



## 2015 Golf Tournament - Another Community Success by Ed Dorosz

What a fabulous day for the 84 golfers that participated in this year's tournament on Sunday Sept 20. The strong gusting winds didn't subside causing a bit of havoc with the fairways and with the KAL Tire and Flight Centre sponsor tents, but all-in-all it was wonderful to be on the links. The awards dinner, catered by Dine-by-Design, was attended by 94 guests filling the main salon to capacity.



Edward Dorosz, chair of the 2015 Golf Organizing Committee, thanked the 16 sponsors that generously donated \$4,400 in support of the event. Tom McEwen, committee co-chair, thanked all the volunteers that have worked diligently since February 9 to bring the event to reality.

Prizes up for grabs totalled \$4,200, with \$3,300 of that graciously donated by various local businesses. In addition to the golf team and individual golf awards, several free door prizes were given away. The luckiest of the raffle ticket holders walked away with 14 prizes totaling almost \$2,200. Between draws, our very

own comedienne & co-MC, Sharon McNichol, entertained us.

Golf challenge & team awards were presented by co-MC Ivars Dravinskis. Team 19 had the Lowest Gross Score; Dixie & Dave Michie, Jim & Debbie Harris get their names engraved on this year's trophy. All the team photos as well as a number of candid photos were taken throughout the day. We hope to have those posted to the website soon; at minimum, a photo CD can be made available to view.

In the end, the event generated a net profit of \$5,747, which will be used for the betterment of our Clubhouse. A great big 'Thank You' to everyone that turned out and supported this event.



## Chief Louie Visits Sonoma Pines

WFN Chief Robert Louie arrived to an enthusiastic audience of about 120 Sonoma Pines residents Monday afternoon. His talk outlined some

of WFN's history and challenges in dealing with the Provincial and Federal

Governments on route to becoming the foremost first nation government in Canada. Initially he discussed the fact that WFN people and their ancestors have been here for thousands of years and their progress to self-government. He talked about Native entitlement to the lands, the assertion of their Native rights and title to access water from Okanagan Lake and the extent of their traditional territories from the south central interior of B.C. to north central Washington State.

He reviewed the history of their self-government, progress in developing tax and infrastructure and current projects underway on WFN land. Chief Louie reinforced to the audience that financially, WFN is one of the strongest First Nation communities in Canada with a goal of eventually being totally self-sufficient.

He was well briefed on a few of our issues including our Carrington Road and Sonoma Pines intersection, rumoured  
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## Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

[www.sonomapines.info](http://www.sonomapines.info)

You can check here for most recent articles on the community, back issues of the newsletter, or copies of Council minutes and financial statements. Some pages are password protected so use sonomapines and you should be fine. If there is something that you would like to see on the site or in the Newsletter please email us at [sonomapinesnews@gmail.com](mailto:sonomapinesnews@gmail.com).

## Chief Robert Louie

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plans (only rumours nothing concrete) on the land next to our entrance and some of our weed/fire hazard concerns. Chief Louie responded to a few questions from residents and suggested we may need to engage the province to increase the priority on our intersection.

This was Chief Robert Louie's first invite to address Sonoma Pines residents and has committed to return on a regular basis. He is very impressed with our community and the clubhouse and stated it is the premier strata complex in Westbank First Nation.

Thanks to Rob Taylor and Sonoma Pines Council for putting together this first meeting.



A full house to hear Chief Louie

## Update on Fire Interface

Last month we reported on discussions with WFN and West Kelowna Fire Department in regards to the weeds and wildfire risk along Carrington Road. Chief Louie referred to this issue during his visit with Sonoma Pines residents on September 21 and mentioned that WFN may have to introduce a new law to ensure enforcement. SPhOA Council has requested a meeting with WFN, through WFN Advisory Council representative Gord Couch, to stay abreast of progress and discuss the next steps.



## No-Solicitation in Sonoma Pines

Homeowners are reminded that we have a no solicitation policy in Sonoma Pines. This also applies to people living in Sonoma Pines, i.e.- no resident may solicit door to door or deliver materials, door hangers etc.

If you observe anyone breaking this regulation please forward the details of the offending company (from the material left behind-no need to approach the vendors) to

[sonomapines@associatedpm.ca](mailto:sonomapines@associatedpm.ca).

Thank You

## Bottle Drive Huge Success

On behalf of Roger and Carrie Liegmann, pastors of Westmount Church, I would like to give a huge thanks to the residents of Sonoma Pines. Your support of the bottle drive for the Haiti Mission trip was exceptional and a resounding success.



