



# Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association

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## President's Message: Bill Humphry

Skookum had an extremely harsh winter. We were not there but this is the word we heard from several who survived (thanks for the pictures). We need to congratulate those strong souls who endured the cold and winter freeze and snow. Our thanks go out to Terry Enzer who worked very hard to combat the overwhelming snow that impeded traffic at our resort. Thanks also to the winter volunteers that helped in the office.

I would like to remind everyone about our Volunteer Fire Department District #6 at Skookum. As a community, we owe these men and women our support and assistance. See the article on Planning a Massive Fund Raiser.

I would like to remind everyone that trash is an expensive budgetary item. Last year the volunteers reconstructed the trash area at the Lodge which enabled a third container to be utilized. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated if you would break down all corrugated boxes and stack them within the trash area. Volunteers take them to the recycle plant.

I would like to thank the Election Committee: Bobbie Ford (Chairperson), Ann Wenger, Gary Robertson, Vicky Persson, Rick Stoddard, Richard Oliver and Ray Dilcox (Board Liaison), for all their time and diligence. Their contribution in developing this online voting system will allow a better process for member participation enabling each of our voices to be heard.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first Board meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Lodge.

Bill



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### Office Open: Wed — Sat

10:00—3:00

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### Committee Meetings

- ARC every Mon 8 am
- LWSD first Tue 10 am

### Camelot/Skookum Owners Assoc. Board meetings:

Sat. June 10 @ 9:00 Camelot  
9:15 Skookum

## A Word from the Resort Manager

Now that spring has arrived and the long relentless winter is but a memory, we do need to say many thanks to those who stayed behind and called Skookum home for the winter. While most of us headed for southern destinations this hardy group of winter residents all pitched in and kept things in order at the resort. This was no easy task with record snowfall, below zero temps, a build-up of ice and snow berms and to top it off, a broken snow plow.

With the April showers hopefully behind us and the May flowers preparing to dazzle us also brings the return of our fair weather residents, "The Snow Birds." As your journeys begin those of us already at Skookum hope your travels are exciting and we look forward to your safe return.

Moving forward, the resort is already a buzz of activity. People are showing up at a steady rate to begin the spring clean-up and set-up for what promises to be another great summer. Mike and the team from G&S Landscape have spent the last week completing repairs to the irrigation system and service has been fully restored. We have scheduled a street sweeping service this year and expect them in early May. Lastly, we should see the lodge staining crew resume their project as things start to dry out.

As always, I am available to assist with any resort related issues you may be experiencing. Interest in the resort is already high again this year so I am also here to assist those of you who have your lots listed for sale. Current spring office hours are Wednesday – Saturday 10-2 however, you can always reach me on my personal line anytime. 509-868-4643.

*Ray Dilcar* Resort Manager [www.skookumrendezvous.com](http://www.skookumrendezvous.com) 509-445-0115

## Planning Ahead for Massive Fund Raiser—Maggie Brown

Skookum Rendezvous is extremely fortunate that Fire District #6 of Pend Oreille County has chosen Skookum rendezvous to build an additional fire station. The benefits of this addition to our area are great, affecting not only our physical well-being, but we will no doubt see an increase in the value of our property.

As you might have heard, the Fire Station District #6 is a volunteer fire department. As a community, we owe these men and women our support and assistance – in any way needed. Fire Chief Alex Arnold has told us that what is urgently needed is financial support for the volunteer department's most basic supplies. For example: the firefighting gear, these volunteers must wear, have a life of only 5 years.

To offer our support, the Skookum Activities Committee, with the full endorsement of the Board of Directors will be holding a massive fund raiser event tentatively set for Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge. Think of it as "**Hot Stuff for Sale to Support Our Fire Fighters**". We will publicize the event, inviting the entire community – posters in the Post Office, restaurants, etc. We welcome all vendors – arts and crafts, authors, etc. After a discussion with contributing vendors, a minimum amount of the sales proceeds will be set as a contribution to the Fire Department. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Maggie Brown at [maggiern@aol.com](mailto:maggiern@aol.com) as soon as possible so we have an idea of potential participants. Please state what you'll be selling.

The planning is only in the early stages. We will also need volunteers as well to handle traffic and security. With your contribution this can be a terrific way to help and thank neighbors who selflessly volunteer to keep you and your property safe.



## Editor's Comments—Danny Motola

**A**pril 9th 2017; as I write these thoughts the sun is about to set (*even though he is big, they don't let him out at night*). The cloudy sky warns of rain tomorrow, wind is calm. For the past few weeks winter has finally relented and the snow has disappeared from our park. However, this year the amount was above normal, transforming us into a 'marshmallow world', keeping those of us who stayed for the winter, amazed and busy removing it from our drives, carports, decks and most importantly, from our roofs.

