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#### EDITORIAL

# Riding the new... fishing boom?



By Brian Lee

I'll make an admission.

A few months ago I was feeling kind of smug about living on

the Sunshine Coast.

Call it naive — because it was — but I believed the economists who said Canada was somewhat insulated from the economic fallout from America.

And, if that was so, then the Sunshine Coast was surely even better off..

True, we couldn't hide from fuel prices or the rising cost of Chilean oranges but I kind of thought our micro-economy of construction, resource extraction and tourism was robust enough that we'd continue to be able to afford a new and bigger flat screen every year. But it turns out we're not an island after all.

Suddenly I've started hearing the "L" word a lot more lately. Layoffs.

For a nice little while now, anybody with a nail belt had work.

The real estate industry was booming. It fuelled a construction industry that in turn filtered down through the rest of the community.

Developers happily threw money at various local charity projects.

People ate, and drank, out.

Times were good.

But it's quite possible those greedy bankers in America burst our happy little real estate bubble. If so, it means we're once again faced with the possibility that we live in an area without an anchor industry.

Logging has always been a mainstay around here but it's been hit pretty hard in the last year or so.

And there's a lot of new looking

heavy equipment out there that's going to be sitting idle more than its owners had hoped.

You might say there's still a healthy "retirement economy" as the boomers age but that may not be so either.

Many approaching retirement just got a jolt when 30 to 40 per cent of the value of their RRSPs disappeared. Their real estate holdings just took a dip too, making them less likely to be in the mood to upgrade their homes or buy a second property.

But you know what industry is looking good these days?

Commercial fishing!

Halibut, salmon, prawns, herring and cod prices are all relatively stable and enjoying a bull market. Anyone who's well diversified in the industry just had a pretty good year.

Fishermen can once again walk around town with their heads high, happy in the knowledge that the New Year will bring eager deckhands. I know a deckhand who just made four months worth of construction cash in three weeks of halibut fishing.

If this cycle continues, maybe we'll even see the fishermen buy back the waterfront and rebuild the netsheds that have all but disappeared around Pender Harbour.

For the rest of us, I think it's important to heed the advice of the experts. Business and financial gurus all agree there's only one way to ride out this down turn:

Advertise.

#### SPIEL PICKS

#### ALL CANDIDATES MEETING — NOV. 3

The P. H. Chamber of Commerce and P. H. Community Club host the candidates running for Area A Director: Geoff Craig and Eric Graham and SchoolTrustee, Area 1: Mary Bittroff and Lori Fielding. Moderator will be Michael Ross. It will start at 7 p.m.

#### 7TH ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR ROTARY ART AUCTION — NOV. 8

An eclectic selection of works by internationally renowned – and the Coast's own – talented artists & artisans. For every taste and budget. Preview: 5:30 p.m., Silent Auction: 6 p.m., Live Auction: 8 p.m. Garden Bay Restaurant.

#### EGMONT HERITAGE CENTRE LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS: FISH STORIES — NOV. 15

Come out to the Egmont Heritage Centre on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. for a panel discussion with local fishermen who will relate stories about their commercial fishing experiences along the BC coast from the 1930's to the present. There will be a question and answer session.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING MEETING — NOV. 20

The school district is holding several fall meetings to discuss a plan for an educational restructuring process over the next five years. Concerned parents and community members should attend the meeting at Madeira Park Elementary School Library on Thurs, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

#### "RAISE THE ROOF" SEAFOOD FUNDRAISER — NOV. 22

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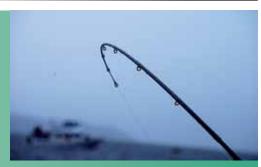
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# Credit Union in 'very fortunate' shape to weather crisis

The global financial crisis plaguing many Canadian and U.S. banking institutions has not directly impacted the Sunshine Coast Credit Union says chief executive officer, Dale Eichar.

"We're very fortunate because we're not in a borrowing position," said Eichar.

"There's nothing fundamentally wrong with borrowing in the financial services industry but we have not had to borrow because we've been able to raise deposits from our membership that are sufficient to fund our lending activities."

Eichar credits SCCU's strength to a number of fundamental differences between credit unions and regular banking networks.

Eichar says SCCU's lending practices and mix of loans are responsive to local conditions, with assets invested in the community in the form of equity in homes and property, shielding them from global market turbulence.

