



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Well here we are at the end of another kite flying season... my how time flies. I hope that everyone had lots of time to get out and fly their kites in the record-breaking weather we've had all across the province.



It has been an active year! June was busy with our 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Pacific Rim Festival at Vanier Park. The Club celebrated Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with a July 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Fly at Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver. While the winds were light, the spirit of the flyers remained and we all enjoyed each other's company and time together. Members participated at a new event, the White Rock Sea Festival on the August long weekend. The Club put up several banners and we had a special presentation by our very own Island Quad Rev flyers Sari Becker, Mario Di Lucca, Terry Wiggill and Mike Tracy. Our sled kite workshop team was out in full force and several of our white sled kites could be seen along the promenade.

Unfortunately, we must say good bye to our Treasurer and Membership Coordinator Don and Joanne Lord. Thank you for all of the hard work and service to the BCKA Jo and Don! We hope that you'll enjoy some well-deserved rest and will keep connected with the Club in some capacity. May we welcome all of the new members who joined during the year, especially those with their awesome kite displays. We hope to see you out on the field and at our festivals next year!

I look forward to working with our new Executive members: Cal Yuen as Vice President, Leslie Kerr as Secretary, Anthony Tung as Treasurer, Sari Becker as Membership Coordinator, Dianne O'Brien as Workshop Coordinator and Dave Hathaway as Website Coordinator.

May the 2018 kite flying season be filled with health, happiness, and pleasant winds!

Sincerely, Cathie Jung

### Upcoming Events In 2018

#### **New Year's Fun Fly**

January 1 – Garry Point Park

#### **March Fun Fly**

March 11, Garry Point Park, Richmond

#### **May Fun Fly**

May 13, Garry Point Park, Richmond

#### **3rd Annual Victoria Kite Festival**

? Clover Point

#### **Pacific Rim Kite Festival**

June 16 & 17, Garry Point Park, Richmond

#### **Canada Day Fun Fly**

July 1, Vanier Park, Vancouver

#### **Parksville Kite Festival**

July, ? & ?, Parksville, BC

#### **White Rock Sea Festival** August date TBA

#### **September Fun Fly**

September 9, Garry Point Park, Richmond

#### **One Sky One World**

October 14, Garry Point Park, Richmond

#### **BCKA Christmas Party 2018**

December 2nd

Venue TBA

### SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Pacific Rim Kite Festival will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Permits and plans are in the works to move the festival from Vanier Park in Vancouver to our home flying field at Garry Point Park in Richmond.

The move comes with much thought and deliberation. If you'd like to be part of the Festival Planning Committee, or have ideas to share, please let me know.

# THE WINDSOX

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## NEW YEAR'S FUN FLY- JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017 GARRY POINT PARK

Members celebrated the New Year by braving the cold weather and an icy field at Garry Point Park.





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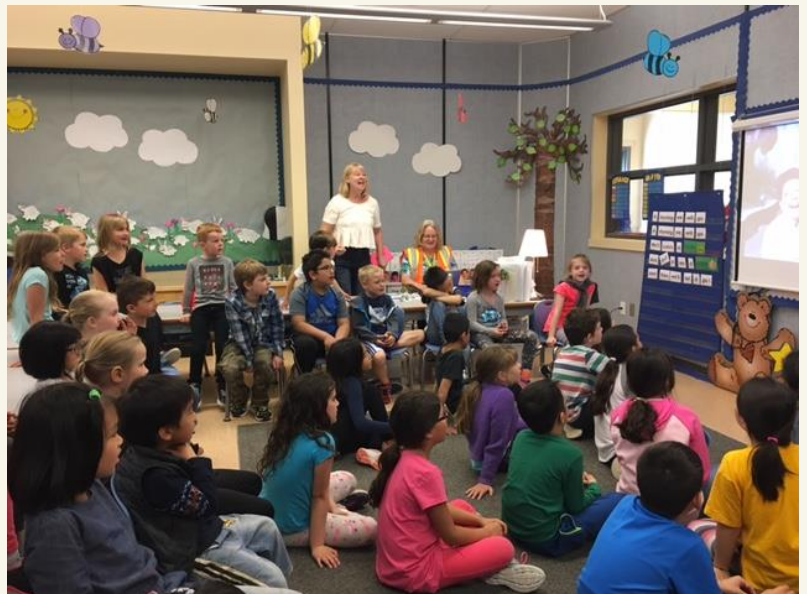
#### SLED KITE WORKSHOP AT RHODO FEST-DEER LAKE PARK, BURNABY, MAY 7TH



