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WHONNOCK LAKE DAY

Fun for the Whole Family



Sunday 23 September
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

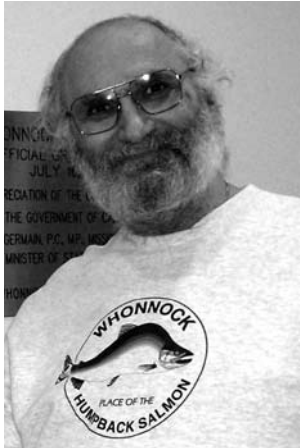
Preliminary Program

Pancake Breakfast (RCKC)	9:00 – 11:00
Whonnock Weavers	10:00 – 2:00
Lunch Concession (OAP)	from 11:00
Warrior Spirit Taekwondo Demonstration	from 11:00
Zox of the Forest	11:00
Norden the Magician	12:00
Stave Falls Scottish Dancers	1:00
Maple Ridge Community Band	1:00 – 2:00
Native Drumming	2:00
Pony Rides	1:00 – 3:00

✂ Craft Tables ✂ Face Painting ✂ Raffle ✂ RCKC Regatta

Information: Helmi 604.462.8942

Book tables: Sue 604.462.7519



ALLAN SPRINGMAN

Allan Springman, who died in May, has led the Whonnock Community Association through many successful and happy years and played a pivotal role in the creation and operation of our community centre.

The Whonnock Lake Centre, his legacy to Whonnock, remains as a monument to his commitment to our community, his tenacity, enthusiasm, loyalty, leadership and vision. Next year we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of Whonnock Lake Centre. Thank you Allan. We miss you.

President's Report

I hope this September finds you well and thoughts turning from gardening to quiet fall evenings in front of the fireplace.

Whonnock continues to move along under the development radar and should for several years to come. It's a great place to raise children and friendships are strong.

Please join the different programs offered in our community and help support our Whonnock lifestyle by attending Whonnock Lake Day on September 23rd. I'll be there as well (hopefully judging some of the baking entries!)

The Whonnock Community Association meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Whonnock Lake Centre. All are welcome and currently all positions are filled so we will not try to draft you into any committees etc.

I am looking forward to seeing some new faces at our meetings this year so come and find out what we are all about.

Yours Truly.

Brad Jennings, President, WCA



Sixteen years ago Traci & Denis Skapski were married under the arbour at Whonnock Lake Centre. On August 24th they returned to toast their anniversary at the same place.

Whonnock Lake Centre

Love is still going strong at Whonnock Lake Centre. Our venue has already been booked for for June, July, August and September 2008.

It's hard to believe that summer is nearing an end. Whonnock Lake has been a hub of activity with swimmers, boaters & children enjoying the beach and park playground.

We have had a busy wedding season at the Hall for 2007. We receive lots of comments on how beautiful our gardens are, so...thanks to Maureen.

The Centre will host programs put on by Parks and Leisure Services such as pilates, karate, and classes. A new class this year on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. is a Low Impact exercise class.

The Wee Ones meet at the Centre every Tuesday morning .

The Whonnock Weavers meet at the Centre every other Thursday night. They create some great creative work I have had the pleasure of viewing at their show and sale held each November. Be sure not to miss out on that opportunity.

The Brownies and Girl Guides meet at the Centre on Tuesday nights. A group of fine young ladies learning crafts, survival, and to be good Samaritans.

Jordy and Shirley Blatter

Whonnock Well Monitoring Group

On May 10, 2007 a meeting was held at the Whonnock Lake Centre.

The purpose of forming the group is to obtain water analysis data and well depth measurement data. This data will be used solely in the creation of a base line of characteristics of the participating wells. This base line data is intended to be used by organizations such as the Ministry of the Environment and not to be used by individuals for other purposes.

There are 11 households in the group. The wells are shallow, deep and artesian and are located from Dewdney Trunk Road to 104 Avenue and from 269 to 280 Street.

The organizers were Yukiko Tanaka, Tilde Castiello and Norman Billesberger.

Yukiko arranged for Walt Brandt, the operations manager of Bodycote (formally Norwest Labs), to give a presentation of the water testing process and resulting report interpretation. There are two tests: Chemical and Health.

The group agreed to take water samples every 6 months for the health test and every 12 months for the chemical test as well. Most of the group is taking depth measurements on the first of every month.

The first tests were done May 23. Everyone brought their water samples to the Whonnock Lake Centre between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Yukiko and Tilde volunteered to be there to ensure the paper work was in order and place the water samples in the cooler provided by Bodycote. In about a week, everyone had their test results.

