



OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

President's 2019 Christmas Newsletter



November 19, 2019

It always seems so quiet around the lake this time of year but hopefully Christmas will liven things up with many property owners spending extra time enjoying the snow and everything the Osprey Lake area has to offer. There are lots of activities again planned for over the Christmas season and we hope you'll be able to be around and enjoy them. We're still waiting for snow to 'stick' – there's been a few dustings, but with the warmer weather, it's all gone and the lake is still free of ice.

Christmas Events 2019:

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 1st – 9:30 > 11:00am - Hayes Creek Fire Hall - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 - All residents and guests are welcome - They will also be collecting cash donations for the Princeton Food Bank.

Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, December 7th - 10:00am > 2:00pm – Hayes Creek Community Hall – lunch available by donation.

Annual Santa Run - Tuesday, December 24th Christmas is creeping up on us quickly. It's already time to sort out Santa's Christmas Eve schedule - if you'll be at Osprey or Link Lakes over the holidays with children under 12, please let us know and we'll ensure Santa and his elves stop by for a visit and leave a small gift for each child. Before December 11, please email: santa@ospreylake.ca with your contact information and 'lake' address along with each child's name and gender.



Community Hay Ride – Thursday to Tuesday, December 26th to December 31st – starts around 6:30pm and runs for about an hour – book your pick up by email: hayride@ospreylake.ca or call Rob @ 250-295-6420. We will be collecting cash donations for the Princeton Food Bank.

Snow Golf - Sunday, December 29, 2019 - 2:00pm - \$5/e - Holmgren's – 6 fun holes on 'golf' on the lake.

6th Annual New Year's Eve Party and Fireworks – Tuesday, December 31st – on the ice in front of the Osprey Lake Forestry Camp Site – begins around 11:45pm – fireworks at midnight. Donation request of \$10/adult toward cost of fireworks. Warming fires will be set up. Bring your own refreshments. Questions? – email: fireworks@ospreylake.ca.



Snowwheelers' Community Poker Run – Family Day Weekend – Sunday, February 16th, 2020 – runs from 11:00am to 2:00pm – registration opens at 10:00am. A fun course of approximately 35km. There will be one check point offering a warm up fire and some hot dogs. \$25/sled or rider, plus \$15 each for extra cards. Registration includes hot dogs and a drink. Helmets mandatory. We still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can. Starts at 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren's).

Upcoming Community Events for 2020:

Real Crafty Princeton Women – Wednesday Afternoons – 1:00 > 4:00pm - \$2 – Sorry, kids and men, but ladies only - Hayes Creek Community Hall- contact Cindy 250-295-0510 for more details

Pancake Breakfasts – 1st Sunday of each month, except June>September – Hayes Creek Fire Hall

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 12, 2020

Osprey Ratepayer's Annual GM - Saturday, May 16, 2020

Osprey Snowwheelers' Snowmobile Club Annual GM - Saturday, May 16, 2020

Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 23, 2020

Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting/Open House - Sunday, August 2, 2020

37th Annual Osprey Lake Corn Roast - Saturday & Sunday, September 5 & 6, 2020

Osprey/Link Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Saturday, September 12, 2020

Corn Roast 2019:

The 2019 Labour Day weekend 36th annual Osprey Corn Roast was a record success. Everything lined up this year – the weather, the lack of smoke, and no campfire ban. There were around 550 neighbourhood property owners and their guests taking part in all the activities.

The fishing derby started it all off Friday at noon. There were 55 people trying for the largest fish. The winner at just under 1 ½ pounds was Rod DeBoer and the kid's winner was Dane Smethurst. On Saturday morning, the Bocci tournament was held, with winners Brad H, John P, Traci S, Alan B, & Luke and runners up Mike B, Jeannette G, Sandy, & Kyia S. This was followed by the very popular Corn Hole contest with winners Tracy S & Gene, runner up Jarrod D & Jerod K. The kid's bike parade started Saturday morning at 9:30 with 48 children showing off their decorated bikes and all receiving ribbons and gifts. Next was the children's races – again for ribbons and gift bags. They then moved under the large tarp to complete a kid's craft – this year it was a 'horse' made from a pool noodle.

Adult activities started with the band playing while guests sampled the free corn on the cob. This was followed by the 'famous' Cake Walk – everyone trying hard to win one of the great cakes donated by community members. It was then on to the Canoe Race, where 350 people were watching. Men's Doubles was won by Jake & Ben Main, runners up Colburn & Zane Connelly; Mixed Doubles – Richelle Seki & Hooch Cheng, runner up Tasha Farris & Jerod Kopp; and Child/Parent Doubles – Dylan & Brent Bleasdale, runner up Peyton & Luke Woodcock.

The day ended with the raffle draws, award presentations, fire pit and meat draws and then 330 people playing 10 games of Bingo under the big tarp. Overall it was a very successful day with everyone's families. Special thank you for all those who volunteered and donated to this great community event.



Community Update:

Osprey Snowwheelers' Snowmobile Club – The Poker Run is again planned for the Family Day weekend. It worked out much better last year, with great snow conditions and separated from the Christmas activities. A final course length and layout can't be determined until we see snow conditions and determine which logging roads are plowed. Support your local club, trail grooming, and save on liability insurance – all with club membership - now available on line – [just click this link](#) to join and pay with any credit card or PayPal. For further information email: snowwheelers@ospreylake.ca.

New to our Community? We have put together a "Welcome Wagon" package of basic local information and contact information for all new residents. This is especially useful to "first time" rural property owners. Wood stove issues, bears, recycle/garbage, and numerous other local issues are explained. If you, or someone you know, is new to our neighbourhood and would like a copy, it's available to download from our [community web site](#).

Community Web Site - Dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, along with a current local temperature and a live webcam view of Osprey Lake and all are available on our community web site: www.ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you think should be included, please let us know.

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