As you are now aware, they are again going to Haiti to provide assistance in a building project at an orphanage. Since the initial newsletter in September, the small town was touched with the tail end of a hurricane causing some additional damage with mud slides and loss of lives and properties.

The funds raised from the bottle drive have become even more important as a result. Your participation is much appreciated.

Gerry Tonn

## Safety and Security



A note to residents of Sonoma Pines - The R.C.M.P. have advised me that there has been an increase in thefts of vehicles and thefts from vehicles in West Kelowna. In a number of cases the vehicles have been left unlocked or valuables have been visible left on the console or seat. Please lock and remove items from your vehicle so you are not the next victim.

It has come to the attention of your Safety and Security Committee that a number of suspicious occurrences have been taking place in our community - namely prowler complaints. This past Monday night Aug. 21st at approx. 10:00 pm, a couple out walking their dog noted a male subject dressed in a dark hoody wandering the area of Serrento Lane and Sonoma Pines Dr. When the suspect noted the couple walking the dog, he immediately turned around and walked the opposite direction and disappeared. The R.C.M.P. were called but could not locate the subject. A second prowler complaint was received from a home located on Sonoma Pines Dr. (behind our clubhouse) this occurrence took place prior to the Aug. 21st complaint (details to be obtained). This occurrence was also reported to the R.C.M.P. but a subject was not located. A reminder to all - Report all suspicious persons or activity to the R.C.M.P. and Associated Property Management (APM).

Darrell Bellamy, Chair  
Safety & Security Committee

## Letters



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## Golf Tournament



## Golf Course Changes

Two Eagles Golf course will be undergoing a number of changes to improve safety and playability. Chairman Rob Taylor spoke to the residents of Mesa Vista outlining the major changes being made:

1. Remove the hill in from the first green to ensure golfers can see people walking to the second tee.
2. Reconfigure the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole to move the tee box back and lower it close to the 17<sup>th</sup> tee box and re-contour the fairway towards the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway to make it more difficult to cut the corner. Also remove the cart path.
3. The design objective on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway is to encourage golfers to aim their shots away from homes by improving the landing area away from our property line and discourage golfers from aiming along the property line by introducing more and tougher hazards. The 5<sup>th</sup> fairway will be levelled by moving earth from the upper side and sculpting into the reconfigured area next to the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway. To keep golfers away from the left side of the fairway they will be removing the cart path, planting fescue and reconfiguring the sand traps. They will also be planting fescue on a small portion of our side of the fence. The intention is to retain the fencing as is, but should a portion of our common land be needed they may relocate a portion of the fence a few feet.
4. Refine the 5<sup>th</sup> tee box slightly for Two Eagles to incorporate it into their maintenance.

Sonoma Pines Council will be working with Two Eagles and Carrington Development to formalize the boundaries and are looking at other mitigation solutions for residents around the golf course. Construction on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway should be starting early to mid October. More information will be forthcoming as the solutions are developed.



## Markets may change. Good investing advice is timeless.

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## Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail – George and Gail Forshaw

On April 21, 2015 we started our epic journey to walk 4,265 km from the US/Mexican border to Canada. We followed the National Scenic Trail known as the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).

Planning and preparation for our hike started a year ago. Logistics, gear lists, supplies were carefully planned and guide books reviewed. Our journey took us through the deserts of Southern California, the mountain passes of the High Sierras, the southern Cascade Range of Northern California and the subdued Volcanic landscape of Oregon.

Unfortunately an injury ended our hike at the Oregon/Washington border. We lived on the trail for 4 months, hiking daily with our 35 pound backpacks for 2900 km. We hiked in blazing hot sun, warm sunshine, wind, rain, hail and snow. The trail we walked varied from dirt, sand, rocks and dust. At times it was easy, at times difficult, at times monotonous but always a challenge.

We had views and vistas that took our breath away. We dealt with aches and pains, blisters and mosquitos that drove us insane.

We encountered stunning landscapes, fields of wildflowers and pristine mountain lakes that only those who hike in this wilderness will experience.

We met amazing people on and off the trail. "Trail angels" took us into their homes, drove us where we needed to go and even fed us at times.

It was an adventure we won't forget.

Gail & George (trail names She-G & He-G or GnG)



## Gutter Cleaning

Council announced as part of the budget for 2015/16 we have planned to clean gutters in 1/3 of multi-family homes this year. This is part of our long term maintenance plan and we will complete the rest of the multi-family homes as part of a 3 year cycle, 1/3rd more next year and the final 1/3rd in 2017/18. Then we will start over again the following year.