On June 7, Yukiko, Tilde and Norman visited the Ministry of the Environment regional hydrologist, Tim Bennett. He gave a presentation on aquifers, water analysis and water depth data. He also had data on their test well located just north of the community well on 272 Street. They have been taking depth measurements every hour since October 2003. Their monthly data on this test well goes back to 1980. The water level in this test well fluctuates seasonally about 1 meter. The level fluctuates up to 2 meters in less than 1 hour due to pumping from the nearby community well.

They also have the water tested semi-annually (spring and fall) for chemical and health. Preliminary evaluation suggests no problems with metals, nitrates and coliforms.

The Ministry of the Environment has kindly loaned their well depth sounder equipment to the Whonnock Well Monitoring Group.

The members with deep drilled wells use this sounder to obtain their water depths.

Norman Billesberger



Wildwood Fellowship Church at 10810 – 272nd Street.

Why go to church? We go hoping to find answers to life, to develop positive friendships, to find a valuable place to serve, to make our lives count, and to find acceptance and love. Most of all, we are looking to know God and worship Him. Only He can provide the true peace we all yearn for.

Wildwood Fellowship Church is a family-oriented, non-denominational community church. We enjoy a variety of worship styles, receive a relevant biblical message that encourages and challenges us, and enjoy getting to know each other over a cup of coffee. We are always looking forward to welcoming visitors and new members and are always ready to lend a helping hand when needs arise. Kids can learn about God during our Super Church program during the service, after school Kids Club, and bi-weekly Jr. Youth Group events.

We believe you will find Wildwood Fellowship to be a place that cares about you and your family. We invite you to become a part of what God is doing here in your community.

Please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-462-0610 for more information.

Whonnock Bursary

A Whonnock Bursary of \$1,000 is offered every year by the Whonnock Community Association to a graduating student.

These are the requirements:

1. The student must be currently residing or a past resident for at least two years of the Whonnock area.
2. The student's marks showing the student's commitment to furthering education at college, trade school or university.
3. Financial need.
4. Most important is the student's commitment through volunteering to the community, school or other worthy causes.

We wish the best of luck to all applicants.

Whonnock United Church

The Whonnock United Church at 27091 River Road meets Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for a joyful hour of music and worship followed by coffee and fellowship in our church hall. We are a small but warm and outreaching congregation, strong in our faith and genuine in our worship. We welcome all to come visit and enjoy our service. For more information call Jean Ruttan at 604-462-7794.

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

This fall St. John's offers a program aimed at assisting individuals to combat violence and crime in a positive manner. We invite all come to an information session on Non-violent Communication (NVC) education on Thursday evening 11 October at 7 p.m.

Following the information session, there will be eight hours of training at St. John's over two days—on Sunday afternoons October 21 and 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.. The information and training sessions will be conducted by Ms. Raj Gill, an internationally certified trainer for non-violent communication. Information night is free. Training \$30.00.

One of the most transforming experiences can be laughter. On Saturday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. we are hosting a Pot Luck Supper and Comedy Night with local actors lampooning ourselves and topics of the day. Come and join the fun. For more information please e-mail gese@telus.net or call 462-7933.

Our pet animals also transform our lives. We are hosting a Pet Blessing Service on Sunday, October 14, at 10:00 am. Bring your pet along to our service with their "woof," "chirp", "meow" or other sound made by your pet to receive a blessing.

Feel free to drop by and visit us on any Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Our services last for about an hour and a half and we have Sunday School and a nursery—there's even a time for Fellowship afterwards with a cup of something hot and a chance to catch up on local information. Blessings!

Rev. David Findley-Price, BA, M.Div., Priest-in-Charge

The Byrnes Bursary

The Whonnock Foundation has granted a first \$2,000 Byrnes Bursary to Jenna Beaudry, a third year student working towards a BA at the University College of the Fraser Valley. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher.

The Directors of Whonnock Foundation are impressed by Jenna's academic record and her motivation. She is doing everything she can to finance her studies with part-time jobs, and student loans.

The Foundation wants to continue granting amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post secondary establishment and with a proven record of good performance.

Information about the requirements can be found on the Whonnock Foundation pages on <whonnock.ca>.

Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club

Thanks to the great sand bagging efforts led by the Parks and Recreation Department, the water levels were high enough to keep Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club's many programs afloat this summer. RCKC continued to offer great recreational programs to our local youth and maintained its strong competitive reputation both provincially and nationally.



The club hosted two regattas this season and will be hosting the B.C. Bantam and Masters Championships on September 22 and 23. This season's schedule gave the athletes the opportunity to compete in up to 16 regattas across Canada and the US. You might be surprised to know that RCKC, on our beautiful little jewel of a lake, currently has 56 competitive members; and this season to date has had 810 participants from the school programs, adult learn-to-kayak sessions, day camps and drop-in sessions!

