



Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association

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President's Message: Bill Humphry

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve this community in the capacity as a Board member of Camelot Shores for six years and Skookum Rendezvous as the President for the past five years. As this is my last Newsletter I wish to give a heartfelt "Thank you" to Danny and Mo Motola for all their efforts in reviving and making this Newsletter an invaluable asset to our fabulous resort.

This past Saturday we witnessed an outstanding demonstration of what a wonderful and selfless community we live in. Most all of us came together to raise money for our own Fire District #6. We are grateful for the overwhelming generosity of those who contributed to the success by donating money, items for the garage sale, and the many vendors who sold their personal items and donated money from the goods and services to the cause.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following people who have gone above and beyond and made this a remarkable event. To name a few; Maggie Brown, Diane and Craig Shantz, Bobbie and Bob Ford, Steve Kollar and Ray Dilcox. As a result of their vision, hard work and ability to coordinate the efforts of our volunteers the community was able to raise over \$7,365 (the total has not been calculated as of yet as more may come in?) This was indeed a remarkable day. We will be making a presentation to District 6 at the Skookum Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 12th.

I believe the changes in the makeup of the Boards in the last several years have seen the community grow in a number of ways. We have seen the quantity of lot sales soar in the past few years with owners that want to live here year round, on weekends or as Snow Birds, as Maggie and I. I believe we can attribute this to Ray Dilcox our Resort Manager who has made himself available to assist interested buyers and sellers. I have spoken to a number of new owners who have told me he was one of the reasons they bought their property. Over and over he has demonstrated what a great asset he is to our Resort.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE



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Committee Meetings

- ARC every Mon 7:30 am
- LWSD first Tue 10 am

Camelot/Skookum Annual Membership Meetings:

Sat. Aug 12 @ 10:45 Camelot
1:30 Skookum

A Word from the Resort Manager

Skookum's The Place to be!

Wow, what another great year we are having. The Resort has never been busier. With the projects committee building and improving the resort, the activities committee keeping us fed and entertained, the election committee setting us up for future success and the many individual events makes for an active, thriving committee.

As a result of all this, Skookum Rendezvous is definitely on the radar as the RVr's place to be. With 29 properties sold this year and no doubt more sales before the season ends. Let's continue to welcome new friends to the neighborhood.

Part of my commitment has always been to assist both the owner trying to sell their lot and those that are looking to call Skookum home. I am pleased to report that those 29 property sales again are pushing the \$1,000,000 mark resulting in \$20,000 in transfer fee revenue. That transfer fee money has a trickle effect that pays for our advertising and website and offsets the added payroll expense of having a manager. Lastly, I am also excited to note that the average Skookum property has seen an increased resale price of \$7,000 over last year.

As always it is my pleasure to serve the committee,

Ray Dilcox

Resort Manager

President's Message (continued)

This year there are six candidates who have stepped up to fill the four vacancies due to time limits and a resignation. There are several CC&R changes to be voted on in Camelot and Skookum. As a reminder again and again, if you are a Skookum owner you are also a Camelot owner. We are already a week into this process and less than half of the owners have voted.

The Election Committee worked very hard over the year to develop policy and procedures to enable owners to **vote easily on-line in a couple of minutes** without returning ballots in the mail (a cost saving to the HOAs' of over \$700.) This method has been tested numerous times with great feedback from the owners. We have also brought this to our Attorney who ensured the Board of the legality of the process.

It is beyond me that owners who purchased here in Skookum cannot take a few moments to protect their investment, voice their concerns, and **VOTE!** As of this writing, Monday, July 31, there are only 43% of Skookum Rendezvous owners and 45% of Camelot Shores who have voted.

I have asked several owners if they have voted. To my amazement some stated they vote no on everything and some say they simply don't vote. My response is "You don't have a voice if you don't vote!" These are the same people that are the first to complain and the last to encourage positive feedback.

Again, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Boards and wish the new Board well in all their endeavors. **Bill e-mail bhumphry@cox.net**



Editor's Comments—Danny Motola

There will always be time, or so we hope, for every enterprise we pursue to become a reality. As we turn back the memory bank thirteen years, when we arrived, the picture looked good but the goal was too far into the future. Skookum Rendezvous was then a newborn child conceived with great ideas but, alas, not so good business acumen.

For the next eight years we endured “growing pains” until 2012 when we achieved the transition from developer to true owners of our destiny. Now, for the last five years, we’ve been fortunate to have many dedicated owners step up to become members of the board of directors of our Park. Some gave more years of their time than others, but each and every one served selflessly for the benefit of the whole group. They helped the enterprise flourish, were careful with expenses so that our fees did not experience increases, supervised committees, coordinated with the Manager so that CC&R’s and rules and regulations were enforced, and much, much more with the aim to please the majority.