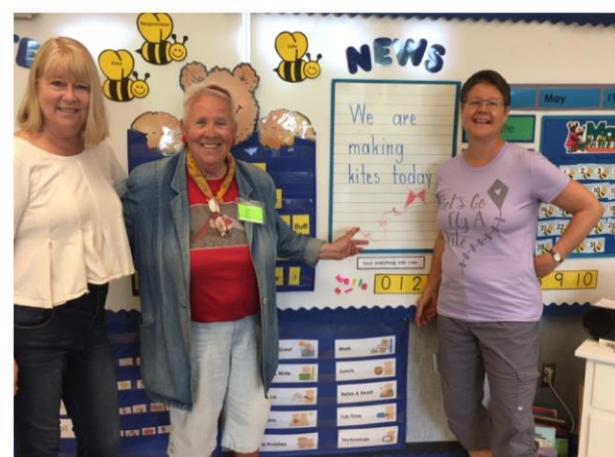
#### KITES IN THE CLASSROOM



**SARI & DIANNE GET READY FOR THE  
CROWDS AT DEER LAKE PARK IN BURNABY  
WE BUILT 275 KITES!**



**CATHIE & DIANNE TAKE THE SLED KITES TO  
SCHOOL FOR A SUPER SLED KITE  
WORKSHOP IN LANGLEY**



## **43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PACIFIC RIM KITE FESTIVAL – JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> - Vanier Park**

This year's festival was a great success. The weather cooperated, all events went ahead as planned, and I heard lots of positive feedback from the public and our invited guests. I had the opportunity to fly my sport kite solo and together with Dianne O'Brien. We struggled with the intense winds, but didn't crash and celebrated at the end of our song. I encourage anyone thinking of doing demos at our festivals to just "take your kite by its spars" and take a risk! It is a great way to gain confidence and practice flying in public. I thank all who supported our routine by helping with set up and spotting.

Coloring the sky was one of our newest members Lance Kryger of Delta BC. Lance has a great collection of large kites and he really made the sky pop with colour. Our now famous Team Island Quad was in attendance flying their Rev kites. They always amaze and please the crowds with their 'spot on' sport kite flying. As well, we had the pleasure of seeing Rhonda Brewer and Lindsey Johnson, owners of Phantom Star Kites in Oregon. They put on an impressive display of hand-designed kites and wind objects. James and Tommyanne came up from Kent Washington as well. They have a great display of kites, banners and wind catchers.

And once again, Bill Brosius and his wife Celia came up from Olympia to demo his multiple sport kite flying. Bill really impressed the crowds by flying 3 sport kites at a time. I would like to thank Celia for spending much of her time in the Workshop tent building sled kites with children. Your donation of time was much appreciated.

I'd like to thank everyone for their participation at set up, during, and tearing down the festival. It is with this kind of cooperation that makes each event such a huge success!