September brings a month of rest to the older competitive athletes and coaches who train eleven months of the year and have just returned from the Canadian National Championships. The high performance athletes are coached by Provincial Coach Kris Lepianka, and the canoers are coached by Johny Mantura. 18 Ridge athletes made A-Final races with four athletes excelling to place in the top three in Canada and bringing home a total of 11 medals between them. Two RCKC paddlers proudly represented Canada on the international stage this summer. Maggie Henderson had 4th and 8th place finishes at the World Junior Canoe and Kayak Championships held in Racice, Czech Republic, where 74 countries were participating. And Wesley Hammer placed 4th in the K-4 1000m at the Pan American Games held in Rio, Brazil. Wesley is a member of the U23 National Team, and Maggie the Junior National Team. Other local paddlers, Christopher Abbott and Sean McBeath who are now paddling for clubs in Eastern Canada, were also members of the 2007 U23 National Development Team and Junior National Development Team respectively.

The many volunteer hours from parents are also what keep this club afloat. The dedicated executive has been led by Commodore Virginia Kuran for the past two years who also participates as a master paddler. She and master paddler, Kathy Nay train year round. They set a great example of participating in "sport for life" and maintaining healthy fitness levels. These two paddlers won medals at both the US and Canadian Masters Nationals this season.

Club members are looking forward to some relaxation, fresh air fun on their traditional Harrison River paddle during the salmon spawning season in October. The doors are always open to new members, so if you are interested please drop by.

RCKC's New Boathouse

RCKC has embarked on a very ambitious long-term project that is a welcomed and attractive addition to the Whonnock Community; for those who do not yet know, we wish to build our own separate boathouse. The building plans are complete and the building will serve as a secondary emergency shelter for the Whonnock Community. All efforts to date, including the numerous hours of drawings by Jerry Poole, have been volunteered. We are now in the stage of developing a business and fund-raising plan. We welcome anyone from our community who would like to be a part of this exciting project and to share their ideas or expertise in fund-raising campaigns to contact Ken and Katrina Kelleway at 604-462-0280.

Guys and Gals Volleyball

Wednesday nights at Whonnock Elementary all adults are welcome to come out for a drop-in Volleyball game 7:45 – 9:00-ish. Some fun and fitness and best of all it's free.

Whonnock T.O.P.S. Local 4522

Take off Pounds Sensibly is a non-profit weight-loss support group that meets every Tuesday at the Wildwood Fellowship Church in Whonnock. We offer guidance, support and plenty of laughs. Come see what we are all about.

Time 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. weigh-in, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. meeting. Call Lori at 604-463-7355 or Jo-Ann at 604-463-1622 for more information.

Whonnock Walkers



Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Maureen at 604-462-7940 for more information. Location: Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot.

Whonnock Wee Ones Play Group

For newborns to preschoolers. Open play-time, crafts, songs, circle time and lots of fun. Drop in, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays at Whonnock Lake Centre \$2.00 per session.



Drop-In Gym 13-18 yrs

Come check out our open gym and play sports such as basketball, volleyball, and floor hockey. Location: Whonnock Elementary School. Monday 7:00-9:00 p.m. FREE!

Adopt-A-Block

Thanks to all of those who continue to volunteer to help keep Whonnock clean but we need more volunteers to take care of a stretch of street or avenue. Call Jean Ruttan at 604-462-7794.

Rhododendron Garden Notes

In these notes we inform you of a unique opportunity to learn more about species rhododendrons. Workshops are being given at the UBC Botanical Garden in the spring of 2008. The workshops will cover the basics of classification within the Genus Rhododendron.

Identification of members of the major groups within the genus will be achieved during garden tours. There will be a strong emphasis on the growing of rhododendrons. These are in-depth sessions from 9.30 to 3.00 on four Saturdays in March and April.

In previous years, this sort of learning experience has only been available by travelling down to the Species Foundation in Washington. A local opportunity such as this should not be missed by anyone wishing to explore beyond the frothy surface of the hybrid rhododendrons.

Priority will be given to members of rhododendron clubs, so if you may be interested please come to one of the Fraser Valley Society meetings at St. Andrews Church near the west end of the Maple Ridge bye-pass. The meetings are at 7.30 on the fourth Monday of the month. Visitors are always welcome and we can promise them a friendly reception and maybe a special plant to take home.

For more information please call the secretary Scot Henney at 604-464-7979 or s.henney@telus.net.



Special Dates To Remember Whonnock Lake Centre

Whonnock Lake Day – Sunday, September 23
Whonnock Country Craft Fair – November 17
Whonnock Weavers Show and Sale – November 25
New Years Dinner & Dance

Whonnock Community Association
meetings every third Thursday of the month.

Old Age Pensioners – Branch 103, Whonnock

Meetings are on the last Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Whonnock United Church. Call Margaret Norman, 604-462-7591 for more information.