The Sunshine Coast Credit Union doesn't participate in sub-prime mortgage lending nor do they carry Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) investments. ABCPs are short-term corporate debt that is resold to other investors, taking the original loans off the books of the company that first issued them. ABCP holdings were frozen last summer when credit markets ground to a halt on the fallout from the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis.

Eichar says the Sunshine Coast Credit Union currently has \$303 million in assets primarily invested in loans to members (\$266 million).

"We have to, by regulation, maintain a certain percentage of liquidity in highly secure, government backed T-bill type investments," Eichar said.

"I think we're sitting well above the statutory liquidity rate right now."

At the end of 2007 BC credit unions had average capital in excess of 12 per cent of their risk-weighted assets, well above the eight per cent level required by regulatory authorities. SCCU has managed to maintain a capital base of 20 per cent.

Eichar says it's interesting that SCCU's deposit base has actually risen during the last couple of months of market turmoil.

"I would imagine that's because of the flight from the equity markets back to more traditional term-deposit/ GIC type investments," he said.

Up until now, BC credit union depositors have been insured up to \$100,000 "per separate deposit" by the provincial government's Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation.

On Oct. 22 credit union customers received further assurance about the safety of their deposits when Premier Gordon Campbell announced that the CUDIC will guarantee all deposits.

The move still needs to be ratified by the legislature but the legislation will be retroactive to the announcement date.

Banks are federally regulated so they remain at the \$100,000 maximum deposit insurance.

With a large portion of their business based around the local mortgage industry, Eichar does admit that SCCU may face some economic challenges with a decline in the local real estate market.

"I think it will affect our growth and it certainly will have some bearing on our business," he said.

"But we went through the early '80s... and the softening of the real estate market here on the Coast and we went through that without any serious problems so I would expect it will be the same here."



November 2008

# Rotarians concerned about 'couch surfing' teens

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour welcomed MLA Nicholas Simons Oct. 17 to speak on the situation facing youth in crisis in our community.

Local Rotarians are concerned about reports of a number of teenagers in our community "couch surfing" and living essentially on their own.

Discussions focused on the need to spearhead initiatives from within, such as organizing a local chapter of Big Brothers, but with assistance from the provincial governments as needed.

The club also presented certificates to three of the six local youth who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in 2008.



Alan Stewart photo

Pictured are local Rotarians with three youths who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in 2008. (I-r): Eric Graham, Katherine Rowlands, Tony Mudry, Dominic Foster, Jan Smalley and Dave Bradley.

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For our complete schedule of swim times and fitness classes visit us on the web at WWW.SCrd.Ca under Services.

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# Official opening of Area A Satellite office

In what will likely be one of his last official duties as Area A Director, John Rees cut the cake to officially open the SCRD Satellite Office on Lagoon Road Oct. 22.

Rees was joined by various SCRD staff from the main office, a few members of the public and Area A Director candidates Eric Graham and Geoff Craig.

One surprised resident, who dropped by to pick up information on zoning regulations, received more than she expected with planning staff on hand and sandwiches and cake on the table.

Before cutting the cake, Rees said a few words.

"This is a very modest initiative with the regional district to try to present services to our community... My return trip from Madeira to Field Road is 84 kilometre return. If you come from Egmont it's about 150 kilometre return. From Garden Bay it's about 125 kilometres return plus the time. So there's an awful lot of time involved." Rees said.

"So the idea was to use what we have, the old South Pender Harbour (Water District) office space and try to bring some regional government services closer to the community."

Rees said the office property will also serve as home for a community



Official cake of the official grand opening of the SCRD Satellite office on Oct. 22.

bus service, now in the final stages of purchase.

"The idea is to have it stationed here — you almost have a perfect Park & Ride all set up here," he said.

"We would operate on a twice weekly schedule to begin with and on the other five days of the week the bus would be available for hire in the community."

The SCRD satellite office is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a full-time staff person available to answer questions and to direct inquiries.

