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If you live anywhere but British Columbia, you probably won't get why so many people experience so-called spring fever. We mean that genuine feeling of excitement and happiness which overflow us from the inside when the first warm sunny days arrive. This feeling is showing in our clubs – new ideas, new members, new club

activities. Congratulations to all who have completed their elections and sent your new board members lists to md19, DG Debbie Allan and myself (ZC). It is nice to see new names in many of the positions.

Our Zone project Vision Screening has been completed for this fiscal year. SD22 (Vernon, Lumby and districts) were completed in October, 2022 with a total of 1154 Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 6 children being screened and 116 children being referred to visit an optometrist.

Lions from the Vernon Lions Club, Armstrong Lions Club, Enderby & District Lions Club and Lumby Lions Club have been volunteering to do Vision Screening for Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 6 children in all of SD83 Elementary schools in Salmon Arm, Canoe, Tappen, Celista and Sorrento. Celista and Sorrento Lions assisted with the screening in their schools. A total of 1152 children were screened with 73 children being referred to visit an optometrist.

The Welsh Allyn Vision Screener was purchased by and shared by the Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, Lumby and Lake Country Lions clubs. If the machine detects any vision problems that a child may have, the school Principal sends a referral to the parents to follow up with an optometrist. On average in both school districts, 8.19% of children screened required a referral. With corrected vision, the children do better in school, have fewer behavioral problems in the classroom and feel better about themselves. Eye exams with an optometrist are free for children.

Our *Travelling Lion* is still active. Four Enderby Lions travelled to Vernon Lions Club early in April and Lumby Lions were host to 8 Vernon Lions mid month. The coffers are growing to support Vision Screening supplies.

Spring Conference on April 28-29, 2023 saw many of our zone members attending. Friday night Fun Nite picnic was a blast. Great learning experiences, wonderful speakers and so many new and old friends to enjoy the last conference of District D. Next year we will be District I and much larger in territory and membership.

The highlight of the conference for me was being chosen District D Lion of the Year. I am so humbled and honored for this beautiful crystal award. I would not have been chosen for this



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prestigious award without the wonderful clubs is my zone. So thank you from the bottom of my heart to District Governor Debbie and her team and to all of my zone.



PID Justin Faber, Deckerville, Michigan, USA, Lion of the Year Sharon Cain, Zone D1, MD19 Council Chair Lyndon Harriman, Post Falls, Idaho, and District Governor Debbie Allan, Kamloops, BC

Our Zone Chair bulletin won first place. Vernon Lions Club website won runner up.

Enderby Lion President Sharon Webb was presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation – accepted by Enderby Lion Willem Roell.

Easter Seals presented the Vernon Lions Club with a lovely framed thank you for being the 2022 top fundraiser. Award accepted by Lion President Sharon Cain.



Vernon Lions and Easter Seal award. L-R: Trudy Parke, Judy Louis, Brian Barnett, Sharon Cain, Ken Cain, Bill Friend, Allan Louis. Missing from picture – Kayla Zimmerman, Mike Herrling, and Brian Willows.

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## So - - -What have our clubs been up to:

### Armstrong

Several members did Vision Screening in their local elementary schools April 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. They are holding Bingo twice/month in the hall. Several new projects are on books – so look out success.

### Enderby

Lions Seng Phung and Herb Bayes presented with Life memberships

Approx 500 wood bundles have been produced and distributed to our retailers for sale

Clean Up Day (Earth Day) Hot dogs served to persons participating in the cleanup and Interior Shredding has provided a truck as a fundraiser for our club.

Several members did Vision Screening in the local schools April 25 and 26.

Lions Willem Roell and Dennis Morgan attended the Spring Conference

Annual Garage sale at the curling rink. Fri/Sun 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Election Held 13 April

Don't forget the annual Pet Value Dog Walk in Enderby on May 28.

### Lake Country

Lake Country-Winfield Lions have enjoyed a Spring Breakout.

We collected and packaged and shipped an additional 200 pair of glasses. This brings our total for 2023 to 509 pair.

\$175 raised March 26 were donated to our Community Fridge in Lake Country.

Lions provided hotdogs and hot chocolate by donation at the Lake Country Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. This is the first Community Spring event since the pandemic. \$1000 was raised for community projects. One of these projects is a Summer Reading Program for youth in Lake Country. Our club donated \$400.



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Lions Dave Bingham, Rod Derksen, Debra and Larry Sweeney represented Lake Country at the District Conference in Vernon. This is somewhat of a record for us.

### Lumby

Lumby Lions President Mike Takahashi just returned from a lengthy tour of Singapore and Malaysia. While in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, Mike visited the Toa Payoh Toastmaster Club.



On Earth Day, April 22, 2023 the Lumby Lions Doug and Karen Braun, Julia Jones, Smiley Greeno, Linda Vlasveld, Mike Takahashi and Doug Jones planted 25 Douglas Fir saplings on the newly established Salmon Trail extension.



