of the boating regulations.

I am going to include the list of grants that have been approved by the staff, the EAAC & the RDEK Board, during this past year:

Jan10/20	Police Based Victim Services	\$1,000
May 06/20	East Kootenay Volleyball Club	\$150
May 20/20	Cranbrook Pro Rodeo	\$1000
May 29/20	55+ Senior Games Society	\$41,500
Nov 06/20	Wasa Recreation Society Solar Panel	\$2500
Dec 04/20	Wasa L & Improvement District for Safe Boating sign	\$700
Jan 08/21	Cranbrook, Kimberley Hospice Society	\$1,000
April 09/21	Wildsafe Kimberley BC	\$!,000
	NorthStar Rails to Trails	\$2,000
	Kimberley Gymnastics Society	\$2,000
May 05/ 21	St. Mary's Rural Residents Assoc.	\$900
	Wasa & District Lion's Insurance Help	\$5000
May 07/21	Tri Viillage Facility Tax information Pkg.	\$800

This fund has supported many groups that has provided services to many of the residents. The Grant-In-Aid funding is used through out the Regional District.

Also in regards to the survey & the WASA committee, the RDEK has no knowledge of what they are doing. From what I have read, they are trying to get a sense of how the residents are feeling about reducing the speed at the North end of Wasa Lake. I believe that everyone should take a step back & maybe form a committee of all lake users so everyone can be heard.

Please have a safe & happy month, enjoy the summer & recreate safely. If you have any questions or concerns Please call me at 250-427-2577, or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thank You, Jane Walter

I have been receiving emails, phone calls and comments about Wasa Area Safety Advocates (W.A.S.A) on the Wasa Community Facebook. So, I am going to try to answer some of the questions.

## **GRANT - IN - Aid**

In 2017, the RDEK received an application from the WLLID for funding for signage and buoys. As a legal entity the WLLID agreed to be the signatory on the W.A.S.A application. A grant in aid is considered on a case by case basis for the benefit of many groups within Area E. This jurisdictional area includes the St Mary's Valley, Meadowbook, Ta Ta Creek, Wasa, Skookumchuck, and Premier Lake. The W.A.S.A. application was within the normal adjudication process.

W.A.S.A group had been given information that the signs and the buoys were legal. Unfortunately, there was some misinformation about the buoys. Many of the buoys will be legal once the new information is added, the others they will have to apply for a permit.

## **BUOY'S REGULATION**

- Buoy's that are being placed on Public Areas. You must apply for a permit to place a buoy.
- If you own private property along the waterfront you are allowed to place a buoy 30 meters from the highwater mark.
- The buoys must be the height of at least 30.5 cm above the surface of the water and have a width of at least 15.25 cm.
- Have the top 1/3 of the buoy orange and the bottom 2/3 rd. as white.
- Have the lettering PRIV marked on opposite sides in black.
- Have the owner's name and contact information.
- Be constructed in a manner where it remains in position.
- These buoys are considered navigational tools.

## **BOAT SPEED**

The speed is 10km an hour within the 30 meters from the shoreline area.

## **NOISE BYLAW**

Currently there are no Federal rules about the decibel level for boat motors. The RDEK has sent a letter of support asking the Ministry of Transport Canada to add a decibel level to their rules.

## **SURVEY**

The current survey is being done by the W.A.S.A group, to assess if there is an interest to have a discussion on reducing the speed on the North end of Wasa Lake.

According to Transport Canada if an application is to be considered, they would have to ask the local government to make the application.

The RDEK would need to be shown that there is enough interest to even proceed with an application.

As a first step the RDEK would generate their own survey and have public meetings to gauge public support about this initiative.

I would like everyone to take a step back and to really try to work with all the users of the lake. I believe that everyone is wanting to have fun and a safe summer with their families and friends.

I know about one instance where a boat owner goes out and talks to other drivers if they see that the other driver is not being responsible. Maybe everyone could try following his lead.

If you are swimming, please stay within the swimming area or the 30 m area. If you must swim in the middle of the lake, please have a boat spotting you.

Remember that all types of vessels will be on the lake and please follow the Transport Canada Safe Boating Rules. If you see any infractions, please contact the RCMP with boat number or description. You can also email me.

