



Newsletter Spring 2014

Summer 2014 – Refer a Friend

It is once again time to start your planning for spring and summer at the lake. My neighbour Brian Welch has been sending me emails letting me know the lake temperature has now hit 10 degrees, still drysuit weather for me!

The executive committee had our spring meeting to plan the events for the summer. There are a number of items that we discussed and events that we have planned for your summer.

Over the past number of years we have seen a slow decline in the number of families that are SLSBC members. The goal of the club is to provide clinics, events, socials, and to share our love of watersports with our friends and neighbours. We realize that as children get older and head off to university and jobs, that sometimes members do not renew their membership. There are many reasons to stay a member, not only the reasons mentioned above but as a Water Ski and Wakeboard British Columbia member you are entitled to many benefits. There is a list of over 25 benefits, one of the big ones that will pay for your membership is the reduced rate for your tournament boat insurance. Please check out our web site, www.slsbc.ca and there is a link to the member's benefits page.

In order to increase membership the executive is launching the **“Refer-a-Friend” program**. We would like all of our members to encourage your friends and neighbours on the lake to join the club. One of the main reasons I joined the club was to meet other people on the lake and for my children to meet others on the lake. I have to say we have an amazing community of wonderful people and I encourage you to talk to your neighbours and get them to join.

The annual AGM will be on the May long weekend, this would be a great event to invite your neighbour to meet some of the club members. I always find this event is a nice way to re-connect with my lake friends and energizes me for the coming season. We

will be having a contest this year for members who refer a friend. The prize will be a 2015 family membership for SLSBC! The more people you refer, the more chances you have to win.

The AGM will be Sunday, May 18th at 3:00 pm at our cabin, rain or shine. Please bring an appetizer and your beverage of choice. I look forward to seeing everyone on the May long weekend.

The 2014 Executive committee is as follows:

Ken Johnston – President
Craig Campbell – Treasurer
Karen Dye – Secretary
Chris Saunders – Director of Clinics
Gord Cameron – Tournament Director
Andrew Ames – Director of Technology
Brian Welch – Course Director
Trina Campbell – Clothing and logo Director

We would like to thank Mark Keresztes for all of his hard work last season as the director of sponsorship, he is now studying Dentistry in Australia. Great job Mark and best of luck at your studies.

With Mark leaving, we now have a space to fill as the director of sponsorship. Please contact any member of the executive if you would like to join the executive. We are also looking for members to act as members-at-large to join the executive and start to set up our succession planning to make sure the club continues for many years.

Now is the time to renew your membership, you can go online and renew anytime. Please visit www.slsbc.ca and follow the link to renew. If you do not know your membership number please email info@slsbc.ca and we will provide it to you.

I am looking forward to a great season!

See you at the lake.

Ken

Club Events

AGM - Sunday, May 18^h at 3:00 pm

Once again, Ken and Cheryl Johnston have offered to host. Please bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice, the club will be providing pop, water, and chips.

Canada Day Social *** New this year***

A casual gathering on the ski dock. Come celebrate Canada Saturday, June 28th 5-7pm. Please bring along an appetizer to share and a chair.

HO Sports Demo Weekend – (July 11th-13th)

The guys from the Boardroom will be back at the Lake again this year the same weekend as Karina. There will be some great demo gear and deals available, so this is the time to try out and buy some new equipment. Skis, wakeboards, wakesurf boards, ropes, suits, everything you need to get ready for the season. Thank you to Brian Welch for hosting the guys from the Boardroom. So be sure to check out all the gear. Let Karina and Taylor help you choose the right equipment and get the most out of it! See their latest line-up of gear at: <http://boardroomshop.com/store/>

Club Tournament – Saturday Aug 16th

(rain day – Sunday, Aug 17th)

Starts at 7:00AM sharp, with waterskiing, followed by wakeboarding (9:30AM), then wake-surfing (11:00AM), and finally our new misc. watersport talent show, which will lead into our Social on the Ski Club Dock @ 2:30PM.

Our tournament this year will include the following categories: Waterskiing (Mens Open, Womens Open, Boys Open, Girls Open, and also boys/girls “mini course” division), Wakeboarding (Mens Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced, and Womens Beginner/Intermediate), Surfing (divisions TBD), and lastly, **this year we will be introducing a new “talent show” category** in which we invite everyone to be creative and welcome all misc. watersports (ps. - tubing is not a watersport)!