The good spirit of giving of our time and knowledge was augmented by a true cadre of volunteers who manned the ARC, Activities, Budget/Finance, Projects, CC&R and election committees. They performed brilliantly and tirelessly. Our heartfelt thanks go to those of you who gave their time and abilities for the benefit of the rest of us.

Now it is time to pass the baton. Four members of the board are leaving and Mo and I want to thank Bill Humphry, Sharon Verity and Bob Ford for their many hours of dedication. We thank also those remaining: Candis Selhay who fights constantly to keep us in the black, Ray Dilcox, who with love, knowledge and patience, keeps the figurative wheels of this machine running smoothly, and John Cameron who is always ready to help on many projects.

To the new four members of the Board who will be elected August 12, we encourage you to keep the tradition and dedication of past board members.

Now with the results of the FD fund raiser, we could write pages more. Everyone in Skookum give yourselves a pat on the back. Do we have a great community?

Let us close with the observation that there is no place that we’d rather live than this, surrounded by the magnificence of nature, wildlife, river and innumerable numbers of activities. We are in heaven and we have not yet paid the ultimate price.

Danny



Elections Committee—Bobbie Ford, Chairman



Did you get your SROA & CSOA electronic ballots? DID YOU VOTE?

We are counting down to the August 12th annual meetings and the association elections. The election committee has made it a goal to make sure that everyone receives an invitation to exercise their right to vote. While some people may think that voting is not necessary, one vote can change the entire outcome of an election. In the end, every single vote that has been cast does count. Voting gives you the power to decide how our association is run. If you have a complaint about the way the association is being run, voting is a simple way you can make a change.

Electronic Voting Closes August 7th * USPS Proxy Deadline is also August 7th
If you have questions or need any assistance contact the Election Administrators:

SROA—Bobbie Ford *** CSOA—Rick Scheidner

Vote: sroa@skookumrendezvous.com or csoa@skookumrendezvous.com

Your Vote Counts!

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
Terry Slinde 158
Norma Laws 161
Lola Weldin 180
Jane Dershem 190
Mary Beth Kelly 194
Sherry Bloomer 12N
Dianne Hoyt 6
Pat Stoddard 76
Ida Wand 65
Ray Dilcox 14

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Candis Selhay—Chairperson

LENORA WATER & SEWER Commissioners:

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

PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

Brian Mumford, Chair
Chelsea Goodner
Mike Goodner
Steve Kollar
Jeff Sloan
John Cameron (Board Liaison)

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Bobbie Ford (Chairperson)
Richard Oliver
Vicky Persson
Rick Scheidner
Terry Slinde
Ann Wenger
Ray Dilcox (Board liaison)

Activities Calendar
Ray Dilcox

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE—BETTY GAUTHIER

WOW, we've got a FULL calendar for you this month. August is always busy since it includes the Kalispel tribes POW WOW the first weekend of August and of course, the county fair Aug. 17-20. Always a lot to do.

Closer to home -- Skookum -- we are planning an outing to Manito Gardens and lunch at Chaps restaurant, of course our Annual meetings; Ice Cream Social, Karaoke Party, Mystery Dinner, Pizza Night & Omelet-in-a-Bag. And don't forget the usual Pancake Breakfast, Motorcycle ride & Get the Scoop. So much to do— So little time.

Hope you'll be able to find something (or several 'somethings') that you'd like to join in on.

See you there -- Betty Gauthier - Chairman

Meet Your Neighbors - Ron & Kathy Baird — Lots G25-26

It was a match made in—a small town in Kansas. Born in the same hospital, same doctor, same year. Married twenty years later, Kathy and Ron Baird just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! And now call Skookum Rendezvous their Home.

And how did they end up in paradise? It was a long journey. After they graduated from high school, they married, went to college and started a family. Graduating from college in Kentucky, Kathy became an XRAY Technician while Ron went to Seminary to become a minister. They moved to Aurora, CO where Ron became the pastor of a church. After 14 years in Aurora they pastured churches in Turlock CA and finally in Ft Collins, CO. After pasturing for 27 years they moved to Spokane where Ron continued his studies to become a hospital chaplain.

Both worked full-time while raising three children: Son David, now 48, is a Director of the Veteran's Outreach Center in Spokane Valley, working with veterans and parents of veterans who were lost in active duty. Daughter Angie, is Regional Marketing Director for a retirement community, and youngest son Mark is a Clinical Psychologist with a private practice and is a professor of psychology at Whitworth University in Spokane.

After the three kids were grown and had left home, Ron and Kathy sold their house and moved to Spokane where Ron went back for graduate studies at Gonzaga University to become a hospital chaplain. He worked at Holy Family Hospital for 13 yrs. And Kathy worked in Administration at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Then in 2007, a friend asked them, "What do you do for fun?" That's when they realized there was a whole new world they had been missing.