Yours Sincerely, Cathie Jung





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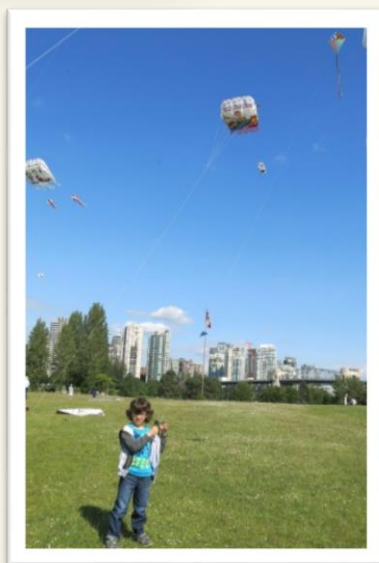
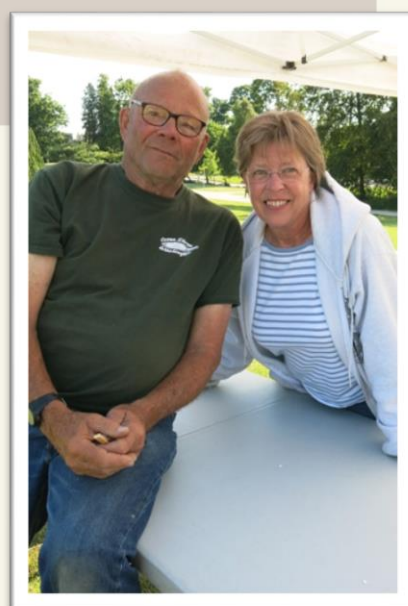


**THE SLED KITE MAKING WORKSHOP, BOL RACES, PARACHUTING TEDDY BEARS & CANDY DROPS WERE POPULAR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT THE FESTIVAL**



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**INTERNATIONAL  
GUESTS  
BILL & CELIA BROSIUS,  
JAMES & TOMMYANNE &  
RHONDA BREWER &  
LINDSEY JOHNSON  
HELPED MAKE THE  
FESTIVAL INTERESTING  
AND COLOURFUL**



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**RHONDA BREWER & LINDSEY JOHNSON  
COLOUR THE FIELD WITH THEIR WIND  
CREATIONS**



**NIGEL & ALLISON MAN THE  
SOUND TENT**





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**CANADA DAY FUN FLY  
QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK  
VANCOUVER**

**INTERNATIONAL  
GUESTS, MUSICAL  
ENTERTAINMENT AND  
TASTY SNACKS WERE  
SOME OF THE  
HIGHLIGHTS**



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### CANADA DAY FUN FLY QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK VANCOUVER





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**GERALD, JEREMY AND  
ANTHONY LAUNCH THE  
TEDDY BEARS WITH THE  
PARKSVILLE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**



## **PARKSVILLE LIONS CLUB KITE FESTIVAL JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**





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## **THE BCKA PARTNERS WITH THE SURREY PRE-TRIAL CENTRE FOR “THE PRISON PROJECT”**

I received a call from Eileen Graham, a Program Officer at the Surrey Pre-Trial Centre. Eileen was interested in pairing with the BCKA in a joint kite making project. So, Dianne O'Brien, Cal Yuen, Anthony Tung and I put our heads together to make this project a reality. The Parksville Lions Club wanted a Rokaku battle at their festival this summer, and the project took flight!

First was the art contest. The participating prisoners were given the task of designing an image for a rok kite. With the help of the Warden, Dianne and I chose 6 of the images. Six lucky prisoners were allowed to possess markers and paint and the opportunity to create their masterpieces on Tyvek kites designed by Rhonda & Lindsey of Phantom Star Kites. Anthony and I assembled the completed kits and Cal transported them to Parksville. Spectators at the Parksville Kite Festival enjoyed flying the kites in a friendly battle. Below are photos from the event.

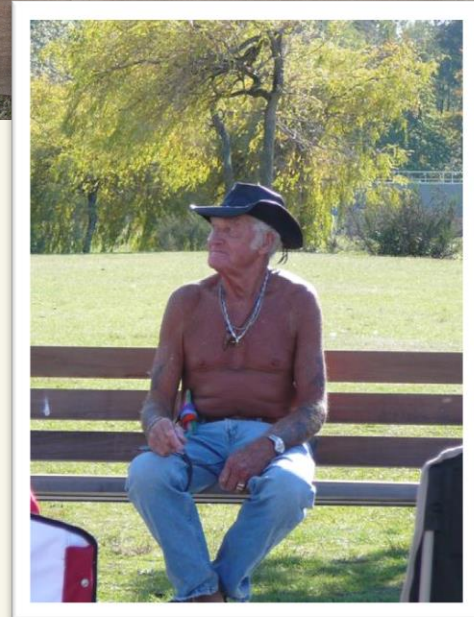




## **RAY BETHEL COMMEMORATIVE BENCH PROJECT**

Many of you may remember how the BCKA honored our good friend and world-renowned multiple master kite flyer Mr. Ray Bethel. It has been ten years now, that the BCKA had a bench placed at Vanier Park in Ray's honour. My how time flies!