The Lumby Lions were pleased to raise \$1,400.00 to aid in the recovery of Lion Bev Lawrence's grandson Mathew Robar who was involved in a horrific traffic accident. The funds were raised at the Lumby Legion Meat Draw. A record crowd attended this amazing fundraiser.



Once again, the Lumby Lions will be hosting the beer garden at the Lumby Days festival June 9, 10 & 11, 2023.

Elections were completed in April.





Lions Mike Takahashi and Linda Vlasveld represented Lumby Lions at the District D conference in Vernon.

**Vernon:**

The Vernon Lions have been excited and preparing for all the upcoming events. Work and inspections on the Food Trailer were completed. The food truck had a deep clean and our new awning has been installed.

A crew of Vernon Lions headed to Camp Winfield to finish cleaning the kitchen before their first events. Thanks to all for your dedication and hard work.



**Environment – trees to gr 3 kids**



The Vernon Lions did a special environment project where we visited the elementary schools various classes and gave a talk on how trees help our environment. We gave each child a Douglas Fir sapling to take home and plant. The children really enjoyed these visits and have sent us lovely cards.



The Vernon Lions Club participated in the Vision Screening in School District 83. Always wonderful to work with and help children.



Ducks for Dogs – ticket sales are happening again at various outlets in Vernon and Coldstream. The duck race will be held July 15 at Polson Park. We are raising funds for another Service dog for an autistic child in the North Okanagan area.

Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast – April 22. First time out for our food trailer. Lots of Lions showed up to serve the patrons of the annual Chamber of Commerce Expo held at North Kaltire Place. It was great to see Lions Bobbe and Marnie healing and back with us, jumping right back into the swing of things and helping at the first event.



Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament – April 29. Once again, the tournament is sold out and great time was had by all who participated as well as the Lions who worked the event.



Lions are busy gathering sponsors and golfers for our annual Fundraiser for Camp Winfield camperships. We are still looking for a few more golfers. Visit the website as indicated in the poster in upcoming events.

April 28/29 - District D Conference saw several Vernon Lions attending.



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**May 4-7, 2023** Northwest Lions Leadership Institute  
Ross Point Conference Center  
820 S Ross Point Road  
Post Falls, ID 83584

The Institute offers outstanding seminars designed to develop and enhance leadership skills that will foster communication and team building in a rewarding learning environment.

**May 28, 2023** Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides. 9:00 AM Registration, 10:00 AM Walk  
Lions Gazebo at Riverside Park, Enderby. For more information contact 250-838-7410 or  
[Early206@telus.net](mailto:Early206@telus.net)

**June 9, 2023** Lumby Lions beer gardens at Lumby Days

**Fundraising Golf Tournament FOR CAMP WINFIELD**  
Presented by the Vernon Lions Club  
to help fund facility improvements and subsidize camperships.

June 10, 2023  
Spallumcheen Golf and Country Club  
Shotgun Start Time 1:00pm  
18 Hole Texas Fun Scramble  
Followed by Dinner at the Clubhouse

Cost including Golf, shared cart, Dinner, and Prizes 175.00 Per Person

Registration available at [golf.vernonlionsclub.com](http://golf.vernonlionsclub.com)

Registration Deadline May 20, 2023  
Min 100 golfers, Max 112 golfers

Entry as a foursome is preferred

Thank you to all our players, sponsors, volunteers, and prize donaters! Without the help of all of these people we would not be able to provide this exciting opportunity to members of our community who sometimes never get the chance to experience outdoor life in a safe and controlled atmosphere that we sometimes take for granted.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER GO TO [GOLF.VERNONLIONSCLUB.COM](http://GOLF.VERNONLIONSCLUB.COM)**

**June 10, 2023** Vernon Lions Golf Tournament fundraiser for Camp Winfield  
Spallumcheen Golf and Country Club Start time 1:00 PM followed by a dinner and auction in the evening.

**July 15, 2023** Vernon Lions Club duck race fundraiser for a Service dog for an autistic child.

**VERNON LIONS CLUB**  
presents  
**DUCKS for DOGS**

Come to the race at Polson Park  
Saturday, July 15, 2023  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Featuring service dogs at the event, family friendly games, face painting, the Vernon Community Band - all free to the public!

Plus: enjoy lunch from the Vernon Lions food Truck.  
EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT

ADOPT A DUCK \$5

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

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Thank you to our sponsors of 2023



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**Websites:**

- MD19 <https://lionsmd19.org>
- District D <https://e-district.org/sites/19d>
- LCI <https://lionsclubs.org>

Armstrong Lions Club <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/armstong/>

Enderby Lions Club <https://enderbylionsclub.org>

Lake Country Lions Club [www.lakecountrylions.com](http://www.lakecountrylions.com)

Lumby Lions Club [https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lumby\\_bc/](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lumby_bc/)

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