They picked up a brochure and began investigating Skookum Rendezvous, purchased a lot in Guinevere, which was undeveloped at that time, and slowly built their new home. And it didn't take them long to catch up on the 'fun' they were missing. Their toys soon included a snowmobile, a quad, a pontoon boat, a Trike (Can-Am Spyder), and recently 2 kayaks.

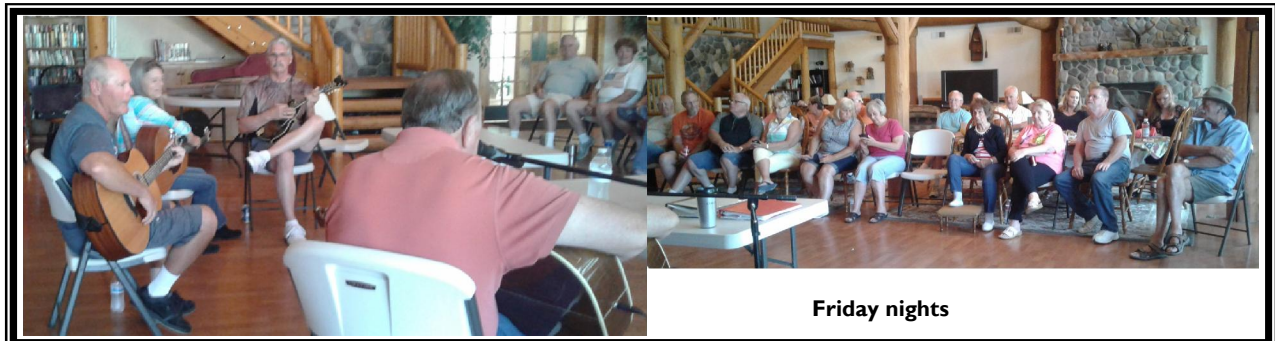
Are they retired? Not really; Ron is part-time pastor of a small church in Deer Park. They also enjoy being close enough to enjoy their grandkids.

Both display a huge smile when they say, "We just love it here."

And when we asked, "What do you like best at Skookum?" Both answered, "The close-knit community."



Just Jammin'



Friday nights

LINKS
AREA AMENITIES & HISTORY

CURRENT COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Northwoods Performing Arts:
www.circlemoon.webs.com
49deg ski events: <http://ski49n.com>
Community links: www.newport-wa.org
Community calendar:
www.newportareachamber.com
Create arts: www.createarts.org

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From The Children's Bible Study Class

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas.

The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think he must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. (Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.)

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

The next important person was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham.

Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would take a rain check.

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One Heck of a Fired Up Success! By Maggie Brown

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FIRED UP! On Saturday, July 29th, we were able to thank the men and women who volunteer a big chunk of their lives in protecting the lives and property of their neighbors – District 6 Firefighters. In a world where violent protests break out over a \$15 an hour minimum wage, we are blessed by the presence of these truly unselfish folks. these folks accept the fact that in the middle of a deep sleep, or

Firehouse Chat—Craig Shantz



To say that July was busy for District 6 firefighters would be an understatement. We hit the ground running by participating in Greggs Addition "Red neck Parade" on July 3rd, followed by the Cusick 4th of July parade on the 4th. We then took to task readying Station 61 in Furport for our annual Open House on July 15th. We were happy to see so many Skookum residents show up and enjoy a hotdog and hamburger with us.

If you didn't notice, the little shed on the future site of Station 62 is proudly doing duty as the temporary station, which we fondly call Station 62 1/2. We have made a landing zone on our property for any Lifeflight call outs. We may be small now in size, but watch us grow over the next few months.

We would be remiss if we didn't talk about the "Fired Up" fundraiser for our District 6 firefighters. WOW, we are still in awe about final amount raised. The words "Thank You" seem inadequate to truly say how grateful we are for all that the Skookum residents did for us in raising money to fund some much-needed equipment for the district. Maggie Brown, you are our hero in being the catalyst in making this grand event a reality. We know it took a village to pull it all off, and a lot of hard work by so many of you giving not only your time, but also money generously to this event. We give a **most heartfelt thanks** for all the volunteers and vendors that made this event so successful. Craig



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just before sitting down to a meal, they may get a call for help, and they immediately respond, because that is the responsibility that they've accepted. Again, these folks are VOLUNTEERS. I thank the community of Skookum for getting Fired Up! and doing such an excellent job of making the fundraiser a terrific success. You should know that when we hit \$5,000 (not the final accounting), one of the firefighters had tears in her eyes.