The wind and weather had taken a toll on Ray's bench, and its lease was up at the park, so the Club decided to keep up the maintenance on it, and held a fundraising campaign. A big thank you to Sari Becker for launching the campaign and to all who contributed funds...many many thanks!



## **SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival – JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>**

This year's Windscape Kite Festival in Swift Current S.K, BCKA members will recognize this kite as Art Ross's Basket, which was purchased from John Vriend a few years ago. This was the first time we have flown it as the winds are usually too strong. Art was here twice and the Basket is a great way to remember him for us.

We miss him. Dave Tuttle





## **WHITE ROCK SEA FESTIVAL – BC DAY LONG WEEKEND**

The Club was invited to participate in the White Rock Sea Festival this year. Team Island Quad was out on the beach demonstrating their flying skills while Dianne O'Brien, Anthony Tung and I ran the sled kite making workshop. Many delighted children flew their decorated sled kites along the promenade.

Here's hoping we can participate again next year with many more displays of kites and banners!



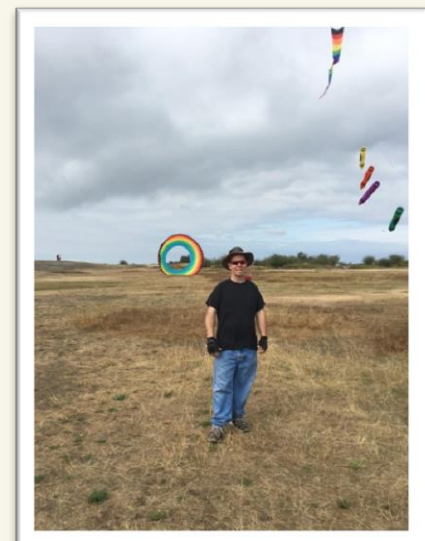




**TEAM ISLAND QUAD PERFORMING AT THE  
WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL KITE  
FESTIVAL IN LONG BEACH**



**SEPTEMBER FUN FLY –  
GARRY POINT PARK, RICHMOND  
LANCE KRYGER FLY'S HIS COLOURFUL  
30' RAINBOW BOL**





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### SEPTEMBER FUN FLY GARRY POINT PARK RICHMOND



SHARK MEETS OCTOPUS



BUGGYING ABOVE IS NEW  
MEMBER JED JOSON  
HE MAKES GREAT PULLED  
PORK AND VIDEOS!  
CHECK OUT HIS YOUTUBE  
VIDEO HERE:

<https://youtu.be/JK0p9tTshy8>



CHRIS HANSON CAME UP FROM  
BELLINGHAM





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**MARK IVANKOVIC SHOWS  
OFF HIS NEW SPORT KITE  
GIVEN TO HIM FOR HIS 8<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY**



### **SEPTEMBER FUN FLY AT GARRY POINT PARK**

**NIGEL SPAXMAN, BOB KOGA, AND LAM HOAC  
ENJOY FLYING ONE, TWO AND FOUR LINE KITES**





**ONE SKY ONE WORLD  
FLY FOR PEACE – VANIER PARK**

One Sky One World promotes annual activities in concurrence with events in hundreds of locations around the World on the Second Sunday of Every October utilizing the multi-cultural symbol of the kite and the ocean of air that we all share.

People are made aware of the kite's contribution to cultural history, the arts and sciences through recognition and enjoyment of the kite, its many manifestations and the activity of kite flying as expressed in many nations and regions throughout recorded history. The art and entertainment activities associated with the One Sky One World event, leads to community enjoyment, understanding, and friendship between people, environmental awareness and promoting world peace.