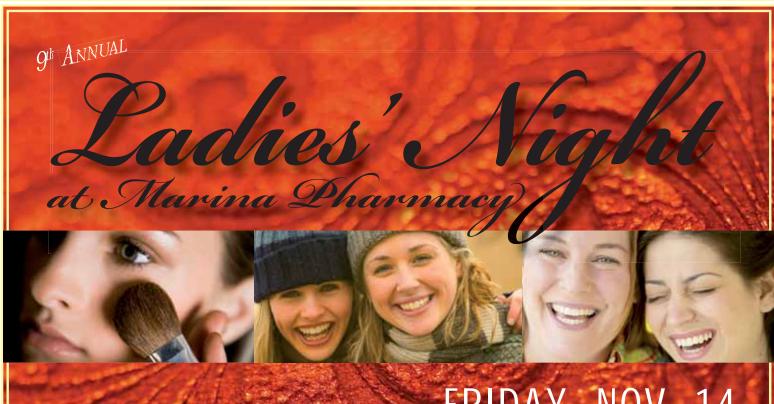
The office will serve as a drop-

off and pick-up site for building permit applications, plans and other forms as well as providing a space to meet with building inspectors and planning staff on an appointment basis.









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# Fall Faire serves up a bounty of winners

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Patti Malcolm

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Evelyn McNee

#### **VINTNER'S TROPHY:**

Ken McDonald

(Note: The Home Maker Aggregate is based on the most judged points in preserves and baking, the Horticulture on floral and garden items.)

#### **UNDER TWELVES**

#### LARGEST SUNFLOWER:

Paolo Cogrossi

#### **MOST BIZARRE VEG:**

Dani Pazur

#### BEST DRESSED SQUASH

**OR GOURD:** 

Zena Lanteigne

#### LARGEST PUMPKIN:

Paolo Cogrossi

#### **COOKIE DECORATING:**

Primary - Biada Priest Intermediate - Jade Storoschuk

#### **PHOTO CONTEST:**

First- Bruce Morrison High School First - Mollie Webber

#### PENDER PUMPKIN WEIGHT:

Farra Priest

#### **HILDA MILKERS:**

Big Milker - Brian Lee Medium Milker - Nick



Andy Petrashuk of Malaspina Ranch takes another group for a hay ride through Madeira Park.

Lil Milker: (tie)Tanner and Nolan

#### **RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:**

First - Lil Abbot

Second - Shirley Thompson

Third - Jill Williams

Fourth - Doris Ogden

Fifth - Val Anderson

Pam's Planter - Cindy Cameron

Oak Tree Meat - Karen Strong

Artisan winners - Marg Skelley and

Margery McKay.



Marshall Curtiss milks Hilda the Harbour Heifer.



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#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

#### Monday, November 3, 2008

• 9:00 a.m. Policing

• 10:30 a.m. Transportation

#### Thursday, November 6, 2008

• 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services Committee

#### Thursday, November 13, 2008

• 1:30 p.m. Planning & Development Services Committee

• 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

#### Thursday, November 20, 2008

• 10:00 a.m. Special Infrastructure (Watershed) Committee

• 1:30 p.m. Community Services Committee

#### Thursday, November 27, 2008

• 1:30 p.m. Corporate & Administrative Services Committee

• 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

#### DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Director John Rees is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9033 or by email, jarees@dccnet.com.

Alternate Director Barrie Wilbee is assisting Director Rees with Policing and Transportation issues and can be reached at 604-883-2243.

#### AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission, if required, is scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Pender Harbour School of Music.

#### LANDFILL CLOSURE

Please note that the Pender Harbour and Sechelt Landfills are closed for the Remembrance Day Holiday, November 11, 2008.

#### SCRD SATELLITE OFFICE - AREA A

The SCRD Satellite Office, located at 12828 Lagoon Rd. is open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Services provided include:

- full-time staff providing information and directing inquiries to the right person or source at the SCRD;
- website access to the SCRD;
- water services staff available five days a week.
- · Building Inspectors, available by appointment;
- Planning staff, available by appointment;
- building permit applications and other forms available on site; and
- secure drop off location for plans, applications and other documents.

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## Rees gives his last Piece



By John Rees SCRD Director, Area A

#### LOCAL ELECTION NOV. 15

Just in case

you have not had enough of politics yet, you still have another chance to cast a vote on Nov. 15; this time for a new Area A Director. We now have two candidates, and I wish them both well.

It is time for a change — to face new challenges. This job requires total commitment, stamina, tenacity and a vision for the communities you represent. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you and I have enjoyed every minute of it (almost).

In stepping down after two terms (six years), I would first like to thank the entire community, from Middlepoint to Egmont.

You elected me to make logical and reasonable, yet progressive, decisions on your behalf. I always respected that confidence and hope that you are not too unhappy with the results achieved.