Those of you who staged the annual peregrination south for warmer climates, were rewarded with higher temps; but you missed the fantastic show that nature rewarded us who stayed. Personally my wife and I looked forward to reactivating items like turtlenecks, sweaters, long johns, warm socks, heavy parkas, (clothes we had put away for ten years), snow boots, snow shoes and gloves. And we were recompensed by one of the coldest and snowiest winters in years.

We were prepared (sort of), we had a snow blower that waited thirteen years to be reactivated; it helped for the driveway. We had snow shovels and ice picks. When we accumulated three feet on the roof some doors began to stick. Lucky for me my wife won't let me up on the roof anymore, so we hired help.

Every day we watched as the river froze-over and a congregation of 2000 birds (ducks and geese mostly) huddled on the river in our backyard; we took photos of them as they stayed for more than a month.

Rest of the time we stayed in and only ventured to Newport or Spokane for supplies or doctor's appointments. We read a lot and wrote much less, but organized our office and decided that happiness is staying away from the tumult and traffic. Better yet, we avoided driving the 2500 miles, we used to put twice a year, with the subsequent savings of money and effort. We had time to ponder and observe how beautiful nature is. We simplified our movements, made new friends, and our spirits were rewarded with calmness and happiness.

Somewhere around thirty souls stayed for the winter and we found plenty to do; mainly activities in the lodge (aquarobics, needle crafts, Wii-bowling, Yoga, card games and dominoes). We decorated and had a great Christmas dinner. Others engaged in winter sports: sledding, skiing, and building igloos.

The camaraderie was patent. We always looked-out for each other to learn that everyone was safe and warm.

Soon the snow began to melt and some of you are beginning to trickle back to Skookum. We welcome you and wish you safe and healthy travels.

This is the first newsletter for the year. We would like to exchange stories. We missed you, so get back soon and share with us a great summer season.



## COMMITTEES

Volunteers are the backbone of our Community

### ARC—LOT STANDARDS

Dean Selhay, Chair  
Dee Blanpied  
Mike Conway  
Brian Mumford  
Diane Shantz  
Jeff Sloan  
Bob Ford—Board  
Liaison

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Betty Gauthier 43—Chair  
Maggie Brown 71  
Dianne Hoyt 6  
Terry Slinde 158  
Norma Laws 161  
Lola Weldin 180  
Jane Dershem 190  
Mary Beth Kelly 194  
Linda Armendariz 13N

### FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Candis Selhay—Chairperson

### LENORA WATER & SEWER Commissioners:

Mike Conway, lot# 53—Chairperson  
Gary Robertson, lot# 109  
Mike Wenger, lot# 98

### ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Bobbie Ford (Chairperson)  
Richard Oliver  
Vicky Persson  
Gary Robertson  
Rick Stoddard  
Ann Wenger  
Ray Dilcox (Board liaison)

### Activities Calendar

Ray Dilcox

### PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

John Cameron (Board Liaison)

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE—Betty Gauthier

Hi Ya'll, Is it summer AGAIN, really?? That means the Activities Committee better start warming up. Not many events planned for May - except maybe Memorial Day BBQ, hopefully somebody will get the BBQ's out. Many of the gals on the committee aren't back at Skookum yet, but we'll be getting our act together come June. Cards and Water Exercise are up and running, so join in where you'd like.

See ya'll soon, look forward to a fun summer.



### Volunteers at Work

Handymen Steve, Rick, Kevin and Danny, re-installing our sign that lost the battle with our harsh winter but lovingly restored by Ray Dilcox.

## Firehouse Chat—Craig Shantz

**P**end Oreille Fire District #6 welcomes you all as you return to another great summer at Skookum Rendezvous. We are excited to not only begin the building process of the new fire station, but also grow as a Department with the addition of four Skookum Rendezvous full-time residents (Susan, Mark, Matt & Mary) as new firefighters.

Most of our year round residents already know Mary as her beautiful singing voice is often heard at get-togethers around the park or at Bible study on Tuesday evenings. She has been a resident at Skookum since August of 2016 by way of the San Francisco Bay area in California.

Mary is a District #6 Fire Prevention Specialist and has been working to educate the constituents of the District to make their homes and properties Firewise Safe. She has been assisting on home assessments, which includes a new program this year of home inspections of smoke alarms. Mary, along with other members of the department, ensure that homes have the correct number and placement of smoke alarms. They then check to see if they are functioning properly by either replacing dead batteries or replacing smoke alarms that no longer work.