The SLSBC Executive are encouraging all club members to please come out and enjoy our annual tournament day; whether an athlete, volunteer, or spectator, your presence will be greatly appreciated to create an ultimate, and memorable, experience for everyone! There is no fee for entry. All participants and volunteers will receive a SLSBC T-shirt, anyone wanting to help out, please send email to info@slsbc.ca

Annual BBQ

We are looking for a host family to host the annual BBQ. The club covers the costs, please help out your club and consider volunteering to host or co-host this great event. Please send an email to info@slsbc.ca

Free Introductory Lessons - Waterski & Wakeboard ***NEW*** Aug 3rd & 10th

Never tried wakeboarding before? Think waterskiing looks fun? Ready to make the jump to slalom skiing? Whatever your ability or comfort level, this summer Gord Cameron and Andrew Ames are offering **FREE one-on-one lessons** to help you accomplish your goals.

We welcome participants of all ages, including kids and first-timers! We're targeting those in the developing stages of watersports, but will tailor the lesson to your current skill level. We promise to make it fun and rewarding.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and available from 9AM – 12PM August 3rd and August 10th.

We don't want to exclude anyone. If those dates don't work but you are still interested in a lesson, let us know. Contact us for more details, or visit <http://slsbc.ca/> to register

Instructional Clinics

Once again we will be bringing back Karina Nowlan and Joel Perkins. Please visit <http://slsbc.ca/>

Karina Nowlan –Whether you are skiing on one, two or just learning to get out of the water, these clinics ARE FOR YOU!!! Karina has a huge passion for teaching and tons of positive energy, so you will definitely improve your skiing.

Session 1: July 11th-13th

Session 2: August 8th-10th

- Cost is \$105 per session.
- On-line sign up will open soon OR register in person at AGM (cheques payable to Sakinaw Lake Ski and Board Club)
- Various time slots will be available for both sessions.

Thank you to Trina and Craig Campbell for hosting Karina and Cam in July. They are a great couple, so please email info@slsbc.ca if you are interested in hosting the in August.

Joel Perkins of Cove Watersports will be back to provide slalom, wakeboard and surfing lessons.

July 25th-27th

- Cost is \$50 per session
- On-line sign up will open soon OR register in person at AGM (cheques payable to Sakinaw Lake Ski and Board Club)

Who would like to host Joel, Jennifer, and their young daughter, Kenzie. Joel is a great all-around guy and also offers boat maintenance and detailing. Check him out at: <http://www.covewatersports.com/content.php>

Please note the following regarding the clinics:

The success of our clinics rely on the generosity of our members. If you plan to sign up for a clinic, it would be appreciated if you could offer up your boat to use for the entirety of the session. The club will re-imburse you for gas.

Change/cancellation policy for all clinics: if you need to change or cancel a clinic, it is up to you to find another member to take your spot. There will be no refunds given. If any questions or if you require more information email info@slsbc.ca.

The SLSBC swag is back!

Once again we will be ordering, for purchase, a variety of sports clothing and lake goods for sale this spring/summer printed with our Sakinaw logo. Hoodies, sweats, hats, t-shirts, bags, towels, blankets, travel mugs, are just a few of the possibilities. Stay tuned for more info on what will be available. Please, if you have any requests, suggestions or ideas on what you would like to see printed with our Sakinaw logo, or if you already know what you want, email info@slsbc.ca or call Trina at 604 551-2073.

Go Summer!

Club Dues and Waivers

Waivers need to be done annually, one per family for our insurance. Please print them off, sign and mail them to Craig Campbell, Treasurer: 871 Sinclair Street, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3W1. Waivers can be found on the website www.slsbc.ca

The Club's preference is for members to pay membership dues through the online system. <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=84&BT=10&orf=1&PrivEv=14207> If you require your membership number please email info@slsbc.ca.

Alternatively, bring all signed documents and cheques payable to Sakinaw Lake Ski and Board Club (banks don't like acronyms) to the AGM.

	Annual Dues
Family	\$140
Single	\$75
Social	\$35/single and \$50/family

Other Club News

We are now on Twitter!

We want it to be easy to track what's happening at the club, so this year we've launched a Twitter page. Follow @SLSBC and you'll never miss the latest club news, events, and schedule changes.

Calling all club photos!

We know there's lots of photos taken every summer at our club events, and we'd like to get some of them up on our website. If you have any photos that you'd like to submit, post them to our Facebook page or send them to photos@slsbc.ca

Volunteers

At the AGM, we will be posting volunteer sign-up sheets for the various club functions. It would be appreciated if you could help support the club by donating your time. It is truly the efforts and hard work by the individual members that help make our club functions successful and fun for all.

Course Maintenance

Have you ever accidentally clipped one of the balls from the ski course? Don't know what to do? Don't know how to re-attach it? Come out to the AGM and see a quick demo.

Thank you to Brian Welch, Course Maintenance Director for doing such a great job with the course set up and on-going maintenance.

If you see a ball that has drifted away or the lines are all tied up and you do not know what to do, then contact Brian by email bbwelch@thewelchgroup.com or his cell is 604-240-1167.

See you all on the May long weekend!



Check out our website www.slsbc.ca