The planning and logistics of Fired Up! took around two months. We were mentioned in the *Newport Miner* with stories and press releases for four weeks leading up to the event (a special acknowledgement to Don Gronning of the *Miner* for his patient assistance). Firefighters spread the flyers all over the District 6 area. We also had coverage on the local radio station KUBS. Craig Shantz (your neighbor and firefighter) took over the parking and shuttling logistics. Craig was supported by Steve Kollar, Bonnie Chale, Jerry Verity, **Dan Tremblay** and Dean Selhay. But the day could not have gone on so incredibly smoothly without Diane Shantz and Bobbie Ford.

It seems that yard sales are one of Diane's entertainment, so she took over and what a great job she did. This area raked in \$1,403. Every Tuesday, she and Craig picked up your donations (If you saw the pile, would you not wonder at the possibility that some of you might have basements in your sheds?). Collecting and pricing all that stuff! Thank you, Diane and all of Diane's helpers! And thanks also to all of those who worked the yard sale on a very, very hot day.

Yes, lots of stuff was left over. The clean up the next day was accomplished also by many of your friends and neighbors. Betty and Roger Gauthier took part of the left-overs and donated it to their church's thrift store in Priest River. Marybeth Kelly was able to find an organization to pick up the rest. And there was a lot of stuff. We were all concerned that, like a bad fungus, we might never get rid of it. I wasn't there to see the face of the man who arrived in a pick-up truck when he saw Steve Kollar's trailer loaded to the top, and then was told about even more treasures lined up against the kitchen wall. We need to ask Steve or Candy: "What happened then?" I have a feeling that Steve's involvement with getting rid of all those treasures didn't end with the arrival of the man with the pick-up. Thanks, Steve.

Another extremely critical part of the project was organizing the vendors. Bobbie Ford took on the logistics of this challenge. She organized the outside yard sale space and our 20 vendors. She took on the job of measuring space and assigning tables. She reached out to determine the needs of the vendors – space, electric needs, etc. She set the guide lines which facilitated an easy set-up for the vendors which eliminated a great deal of confusion. Of course, there was confusion, but without her initial organization – well, I don't even want to think about it. And, didn't we have interesting vendors? All but two of these talented folks came from right here in Skookum. Thank you vendors and thank you Bobbie!

There is no doubt in my mind that without the focus and energies of Bobbie Ford and Diane Shantz, the event would not have been the amazing success that it was. And by no means do I mean to diminish your help! So many stepped up to help – you know who you are, and there are simply too many to name you all. You know that without your contribution of time, energy, baked goods, or stuff from the basements of your sheds - the day would not have been the success that it was. Also, thanks to those who helped by making a monetary donation. It takes many parts to make a whole.

Just for a moment, let's talk about the food! First of all, a very, very special thanks to Vicky and Don Persson who brought their huge BBQ from Renton, WA. They donated the hot dogs, brats and polish sausage, buns and chips. All of their proceeds were donated. Did I mention it was a hot day? Don, who just celebrated his 75th birthday, grilled for 5 hours. When offered a covering, he said that from past experience, any cover would turn out black and smelly. They were able to bring in \$492. Thank you Steve and Candy Kollar for treating all the Firefighters to a Don and Vicky lunch. Next, let's talk about those caramel cinnamon rolls that Norma Laws

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made! Some of us bought one to share with our spouse. After one bite, we knew that the spouse could darn well buy their own. Also, the fabulous baked goods that Diane Shantz somehow found time to bake. What a talent! Perhaps we could get Diane to hold a bake sale – sooner rather than later. Let me also point out another way that a contribution was made. Carolyn Robertson knew that physically she was unable to contribute, so she made and donated delicious chocolate chip cookies! If you missed out on any of these treats, well, your loss! Plus, all of the above donated all of the proceeds to the cause.

The raffle winner of the print donated by aerial drone photographer, Lieven Walston was Jeff Sloan. (Ironically, Jeff's wife, Clair, had bought the identical small framed picture for Jeff.) The winner of the lap quilt, donated by Sharon Verity was Cheryl Gambel, a new resident to Skookum. Congratulations!

What is the final accounting? Contributions are still coming in, but so far the Firefighters will be receiving \$7,365. Yes, they will be able to purchase their TIC (thermal infrared camera). Due to a grant, they will also be purchasing a portable EKG unit. Even though the Resort Aid Team (RAT) of Skookum is disbanded, a bank account still exists. An arrangement has been made for District 6 to use these monies (not counted in the final tally) to maintain Skookum's emergency medical equipment. The account is expected to be able to service Skookum's medical equipment for the next 8 years. Thank you Bobbie Ford, former member of the RAT, team for initiating this course of action.

Many names need recognition, but unfortunately and fortunately, there's just too many to mention. There were sign makers, furniture movers, trashcan care, security folks, folks who ran to the bank for change, all the Firefighters who helped with everything, makers of lemonade, and of course Ray Dilcox for not only bringing back Skookum wear, but also maintaining a spread sheet during the event. Fired Up! was a really big deal! It worked! Thank you all! \$7,365 and still counting.

Maggie