Cleaning will commence on Oct. 1. As part of the contract with Kelowna Gutter Cleaners we have arranged to have the service provided for Single Family homes, at the request of homeowners for the price of \$84 (including tax). If single family homeowners wish to participate please click the link below to sign up. The deadline to sign up is October 7th.

[www.stratagreg.com/sp1](http://www.stratagreg.com/sp1)  
password: sonomapines

If you are not able to use this form, you may call Greg or Lai at [250-869-8828](tel:250-869-8828). However, you are encouraged to use the online form as it will greatly reduce the administration of the sign-ups.

For a list of homes that will have their gutters cleaned this year please click [here](#).

## BEER...BEER...BEER !!!!



Now that we have your attention..... With the fast growing popularity of Craft Beer in BC, several of us at Sonoma Pines thought that it would be fun to get some like minded consumers of those delicious beverages together for a monthly beer tasting evening.

So with that idea in mind we will have an information meeting on October 5 at 7:00 pm at the SP Clubhouse to gauge the interest. The meeting of The Suds Club is open to SP residents and we will brainstorm about how we will set up the future meetings and what everyone would like to gain from those meetings. Bring your ideas and a suitable beverage if you wish.

Any question can be directed to George at [gfsquaredf@gmail.com](mailto:gfsquaredf@gmail.com)  
Cheers

## Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in reserving the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse and require any information please call Tom McEwen at 250-768-3439 or Jean Scheidl at 778-754-1884  
Rental Forms and Insurance Information are now online at [www.sonomapines.info](http://www.sonomapines.info) under the Clubhouse tab.

## Thursday is now Music Night



The Sonoma Pines Clubhouse will now feature Clem & Friends band each Thursday evening 7 – 10 pm, starting October 1. The initial 2 months will serve as a trial to gauge community interest in Music Night. The 4-member group will play a variety of Country and Western classics including dance music. All Sonoma Pines residents are welcome to come-out free of charge; bring your own beverages, snacks and dance shoes. Who knows, there may even be a few available dance partners – so guys, get off the couch, shave your 5-o'clock shadow and put on your 'Sunday-go-to meetin' clothes.

Clem Girardin (Siringo Place), band leader and semi-pro fiddler of Manitoba fame (but not fortune) can be reached at 778-754-1771 or [clemgirardin@gmail.com](mailto:clemgirardin@gmail.com)



## Results are in!

### “Summer Fun Photo Contest”

Eleven entries were received and were judged by the Sonoma Pines Camera Club. The winning photo plus the second and third place entries can be viewed on the SonomaPinesInfo web-site. The winning photographer who receives the \$50 gift card was George Forshaw whose summer fun was to record a stunning mountain/lake scene. The second place image was Tina Herrmann's and Heather Warwick's image was in third place.




## OktoberFest coming October 3

Hansel, Gretel and all SP lovers of this traditional German celebration will turn out for this year's Oktoberfest at our clubhouse **Saturday** October 3, from 4 to 8pm. This popular event has sold out every year and surely 2015 will

too. So guys, dust off your lederhosen and ladies, get out those push-up bras. Oompah Pah-Pah, Oompah Pah-Pah!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Men's Golf 1 Back Nine 7am Painting Club LL 9am SPHOA Council 9am Clem Girardin Old Time Dance Music 7pm	2 Private Event 4pm	3 Oktoberfest 4-8pm 
4	SP Ladies Golf 5 Men's Golf Back Nine and Breakfast 7am Yoga 9am	Quilting Club 6 9am - 12pm LL Cribbage 7pm	Yoga 9am 7 Council Function Private 1:30pm	Men's Golf 8 Back Nine 7am Painting Club LL 9am Camera Club 1:30pm upstairs Clem Girardin Old Time Dance Music 7pm	9	10
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## Upcoming Special Events

October 3rd, 4-8pm  
Oktoberfest



**New Garbage Pickup  
Dates Effective  
August 31, 2015**

the schedule is as follows:

**Garbage**

Every Monday starting  
August 31

**Recycling**

Every *other* Monday  
starting August 31 (i.e.  
Aug. 31st, Sept. 14th,  
Sept. 28th, etc.)

## Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

### Clubhouse Cleaning every Sunday.

Upper from 11am to 2pm  
Lower from 2 to 4:30pm  
Gym from 2 to 4:30pm

### Photography Club

Lyle and Karen Larrigan  
250-768-2555

[heritageimaging@shaw.ca](mailto:heritageimaging@shaw.ca)

### Quilting

Gaye Hunter at  
250 768-0996

### Painting Club

Glen Heming  
250-768-0991

[glenheming@telus.net](mailto:glenheming@telus.net)

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