



# KIDS NEWS

## Winter Update 2025

### Highlights from board meeting held January 14th, 2025



- The board is getting excited and prepared for our upcoming season.
- April paddling start dates to be released soon.
- "Give it a try" dates announced: May 5th 4:30—6 pm & 6—7:30, watch for details in the spring for volunteering
- Meeting soon with the other 2 dragon boat teams to discuss upcoming season.



Our General meeting is scheduled for April 9th at the Sports Council Complex at 6:30 pm, please mark your calendars and plan to attend, more information to follow...

### Your 2025 KIDS Board

President – Melodie Pike

Vice President – Trudy Goold

Treasurer – Janice Gee

Secretary – Marlene McKay

Director At Large – Tracy Gibson

Director At Large – Heather Davidson

Director At Large – Wendy Cummer

## Festivals 2025

**June 14** - Shuswap

**July 5** – Kelowna

**July 19** - Vernon

**August 9** - Kamloops

**Sept 6 & 7** -Penticton

**Sept. 9-13** BC 55+  
**CANCELLED**





Please step up for one of the following:

- **Festival coordinator**—we need 2 and we have one—thank you Judy
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, we have one but need two—Thank you Denise
- **Team Snap** help—We need someone who knows EXCEL—**PLEASE!!**

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### **Winter Fitness**



- **Please keep in shape this winter, we worked really hard last year to build up our endurance, lets keep it up!**
- **Got an idea for something fun to do? Lets some of your paddling buddies know, we might really like to join you**
- **Don't forget those YouTube exercise videos!**

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### **Coaching 2025**

We are trying hard to find a new coach, however it is not an easy task, please if you have any ideas or contacts please let us know or get the information to them. Its been posted in many FB pages, the westside community hall, west side Save on to name a few. If you have any contacts anywhere, please help us...maybe think outside of the box... at TRU, maybe there is a student training to be a coach and needs some hours?



#### **DRAGON BOAT**

##### **Coaching Opportunity**

Kamloops Interior Dragonboat Society (KIDS) is looking for a coach for the upcoming 2025 Season.

We are a 50+ mixed team who paddles on the South Thompson in beautiful Kamloops BC.

Our season runs from late April to early September 2025.

We are looking for a coach from 1-3 days per week and attend 3 - 4 festivals.

Please contact Melodie at [melo2021216@gmail.com](mailto:melo2021216@gmail.com)

Or Marlene @ [1mamckay@gmail.com](mailto:1mamckay@gmail.com) for further details

## Dragon Boat Fundraising



**Great News!** Our members have taken recycles into Express & Go with our account building up to \$71.40. We encourage members to continue to help with this fundraiser towards a new boat.



### How to take in your recycles:

- Place your unsorted containers in a clear or transparent plastic bag and tag your bags, one tag per bag
- Print your labels at the bag label kiosk. Use the phone # 250-714-6437 or call Marlene @ 250-714-6437 and ask for labels.
- They will sort and count your containers and credit KIDS Express account with your deposit refunds.

### Drop Off Locations:

- Lorne Street Bottle Depot 270 Halston Road
- Columbia Bottle Depot - Sahali 963 Camosun Crescent
- General Grants Depot - South Shore Unit B, 1395 Battle Street
- General Grants Depot - North Shore 611 Fortune Drive

Thank you **Marlene** for organizing this!

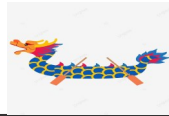
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### Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Fundraiser made \$497.34!

Many thanks to all of you who participated and special thanks to **Heather B and Sandra** for arranging it all.

Watch for an Easter Fundraiser for all your special bunnies.



### Fundraising from last season raised the following:

#### North Paws Baseball and Horse Racing \$660.00

Jen & Peg, Sean & Janice, Melodie & Dean, Denise.

#### Brewloops \$1,500.00

Stephanie, Trudy, Tammy Forsyth, Earl, Wes, Nancy E, Sean

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## **Not returning**

We will miss the folks who have told us they are not returning to the team for the 2025 season.

- Coach Tammy
- Mike
- Don
- Debby



Thank you all so much for the many contributions you made to the team!

We wish you all the best and hope you will come out for one of our socials or cheers us on at a festival!

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## **New Paddlers needed**

Please remember to always be recruiting, friends, relatives, work friends, social club members, event folks, where ever you can!

**They will love it**



## **Suggestions/ Ideas**

Please send them our way, lets make our team the best it can be!



## **Many thanks**

Thank you our present and past board members, and to all that help out with everything from looking after the compound, website, Facebook page, equipment, socials, festivals, moral support, boat flipping, researching things, GIAT, membership, recruiting, fundraising and so much more!