I would also like to thank the Harbour Spiel — Brian Lee and before him, Myrtle Winchester. They have given me space to communicate with residents even though they removed much of the humour and many of the punchlines, complained about being longwinded — both claiming editorial licence.

Thanks to Barrie Wilbee and Bobbie Bennett. Both served as alternate directors over the years and were always willing to step in if required.

Our Area A Advisory Planning Commission is so important to the community, including this director. Besides the obvious land planning decisions, during my terms I often bounced important issues off this group of dedicated volunteers, engaging them more or less as a council for opinion. I thank them all for their input. Not to forget Irene Boyd, the APC secretary and meeting co-ordinator — thanks for always being there Irene. From time to time I needed clerical assistance for various presentations and official letters and Maureen Luck did a great job there. Thanks Maureen.

Finally, I would not have been able to give as much time to this job without the total support of my wife Marlene. She monitored my schedules, took calls, checked messages and constantly reminded me of my obligations and deadlines, not to mention the nights alone and the extra work around the home. A very special thanks to you Marlene, you helped me so much.

Working as a director is not all about local issues. The SCRD board is in effect a council representing all communities on the Sunshine Coast. Major policy decisions, service quality control, and financial management and budgeting are all responsibilities of the board and are implemented by staff. During my time there I chaired planning for three years, chaired Corporate services (finance and budgets) for three years, was vice-chair and chair of the SCRD one year each.

Chairing these committees gave me a great insight into the operations of local government up and down the Coast and a unique opportunity to work closely with a talented and dedicated staff. My editor has given me a little extra space to review some of the major initiatives and improvements for our community but, before I do, I would like to explain the following.

Nothing is possible in small communities like ours without the vision, and tireless energy of the societies, groups, committees and generous donors like those we are blessed with here.

On many of these issues, I and SCRD staff worked closely with these groups and individuals, some more than others, but nevertheless they all needed help to make their projects materialize.

#### EGMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Finally we have fire service coverage for the entire community.

Great volunteers, a sustainable operation and a building almost finished. Go take a look.

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# Rees' last piece (cont.)

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Another wonderful addition, acclaimed up and down the Coast for its environmental programs.

# IRVINES LANDING COMMUNITY HALL (SARAH WRAY HERITAGE CENTRE)

It's secured for the community on a 20-year lease from School District #46, paid by a donor with a few other grants (\$25,000) in place to help with renovations. It has a good committee with lots of work in progress but it will all be worth it.

# LIONS' PARK PLAYING FIELD (SCRD)

The first properly constructed community playing field for this area. This field will be maintained by SCRD Parks.

Outstanding co-operation by the Lions' Club provided us with the precious land.

An additional application for adjacent Crown land is in the final stages of approval and will provide almost 10 acres opposite the golf course entrance for future community recreational development.

Long-term
SCRD Parks funding, a provincial grant of \$315,000
(along with a few other minor grants) and a private donation have helped to construct a power line, road and bridge into the site, sink a well, build a pump house, install irrigation and complex drainage systems and fencing and build the field and parking areas.

The whole area has been seeded and will be playable in Aug./Sept. 2009. It will be the best playing field by far on the Coast.

#### PENDER HARBOUR POOL

Negotiated savings of 40% for remedial costs on the mold problem we had a few years ago. Worked with their excellent board P. H. Aquatic

Society) to formulate plans

for a total refurbishing of

all the pool systems and facilities. After a lengthy community approval process we have the funds (\$850,000 over a 20-year term), to go ahead with the work in early to mid 2009.

# PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY HALL

Along with very generous private donations, we secured \$33,000 in additional grants to help out with the new septic system.

#### PH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Helped out with interim funding when the provincial government cut their support. We then spearheaded sustainable funding through all areas of SCRD for community schools.

#### COAST GUARD AUXILIARY.

Built a sustainable funding program to assist training costs, same for Halfmoon Bay and Gibsons.

# LAGOON ROAD BIKE AND WALKING PATH

Arranged for developer to donate funds for this project.

#### **VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTRE**

Re-introduced support funding and continued that for six years.



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#### **COMMUNITY BUS**

We're in the final stages of obtaining a suitable bus with funds coming through a Gas Tax rebate grant.

Details of a modest schedule, operational costs and administration are still in progress.

#### **SCRD SATELLITE OFFICE**

A new addition to the community, it will develop as residents use the facility. Please support this initiative — it is a hard-fought-for pilot project.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

There have been many over this period but perhaps the most notable was the opposition to Pan Pacific Aggregates and the potential threat it posed to one of our principal water-

sheds.

