

Community Newsletter

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SLCA President's Message

Hello!

I hope this newsletter finds you all in high spirits as we transition into summer. Much like the President's Update from a few weeks ago, this newsletter aims to keep you informed about SLCA activities and matters relevant to our community. If your local club or organization has an event or something relevant to share with the community please send it to getinvolved@sproatlakecommunityassociation.com.

The SLCA has been bustling with activities and planning lately. The hall renovations are substantially completed, the community survey is almost ready to launch, outdoor pickleball is back underway and plans are really taking shape for this summer's big social event! You'll find more details in this newsletter.

We are always in need of volunteers to support our events and activities. If you have some time to spare and would like to contribute to our vibrant community, please get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and do appreciate your continued support and participation. Take good care and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Tamara Thorpe
SLCA President

Farewell Party for the Martin Mars Water Bombers

Please join us as we bid farewell to our beloved Martin Mars Bombers. This summer, the Hawaii Martin Mars



will be leaving the lake for its final resting place at the BC Avion Museum in Sidney. Sometime after that, Philippine Martin Mars will head to the PIMA Air & Space Museum in Arizona.

On **July 27th, from 11am to 3pm**, we'll come together at the community hall, for a heartfelt farewell party, hosted by the SLCA with assistance from Coulson Aviation and the BC Aviation Museum. These magnificent water bombers have brought great joy to our community for so many years. Let's honor them and make this farewell unforgettable! Our Social Committee is working hard on all the details so stay tuned for more information soon. It promises to be a memorable day filled with activities and community spirit!

We anticipate that this will be a well-attended event and we're going to need 30-40 volunteers to help make it a success. If you can help for 1 to 1.5 hour(s) during the event please contact us through our [website](http://www.sproatlakecommunityassociation.com) or alternatively, you can send an email to getinvolved@sproatlakecommunityassociation.com.

POSTPONED TO JUNE 19 - Community Talk on Invasive Carp/Koi:



Brendan Anderson, Senior Fisheries Biologists from the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship, will be speaking to our

community about the invasion of Carp/Koi in our lake. Please join us on **Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm** at the Community Hall for this informative presentation, followed by a Q & A session. More details about this event can be found on our [website](#).

Community Survey

We're excited to invite you to participate in our upcoming community survey. This will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, experiences, and suggestions on various topics that affect our daily lives here at Sproat Lake. The topics include Environmental Concerns, Community Events & Activities, Road Conditions, SLCA



Governance Meetings, and more. Your feedback will help guide the direction of the SLCA and the efforts of its Board of Directors and committees.

Completing the survey will take approximately 5 minutes. Give us just 5 minutes of your time and you'll be eligible to enter a draw to win a **\$50 Visa Gift Card!** No identifying information will be requested during the survey and the responses will only be used to guide and assist our community initiatives. Stay tuned for the survey launch very soon and make sure to participate and have your voice heard!

Community Pickleball:

Pickleball continues to be a very popular activity, and we invite everyone to join our open community play pickleball sessions! This is a fantastic opportunity to get active, meet new people, and enjoy the sport. New and beginner players are welcome. Here is the open play schedule:

- **Ladies' Play:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

- **Men's Play:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.
- **Mixed Open Challenge Play:** Starting June 16th, we will also have mixed open challenge play on Sunday mornings. (Not recommended for beginners)



For more details and to register, please visit our [website](#).

We also want to remind everyone that the courts are restricted to registered participants only, and everyone must sign a waiver, including house guests, before accessing the courts. We look forward to seeing you there!

Group Water Testing

The next scheduled date for group water testing is on July 8th. We are pleased to, once again, offer the discounted rate of \$75 per test (a \$85.50 value) and free delivery to the lab in Courtenay. Water sample bottles and requisition forms are available at the Sproat Lake Community Hall, as well as Tseshaht Market, and Dellas Café during business hours from June 28th to July 8th, 2024. Water samples should be taken on Monday morning, July 8th, and delivered



with the completed requisition form and \$75 payment (to SLCA) to the Sproat Lake Community Hall between 9 am and 11 am for transport to the testing facility in Courtenay.

Community Hall Rental:



Are you planning a special event, meeting, or gathering? Our community hall is available for rent. The hall offers a spacious and versatile venue perfect for any occasion. For pricing information and to book the hall, please visit our [website](#) or contact any board member.