Thank You, Jane Walter Area E Director

**REA JOYCE TAGG**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 1929 - JUNE 2, 2021**

Rea Joyce Tagg (Butler) was born in Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa on November 3, 1929 to Julia (Delilah) and Clive Butler.



Rea was a woman of strong faith and she lived her life with joy of family.

Rea grew up in Cardston, Alberta and met the love of her life and eternal partner Dale Salway Tagg whom she married in the Cardston Temple on April 12th, 1950. That beautiful union created a wonderful, ever growing legacy of five children, Corey (Debbie) Tagg, Mona Rea (Bart) Walburger, Robert (Bob) (Fiona) Tagg, Darcy (Ruby) Tagg, Tammy (Steve) Plett. They had 19 grandchildren and over 40 great grandchildren and still growing.

Rea was an upstanding and devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was an accomplished and well-loved piano teacher. It was almost a daily occurrence that she would meet a previous student or someone who knew someone she had taught. Rea and Dale built a beautiful log house at Wasa, BC and shared family fun and adventure with everyone who came to visit. Rea loved to swim,

float in her inner tube, and enjoy the beach and sun. She was the ultimate grandma who loved beach tea parties, wiener roasts over the campfire and reading stories in bed while the grandchildren hopped in between her and grandpa. She always was put together with her hair curled, her jewelry coordinated, her lipstick on and a smile. She loved her garden and especially her flowers. You know you have the special “Best Grandma Ever” badge when all your grandchildren and great grandchildren have so many memories that fill their hearts with love forever. Her ginger snap cookies were made with so much love and no one stopped at one. Everyone loved her homemade buns, apple sauce and cinnamon ice cream too. Her hands have knitted countless afghans, slippers, doilies/dishcloths much to the delight of all the recipients of these treasures.

Rea and Dale loved to travel. They had many trips around the world and their favourite and most visited spot was Hawaii. An extra special trip to Rea’s birthplace of Samoa made so many wonderful memories that both her and Dale cherished.

Rea was a joyous, loving, sweet, adventurous, full of spunk, faithful, beautiful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma, great grandma and friend.

Rea left this earth to join Dale and Heavenly Father on June 2, 2021. She said she was going to have the most beautiful flower garden in Heaven. Rea was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Dale in 2019 and her parents Julia (Delilah) and Clive Butler.

Rea is survived by her five children- Corey (Debbie) Tagg, Mona Rea (Bart) Walburger, Bob (Fiona) Tagg, Darcy (Ruby)Tagg, Tammy (Steve)Plett, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers Derril, Laurie, Danny and sisters Gloria and Julia (Judy). Also, many relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

A special mention of appreciation to Caroline, Rachel, Bob Storey, Barb, Jesse and Marylee for their friendship and assistance to Rea. She cherished all of you and was thankful to have you in her life.

The funeral for Rea will be held at the Cardston Cemetery in Cardston, Alberta on June 8, 2021. Due to covid restrictions it will be limited to family.

We ask that you plant a flower in memory for Rea. Enjoy their beauty and always stop to smell the roses.

Here is to lipstick kisses on the cheek. Swingy, Swangy, Swongy on the log house deck. “See You In Ten Minutes” Rest in Peace Rea....We Love You



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## **CNWA - Works - Private docks**

It has been reported that there are works on Wasa Lake that may not be in compliance with the CNWA. The CNWA prescribes the Minor Works Order, which lists the criteria below:

### **DOCKS AND BOATHOUSES**

#### ***Class established***

4. (1) Docks and boathouses are established as a class of works for the purposes of subsection 5.1(1) of the Act if

- (a) the works are not within 5 m of the adjoining property lines at the ordinary high water mark;
- (b) the works are not within 10 m of a dock, boathouse or other structure that is in, on, over, through or across the navigable water and that is not owned by the owner of the works;
- (c) in the case of a chartered navigable water, the works are not within 30 m of a navigation channel;
- (d) the works do not extend further in, on or over the navigable water than any other structure within 100 m of the works;
- (e) the works do not, when measured from the ordinary high-water mark, extend horizontally more than 30 m into, onto, over, through or across the navigable water;
- (f) the works do not cross more than halfway from one side of the navigable water to the other side;
- (g) the works are not associated with any other proposed works that are not of a class established by this Order; and
- (h) the works are not used for float planes or other aircraft equipped with floats.

