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Welcome to the second year of the Green Lake Community Centre and Outdoor Recreation Society. I just wanted to provide all of you with a recap of 2025 and a look ahead to 2026.

2025 started off with the official change of the Society from the Snowmobile Club to the Green Lake Community Centre and Outdoor Recreation Society. This was no easy feat, but with the hard work of the executive it came to be early in the year. The primary goal of the change was to make the Society more inclusive of the Community as a whole to include both the South and North sides of Green lake and the surrounding communities, and to showcase all the activities which go on here throughout the year. With that completed, the push was on to get the word out and sign-up new members.

Membership

Multiple avenues of notice were used to get the word out, the amazing Community Centre website, the South Green Lake Facebook page, multiple community events and word of mouth. By the end of 2025, our membership had more than doubled from 87 members to just over 200. Thank you for signing up and becoming involved, we all benefit from your participation.

To that end, we would like to continue to see our membership grow. Currently, our membership comes from approximately 68 of 412 or 17% of the properties on the Southside of the Lake. Although our membership has shown a huge increase, it would be nice to grow that with more properties being represented. It is crucial to increase our membership, because as our membership grows our voice in dealing with Government gets louder and our ability to get funding from Grants and Government sources gets stronger. So please encourage your friends and neighbors to become members. It will benefit all of us. To become a member, go to the Membership link on our Website. It's easy and only takes a few minutes.

2025 Activities

2025 saw a bunch of activities throughout the year which hopefully found something for everyone. These activities were attended by more than 375 people and included;

Pig Roast

Multiple Pot Luck Dinners

Weekly Yoga and Fitness Classes

Photography Classes

Community Open House

Movie Nights

Multiple ATV rides

ATV Poker Ride

Christmas Crafting

2026 Activities

For this coming year, we are planning to do more of the same type of activities with a few new activities added in. Some of the things we have planned so far include;

Valentines Day Family Potluck and Games Night – February 14th

Pancake Breakfast – March 22th

Pig Roast – April 25

ATV Ride to Eddy's Pub – May 17

ATV Poker Ride – June 6

Working Horse Demo & Open House at 777 Ranch – June 27th

Boat Regatta – August

Gold Rush Tail Ride – TBD

Corn Hole Tournament - TBD

Please check the SGLCC Website (www.greenlakecc.ca) for information on all of the activities and events.

Remember we are always looking for ideas on new activities, so if there is something you would like to see or if you heard of a great activity someplace else and you would like to see it done here, please send us an email and we will see if we can get it done here.

Funding Grants

It has been a bit of a learning curve for Grants in 2026. We have a long list of wants and must look to many different sources for funding. We have prioritized a few smaller projects for this year, so that we can be successful and have a bit of credibility as we move forward towards larger and more costly projects. Hopefully, we will have more to come on these projects in the future.

Trail Management and Improvements

This is one of the top priorities for the Societies Executive and a considerable amount of time has been spent working with the various government agencies to understand our responsibilities for the trails and what can and cannot be done on these Crown Land Trails. We have secured a new long-term contract to manage the trails and with that it gives us the authority to work on and maintain the existing trails on Crown Lands. We have begun to update all the mapping for the trails and will be using current GPS technology to accurately map and account for all the trails in our area. This will allow us to accurately identify areas and sections that we will want to work on so that we can coordinate a multi-year plan to trail maintenance and improvements. If this sounds cumbersome and time consuming you are correct, but it is the foundation for all work on the trails moving forward. Consequently, I am sorry to say that you will not see much change in the trails for the coming season but be assured that work is being done on this issue.

Cattle guards were also repaired this year and will keep the cows out for years to come. We worked with GLARA and the Ministry of Forest to get funding for the repairs and hired a local contractor, Jeff Boylan with Small Stuff Contracting, to get it done. Jeff was on time and below budget. Thank you, Jeff, for a job well done.

Community Centre Upgrades

There have been a few smaller upgrades at the Community Centre this year. We have a new 85” Smart TV and we are in the process of adding WIFI to the building. This is hopefully going to be done with Starlink and will be on a 12-month trial basis. Finally, we are hoping to obtain Grant funding for Acoustic Treatment for the building. This will greatly improve the sound quality and Acoustic in the building and give the guests who participate in the events there a better overall experience. Stay tuned for that.

Merchandise – Coming Soon

We are currently in the process of designing, and having available for purchase, Green Lake Community Centre and Outdoor Recreation Society Merchandise. This will hopefully include T-shirts, Hoodies, ball caps, stickers and golf shirts. Details to follow and we will send out a notice to the membership when it becomes available.

Volunteers

Finally, I would like to take a minute to talk about Volunteers. The Green Lake Community Centre and Outdoor Recreation Society is solely run by Volunteers. There is a small group of Executive Members who spearhead most of the events, with the much-appreciated assistance of another 25 or so members. This is not enough people. We need **YOUR** help. Please consider volunteering for an event or making yourself available on our volunteer list, so if we are looking for some help on a particular event, we can come to you. We completely understand that people are busy and have busy lives outside of Green Lake, but without the physical support of volunteers, we will not be able to have the many events that bring the community together. To volunteer please go to the “Contact us” link on the website or email directly at admin@greenlakecc.ca

I think that brings everyone up to speed on the Society so far. On behalf of the entire Executive, I want to thank everyone who has become a member, participated in an event or volunteered. The Society is run by the Green Lake Community for the Green Lake Community, and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event this year.

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Outdoor Recreation Society