**CAL KNOWS HOW TO  
SPEND HIS TIME AT  
THE PARK ...  
HOW PEACEFUL  
IS THAT!**





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**DARCY CESTNICK,  
FORMERLY OF  
FORT MACMURRAY,  
FLY'S HIS REV KITE.  
HE'S AN RC PILOT SO HE'S A  
REAL PRO IN THIS WIND**



**IT'S A FAMILY  
KITE AFFAIR FOR  
ANGELA PAWLUK  
AND HER TWO  
CHILDREN  
VICTORIA & JADEN  
FROM DELTA**



**THE 'ALPHABITS' CATHIE, DIANNE AND ANTHONY  
HAVE FUN FLYING THEIR ALPHA KITES TOGETHER**





## MY NEW FAVORITE TOOL FOR SPLITTING BAMBOO – BY DAVE TUTTLE

Hello BCKA er's.

I purchased a new kite related tool recently that I thought members may be interested in. I have worked with bamboo over the years for kites with mixed success. I have used various tools to split the bamboo with: buck knife, machete, hatchet, chef's knife etc., and none of those work well.

I have a small bamboo splitter that I got from Dan Kurahashi which he produced for one of his Fort Worden workshops and it works well for very small bamboo. But for larger bamboo you need something with a thicker back and none of the tools mentioned are thick enough and have the right amount of taper to the blade. Consequently I do not use a lot of bamboo for kites. I would like to but the incorrect tools are limiting as is my skill level.

I recently made a paper kite skin that I really wanted to use bamboo with and so decided to look online for the proper splitting tool. I searched and found a place called **Hida Tools**. They sell Japanese woodworking and garden tools of all types and they had something called a Bamboo Hatchet. Item # N3604 \$49.90 US. It has a 6 3/4" long blade which is 1 1/2" wide and 3/16" thick at the back. This model has a 6" Oak handle although there is a slightly cheaper version with a steel handle only (N3605 \$46.90 US). This was exactly what I have wanted for a long time so I decided to bite the bullet and buy one. With exchange and shipping it cost me about \$80.00. I was very pleased when I received the tool. The finish quality on the tool is beautiful with black on the top of the blade and the blonde oak handle (see the two accompanying pictures). It feels well balanced in the hand and is comfortable to use. I have not used it a lot yet but when I have it makes splitting bamboo much easier.

It was always hard to get the bamboo to split into two equal pieces lengthwise. With this tool the bamboo practically splits its self with minimal effort on my part. The thickness of the blade and the sharpness are just right. Splitting the bamboo to the right thickness has always been very difficult as well, using buck knives or utility knives. Again, this tool makes that task effortless and the whole procedure much more enjoyable with better results. For kite makers who like to work with bamboo, experienced or beginner, I would highly recommend this item. Check out [www.hidatool.com](http://www.hidatool.com) and look for Bamboo Hatchet N3604 or N3605. I spoke to them on the phone and they are very friendly and helpful. The only thing is that Canadian orders must be made by phone, at which point they send you a PayPal invoice by e-mail. I had the hatchet within two weeks. I hope some people find this useful.





## **ODDS & ENDS**

### **BCKA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

ABC Country Restaurant,  
3580 #3 Road, Richmond, 4-7pm

**COME CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE  
SEASON AND MEET UP  
WITH FELLOW KITEFLYERS**

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

The British Columbia Kitefliers Association would like to welcome its newest members:

Karen Bains, Darcy Cestnick, Angela, Victoria & Jaden Pawluk, Giulio De Cotiis, Louis Hargrave, Sophia & David Hooks, Jed Joson, and Lance, Logan and Nikki Kryger.

Please feel free to contact: [INFO@BCKA.BC.CA](mailto:INFO@BCKA.BC.CA) if you need information or have something to share.

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Patches, pins, bumper stickers,  
Archived Windsox

**Contact**  
**Dianne O'Brien**  
**(604) 278-0172**



### **MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2018!**

In an effort to encourage and retain membership, it was voted at the AGM to waive membership fees in 2018. Membership will be by donation once again, and we hope to encourage all members to send in their donations to our Treasurer so that the Club can continue to be active sharing their passion of kite flying through workshops and festivals.

### **BCKA EXECUTIVE 2018**

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