#### ***Temporary works — class established***

(2) Temporary works that are required for the construction or placement of works of the class established by subsection (1) are established as a class of works for the purposes of subsection 5.1(1) of the Act unless the temporary works

- (a) are in, on, over, under, through or across a navigation channel; or
- (b) cross more than halfway from one side of the navigable water to the other side.

#### ***During construction or placement***

(3) During the construction or placement of works of the class established by subsection (1) or (2), the owner of the works must ensure

- (a) that vessels can navigate safely through or around the work site or, if navigation is interrupted by any activity related to the construction or placement, that suitable means, such as a portage, exist to allow vessels to resume navigation on the other side of the work site;
- (b) if the works are on or over a navigable water, that the works are marked, from dusk to dawn and during periods of restricted visibility, with yellow flashing lights that are
  - (i) located on the end of the works that is farthest from the nearest bank or shore, if the works are not more than 3 m in length,
  - (ii) located on each end of the works, if the works are more than 3 m in length but not more than 20 m in length,
  - (iii) located on each end of the works and at any other location on the works so that the lights are spaced not more than 20 m apart, if the works are more than 20 m in length but not more than 30 m in length, or
  - (iv) located on each end of the works and at any other location on the works so that the lights are spaced not more than 30 m apart, if the works are more than 30 m in length; and
- (c) if the works are in or through a navigable water, the works are marked with cautionary buoys that are lighted from dusk to dawn and during periods of restricted visibility and are
  - (i) located at the end of the works that is farthest from the nearest bank or shore, if the works are not more than 3 m in length,
  - (ii) located at each end of the works, if the works are more than 3 m in length but not more than 20 m in length,

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(iii) located at each end of the works and at any other location alongside the works so that the buoys are spaced not more than 20 m apart, if the works are more than 20 m in length but not more than 30 m in length, or

(iv) located at each end of the works and at any other location alongside the works so that the buoys are spaced not more than 30 m apart, if the works are more than 30 m in length.

### ***Removal of temporary works***

(4) The owner of works of the class established by subsection (2) must ensure that they are completely removed on completion of the construction or placement of the works for which they were required.

### ***Restoration of contours***

(5) The owner of works of the class established by subsection (1) must, if the contours of the bed of the navigable water were disturbed by either of the following, ensure that the contours are restored to their natural state on completion of the construction or placement of the works:

- (a) the placement or construction of the works or of works of the class established by subsection (2); or
- (b) the removal of works of the class established by subsection (2).

### ***Works in disrepair***

(6) If works of the class established by subsection (1) become a danger to navigation because of disrepair, the owner of the works must immediately

- (a) repair the works so that they are no longer a danger to navigation; or
- (b) remove the works.

### ***Should a work not meet the criteria of the MWO, criteria for works in Navigable Waters that may interfere with navigation but not Listed in the schedule are listed below, in part:***

10 (1) An owner who proposes to construct, place, alter, rebuild, remove or decommission a work — other than a major work or a minor work — in, on, over, under, through or across any navigable water that is not listed in the schedule must take one of the following steps if the work, or its construction, placement, alteration, rebuilding, removal or decommissioning, may interfere with navigation:

- (a) make an application for an approval to the Minister, in the form and manner, and containing the information, specified by the Minister; or
- (b) deposit any information specified by the Minister in any place specified by the Minister and publish a notice in any manner, and including any information, specified by the Minister.

For works that have already been constructed, an application to the NPP can be made through our External submission site, as outlined in the following criteria:

10 (2) An application made under paragraph (1)(a) is deemed to be an application made under subsection 5(1) and, if an approval is issued under subsection 7(6) in respect of the application, the work to which the approval relates is deemed to be a work constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through or across a navigable water that is listed in the schedule.

It should be noted that it is prohibited to construct, place, alter, rebuild, remove or decommission a work in, on, over, under, through or across any navigable water except in accordance with this Act.