Please mark your calendars for a “Meet and Greet” of your District 6 firefighters along with free blood pressure checks at the lodge on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> between 8am and 10am. We will also have coffee and fresh muffins and scones baked by the future Firehouse Bakery baker - Diane. We hope to see all of you there!



### ELECTION COMMITTEE by Ann Wenger

**O**ne initiative of the Board of Directors this year was to improve member communications, feedback and participation including implementing an on-line voting and feedback system. The Election Committee has been working through the winter on these issues. Thank you to those who participated in the test of **electionbuddy**. Your comments and suggestions were helpful. The Board of Directors will begin making decisions about these issues in June.

At this year's Annual Meeting in August, we anticipate four openings on the Board of Directors for Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association (SROA) and Camelot Shores Owners Association (CSOA). We, the Election Committee, would like candidates to sign up as soon as possible so information about candidates can be shared with the Association.

#### Board of Director Candidates must be willing to:

- Act on behalf of the Association.
- Understand the authority of the Board as it carries out the work of the Association.
- Communicate with other Board Members and Association Members throughout the year.
- Be available for monthly meetings, which may include “on site” and/or “conference calls”.
- Understand the importance of referencing the governing documents of the Association. These include: SROA & CSOA Declarations, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and the Revised Codes of Washington (RCW).
- Act responsibly in relation to the SROA & CSOA budgets and expenditures.
- Serve as a liaison for committee work, as determined by the Board.
- Fill out a Board of Director Candidate Introduction Form.

If you are interested in running for the Board, the sign up sheet is in the kitchen of the lodge. If you are still off-site, give Ray a call in the office 509-445-0115 and he will add your name to the list.

LINKS  
AREA AMENITIES & HISTORY

**CURRENT COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Northwoods Performing Arts: [www.circlemoon.webs.com](http://www.circlemoon.webs.com)

49deg ski events: [www.ski49n.com](http://www.ski49n.com)

Community links: [www.newport-wa.org](http://www.newport-wa.org)

Community calendar: [www.newportareachamber.com](http://www.newportareachamber.com)

Create arts: [www.createarts.org](http://www.createarts.org)

Water Trail: [www.pendoreilleriver.com](http://www.pendoreilleriver.com)

Newsletter Editors: Maureen & Danny Motola

Submit corrections or additions to:

DANLMO@MoAndDanny.com

## Skookum Rendezvous

### KAYAKERS KORNER

Check Bulletin Board for Sign-up sheet.

REMINDER FOR BOATERS: a **boater education card** is required for boat operators age 12 and older driving a vessel with at least 15 HP. State law requires a life jacket for each person onboard and children under 12 must be wearing life jackets.

**May 20th, Saturday, between 8am and 10am**

#### In the Lodge:

“Meet and Greet” your District #6 firefighters

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### CIRCLE MOON THEATRE

Northwoods Performing Art will kick off the season in April with our own *Mountain Harmony Show Choir's* stage presentation of:  
*The Nifty Fifties (A musical Comedy Tribute To The 1950's)*

Check out the Menu for the Nifty Fifties

April 27 : BBQ Pork Ribs [Travis Coffey]  
April 28 : Herb Roasted Chicken [River Catering by Darcie]  
April 29 : Chicken Fettuccini [Skeyes the Limit]  
May 4 & 5: Arroz Con Pollo [Mi Pueblo]  
Please Note: May 6 is a “*Show Only Matinee*”  
Curtain time: 2pm.

Looking forward to see you there.

To get your Tickets just visit our our website  
[www.NorthwoodsPerformingArts.com](http://www.NorthwoodsPerformingArts.com)  
OR drop in at Seebers Pharmacy in Newport  
Washington  
OR give me a call (208).448.1294

Mark Caldwell, Director

### Proverbs for the Computer Geek

- Home is where you hang your @.
- The Email of the species is more deadly than the mail.
- A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.
- You can't teach an old mouse new clicks.
- Great groups from little icons grow.
- Speak softly but carry a cellular phone.
- C:\ is the root of all directories.
- Pentium wise, pen and paper foolish.
- Too many clicks spoil the browse.
- The geek shall inherit the earth.
- There's no place like <http://www.home.com>
  
- Don't byte off more than you can view.
- Fax is stranger than fiction.
- What boots up must come down.
- Windows will never cease.
- Virtual reality is its own reward.
- Modulation in all things.