Lakeside Preschool

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3 – 5 year olds. Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604-462-0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.



1st Whonnock Scouting Group

Remember when Scouts...did good deeds, helped friends and neighbours, shared stories around the campfire and just enjoyed being kids? Well they still do! And they do it in more exciting wonderful ways than ever before. Come join us on Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m. at the Scouts Canada

Whonnock Lodge at 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Beavers, 5 – 7 years old, Cubs, 8 – 10 years old, Scouts, 11 – 14 years old, learn skills, plan adventures, and get down to the real business of being kids: having fun.

For 100 years, Scouts Canada has been Canada's number one youth organization. We are well known for our safe, fun, and adventurous programs, where fun is the common denominator, blended with friendship and outdoor fun. Our programs are provided by a network of caring people who enjoy the rewards of knowing the positive influence they have on young people.

For more information contact: Adriana Knox (604) 462 – 7262

Guides and Pathfinders

Guides and Pathfinders meet at Whonnock Lake Centre, Tuesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. For more information call Heidi at 604-462-7193 or see <whonnock.ca>

Whonnock Youth Outreach

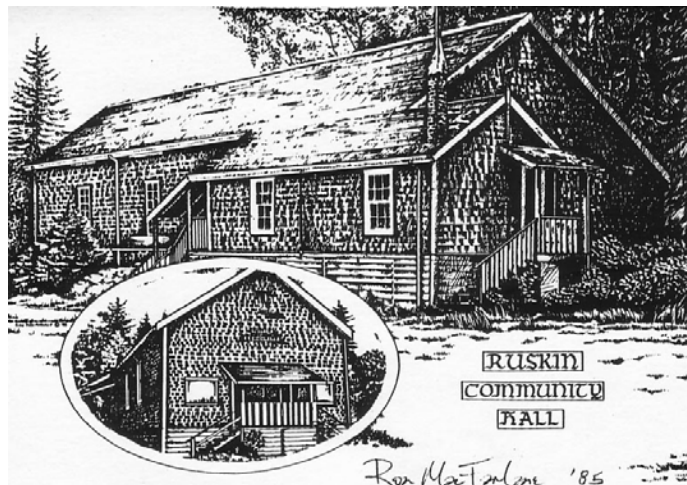
In partnership with the Whonnock Community Association. A component of the Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities within the Whonnock area. The Youth have been working hard with the area residents, volunteers, parents, and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities. For more information call: 604-467-7354. (Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm September – June).

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners

The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners began their fall season with a basket workshop learning to use cedar bark. The instructor was Joan Carrigan of Saltspring Island. We will be bringing our spinning wheels to Whonnock Lake Day and look forward to meeting many of you there. We are also busy preparing for our annual Open House Show and Sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This is an excellent opportunity to do your Christmas shopping. Along with weaving, knitting and felting, we will have guest artists with pottery, glass, wood, metal and baskets and the very popular teddy bears.



We continue to meet in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. . We always welcome new members. If you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting, or phone Marie at 462-9059.



Ruskin Hall Information

The Ruskin Hall is located in Maple Ridge at the corner of 96th Ave. and 284th St. Rental is available for anniversaries, weddings, reunions, meetings, etc. The hall seats 84 people for a dinner or 114 for theatre seating. Call booking agent Shannon for more information at 462-7642.

Westcoast Shotokan Karate School

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Whonnock Lake Centre. Kids and adults split class. Taught by Sensei: Andrew Johnson 604-612-3995. For more information visit our Web site at <shotokanjohnson@yahoo.ca>



Exercise with Alvina

Alvina Tyler is offering two classes of low impact aerobics this fall, one at the Ruskin Hall Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 and the other at Whonnock Lake Centre Wednesday nights same time. Both classes start the last week of September and run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$50 for 10 classes. For more information call Alvina at 462-8601.

The Whonnockian

The site of the Whonnock Community Association has now an affiliated blog named *The Whonnockian* replacing the former "Noteworthy" column on the main page. We can now post and update events, messages and news items instantly and welcome comments. *The Whonnockian* can be reached via a link on the main page of <whonnock.ca> or directly at <http://whonnockian.blogspot.com/>.

Yoga with Kim

Kim Rondquist continues to teach asanas yoga at the Ruskin Hall Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00. This session starts September 12th. For more information contact Kim at 462-4284.



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PILATES BY THE LAKE — BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATE
1/2 MARATHON TRAINING PROGRAM
NORDIC WALKING — ROADS & TRAILS

Information: Arts and Recreation fall program or visit Parks and Leisure on the municipal Web site <mapleridge.ca>
To register for any of the above programs, please call 604-465-2470 or register on-line at www.recreg4u.ca