Other legislative requirements may also apply, foreshore tenure as an example. This is the link to Front Counter BC where you may find Provincial requirements.

Please note this is not an exhaustive list of legislative requirements and urge everyone to take the time to read through their applicable legislation.

Feel free to reach out should you have any other questions.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Wurz

Navigation Protection Officer

Navigation Protection Program

Transport Canada / Government of Canada

NPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca / Tel: 236-334-1735 / TTY: 1-888-675-6863

The Wasa Country Quilters under the leadership of Gretchin Bryant, Linda Sungaard and Gayle Andrews put together this fabulous quilt to be raffled off by the Wasa Recreation Society as a fundraiser.

Many hours were spent at the Wasa Community Hall pre Covid preparing this quilt which was designed by Bear Paw Productions, with the Wasa and area in mind, and quilted by Bev Patkau. "A lot of fun was had by all." as quoted by Barb Kadin, President.



The Wasa Recreation Society was presented with the quilt on June 15. We are very grateful for this donation and opportunity to have a great fundraiser. Watch for raffle tickets to be available when we start up our monthly bingos and renew our gaming licence. Those dates will be announced once the future Covid Health Guidelines are announced.

Thank you Quilters!!

Karen Markus

Wasa Recreation Society

Barb Kadin, Wasa Country Quilters

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**Janitorial Position Available**

Wasa Lions is looking for reliable person for intermittent janitorial work on Lions Grounds. Variable hours.

Contact Bonnie @ 250 422-3795 for information.  
 Applications to Box 10 Wasa, BC V0B2K0



Now I know there are a few of you that have travelled over the past year - near and far ;) ;) Allow us to live vicariously through you! Send in your photos and have a great chance to win a \$50 gift certificate. Email your photos with "The Buzz". Your picture will be featured in the current issue of the Buzz and your name will go into a draw for the "2021 Where do you take Your Buzz" contest.

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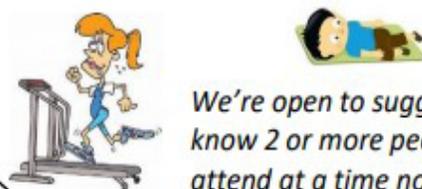
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**Safety guidelines and things you need to know:**

- Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- All users must sign in with date and time
- All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- Have fun and be safe!

**For Gym Schedule please contact:  
Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019 or  
Rod at 250.422.3253**

**GYM HOURS AND INFO**



*We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.*

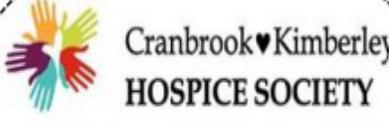


**Wasa Community Library**

call Marg Burrin @ 250-422-3565  
or Rose Smith @ 250-422-3088

**We close for summer and Christmas holidays**  
submitted by Judy McPhee

During this period of time when there is the possibility of Covid entering our community, the library will be open **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Masks will be required by all patrons using the library, at this time. PLEASE PHONE for an appointment. Thank you



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## EVENT Update as of June 15, 2021

**Hello Wasa and Area Residents:**

Due to COVID the **Wasa Triathlon 2021 date was revised to August 14-15** we expect to be back in June for 2022.

**Note: *The event will only take place if the BC Provincial Health Order reduces restrictions to allow events to operate.***

We appreciate BC Parks and EK Parks for their support and understanding of the impacts Covid-19 has had on the Wasa Triathlon. BC Parks has approved the revised dates for 2021, as long as events follow the PHO order at that time. We are aware the new 2021 date may create challenges for BC Parks and the community, being in the peak of their busy season, we will work to minimize the events impact. A Covid Safety Plan will be in place following all guidelines of the BC PHO restrictions.

A special 'Thank you' to the Wasa Community and volunteers (BIG 'Thank you' to the Wasa Lions Club volunteers) for the years of support at the Wasa Triathlon. The event has a great reputation of having high standards and noted as a family event drawing many from out of town for close to 20 years. Wasa Lake and area is not just seen as a beautiful place to bring their families and friends to visit but also as a welcoming community.