Others included the Chapman Creek issue and formation of the Egmont Advisory Committee on proposed industrial activity in their watersheds.

There were also changes made to our OPC that effectively decreased density possibilities around some of our drinking water lakes.

#### **AREA A WATER ISSUES**

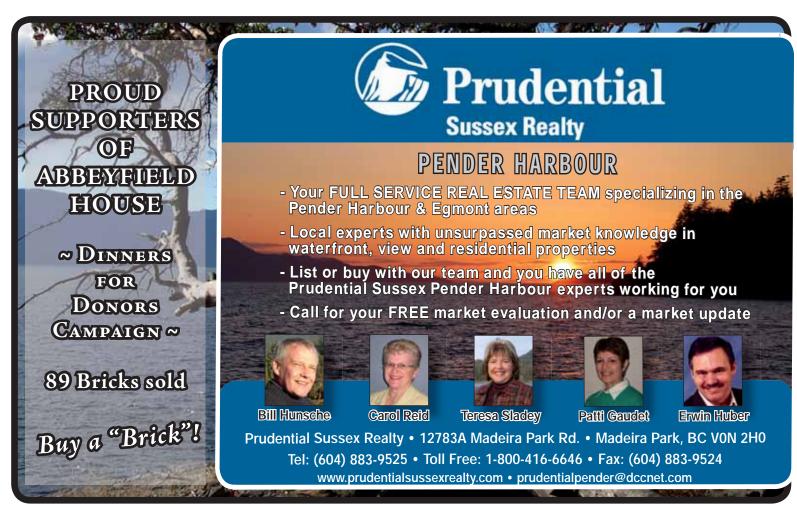
By far the biggest challenge. It took the most time and energy, caused the most discussion and some heated debates. It also created the most change, brought in the most grant funding and indirectly brought amalgamation and balance to our water systems.

There's no doubt the Area A Water Master plan has already proven to be a unique document.

Already it has provided \$3.8 million in improvement funds which will take four communities off boil water restrictions with new and improved infrastructure. It has also been used for new funding applications (\$10 million) for two water treatment plants, North and South Pender Systems. New funding announcements will come by the spring of 2009.

Residents of Area A have been the most supportive and hard working that any elected official could ever hope to work with, and I thank you all.

John Rees



# Dog to dog aggression: some causes and solutions



By John Wade

Hi John,

I hope you can help me.

When my 18 month-old Lab cross

sees another dog while we're walking, she bristles, barks and lunges at the other dog. I'm the only one she does this with.

We had her evaluated at a reputable training facility and she was perfectly fine on and off leash. They said she was just protecting me. I've tried calming her by stuffing her mouth with food, "watch me," "sit" or "lay down" using my foot on leash.

It's just a constant battle and makes walks unpleasant for both of us. If you could offer some suggestions, I realize I must be the problem and have to change.

Thank you so much. I look forward to your comments. T.S.



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If you can't get your dog to stay on a mat without budging while you're cooking and eating meals, you're not going to get him or her to listen to you outside the house.

Hi T.S.

While there must have been some dog, somewhere that had its aggression tempered because someone stuffed its mouth with food, true aggression is not going to be impacted by treats. Otherwise police would be throwing away their Tasers and re-

placing them with French fries or if the situation is really ugly, wings and nachos.

I'd be interested in learning more about the part that isn't Lab. For whatever reason Labs crossed with herding breeds seem to turn out in one of two extremes: the gentlest souls you'd ever want to have as a dog or a natural inclination towards territorial aggression.

Another possibility is a cross with a breed with an inbred disposition for dog aggression. I can't tell you how many times I've run into dogs purchased through rescues, intentionally identified as Lab crosses, or boxer crosses that were all or in part pit bull crosses. I have no problem with pit bulls but a Lab is a Lab, a pittie, a pittie.

Either way, part of the reason you're the only one having a problem is likely the physics involved. Dogs respect size. Not actual size but perceived size and while you might think you're big in the weight department, you're doing the math wrong. A dog's

# The Pender Harbour Fall Faire would like to appreciate the businesses that support this event:

- ° Madeira Park IGA
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We'd also like to thank: Kids Coast Soccer, Maritime Heritage, Pender Harbour Fire Department, Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital, artisans for donating crafts, non-profit groups and the countless community members who support, volunteer and participate in the Fall Faire.