### Possible event adaptations - dependant on the PHO restrictions in August 2021:

- Events may be divided into 'WAVES' (group size based on PHO requirements).
- Reduced number of participants.
- Reduced contact between participants and volunteers/staff.
- No awards ceremony.
- Spectators – may not be permitted under the PHO.
- Volunteers – safety guidelines will be in place.
- Masks will likely be expected by PHO order, to be worn by all volunteers/staff/services/participants (except while racing).
- Trikids supported more by a parent to reduce contact with volunteers.

### Specific changes to note for the 2021 event weekend:

- Sprint distance events will be held Saturday AM.
- Trikids event moved to Saturday afternoon.
- Standard distance events will be held Sunday AM.
- Meals served offsite to reduce gathering (served as To-Go by Wasa Lions Club).
- **Swim course moved to North end of lake to reduce impact on recreational activity.**
- Race-bag pick up Thursday and Friday in Cranbrook.

**SAFETY NOTE FOR BOATER TRAFFIC ON WASA LAKE Aug 14+15 2021 – The NORTH BAY will have open water swimmers those mornings – we apologize for the inconvenience we ask you to PLEASE avoid that area of the lake during the event.**

THANK YOU,

Gerick Sports Wasa Triathlon Organizing Team

For more information go to [www.rmevents.com/triathlon/](http://www.rmevents.com/triathlon/)



# WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

For this special edition of the Tri-Village Buzz, focusing on all of the wonderful community volunteers, I would like to salute my fellow team-members of the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression group.

The group, which focuses on prevention and suppression in equal measure, is an eclectic mostly grey-haired bunch, ranging from former firemen to nurses and teachers. What we have in common is the belief that it is necessary that home-owners adopt FireSmart practices to reduce fire hazards on their properties, and that volunteers with a bit of water in the right place and at the right time can stop fire from spreading and possibly save a whole community. We have two retired firemen in the group; the chairman, Bill, worked 20 years for the Kimberley Fire Department, then as a provincial Fire Commissioner for another 20 years. Lyle, better known as “Zak”, worked for the Calgary Fire Department for 30 plus years. The third member of the team with fire experience is Mike, whose 40 year career with BC Parks included ecosystem management using prescribed fire to restore the natural landscape. Last but not least, Debbie worked for Forestry throughout BC and was trained in fire and deployment. The other four members of the group don’t have the practical experience of the first four, but they share their concern and commitment to keeping Wasa safe from fire. Sharon is a retired nurse whose involvement in the community includes Lions secretary-treasurer and co-manager of the Medical Loan Cupboard, and chair of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District. Darcy, the “young guy” in the group, brings his generosity and commitment to community into the equation. Our group is rounded out by Jane, who provides Regional District support and encouragement, and myself, who does the paperwork. Working together, and with the support of the whole community, we have managed to bring together a strategy to address fire prevention and suppression and so far, it’s working!

So to the members of the Fire Gang, and to all the other volunteers who contribute untold hours of selfless service to our community, **THANK YOU!**



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that!

Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

Wasa & District Lions Club, Bingo, Wasa Recreational Society, Armchair Traveler, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Community Library, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

*“Volunteering is a work of heart.”*

# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2	3
4 Church 10:30 am	5	6	7 	8	9 	10
11 Church 10:30 am	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18 Church 10:30 am	19 	20	21	22	23 	24
25 Church 10:30 am	26	27	28 	29	30	31 

## LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am    Lions 7 pm  
 Rec Society 7 pm            Quilters 10 - 4  
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 1    Bingo 6:30 pm  
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm  
 Tops; friday 9 am

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## and Days Down the Road

A few of you may be wondering at the sparse content of this month's Buzz. It is a reflection of how desperately we need the community to step forward with articles, ideas, submissions - and what the Buzz would look like if I did not step in to fill in the many gaps. It is not meant to trigger guilt trips, but an honest appeal to the many gifted individuals in our community to consider pitching in to keep our Buzz a vibrant, interesting, informative part of the Tri-Village area.

Many hands make light work.

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- Ashram Meditation & Yoga.....250.422.9327
- BC Wildfire..... \*5555.....or.....1.800.663.5555
- Catamount Contracting.....250.422.3694
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