Without you this special day would not be possible.

Thank you

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#### PET TALK

weight should be multiplied by three and with some breeds four. A dog has four-wheel drive and a low center of gravity so if your dog weighs 60 pounds, you're up against a 180 to 240 pound man.

Without some sort of physical advantage your dog is going to blow you off. If you can't control her physically then you can't teach her to exert self-control. This likely can be addressed via a collar change.

First and foremost, I would assess what's going on between the two of you in the house and look for ways to tune up the relationship there before we changed a collar or dealt with the dog aggression problem.

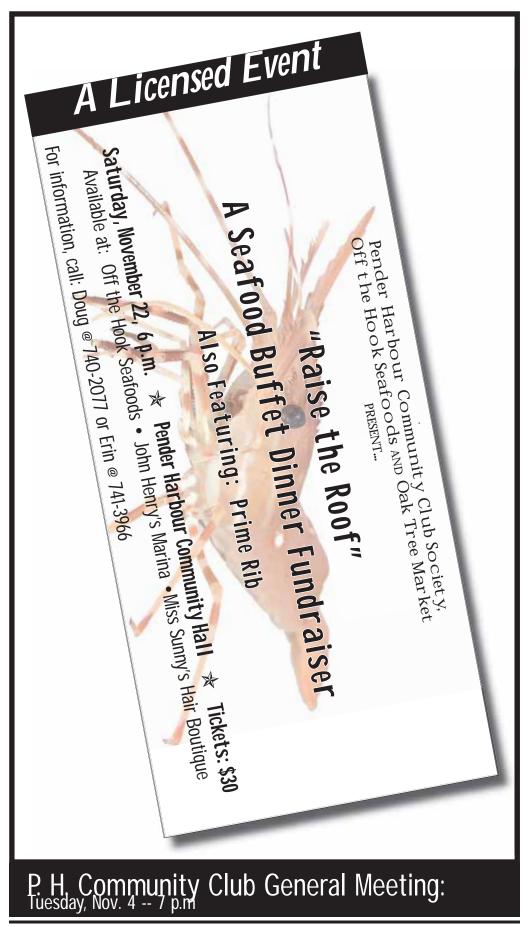
If you can't get her to stay on a mat without budging while you're cooking and eating meals or for five minutes on a mat by the door before and after every walk, you're not going to get her to listen to you outside the house, dogs or no dogs.

I've had a lot of remarkable turnarounds with this sort of thing and you will too but I think you need to find a more balanced training approach.

Alternatively, I suppose I could stuff you full of food until using doggy math you were bigger then your dog.

Pawsitively Yours, John Wade

If you have questions for John, send e-mail to: johnwade@johnwade. ca or visit his website at www. johnwade.ca.



Madeira Market: Saturday, Nov. 8 -- all day

#### On the hotseat 1: Question and answer with Area A Director

Ed: Candidates were interviewed separately and asked identical questions without prior knowledge of what the questions would be.

#### **HOW OLD ARE YOU?**

GEOFF CRAIG: 54. ERIC GRAHAM: 61.

#### WHERE DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN AREA A?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** Egmont. I've been up here for 35 years.

**ERIC GRAHAM:** Garden Bay. I moved here in December of 1992.

#### WHAT IS YOUR PREVIOUS CA-REER/BUSINESS EXPERIENCE?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** I was a commercial fisherman for a number of years and since doing that I've done

#### ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

AREA A DIRECTOR

Geoff Craig

Eric Graham

AREA 1 SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Mary Bittroff

Lori Fielding

MONDAY, NOV. 3 — 7 P.M. PH COMMUNITY HALL

some construction work and there's a property that I developed as a revenue property.

**Eric Graham:** I originally was in Calgary and got transferred by a trucking company to Edmonton, then I got transferred to Vancouver then I changed companies and then I got transferred up to Fort St. John. Then I bought into a business, 50 per cent ownership of a flooring store, then I started a property management company and I sold that. At that time I decided I wanted to move south and to be warm. But while I was in Fort St. John. I served two terms as alderman on city council. That was in the '80s. In December of 1992, I bought the Park Motel (The Stonewater).

# WHAT ARE THREE ADJECTIVES THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOU?

GEOFF CRAIG: I'm quiet. I guess I'm not an outgoing or gregarious. I'm thoughtful. I consider things thoroughly and don't make up my mind readily. I don't know how to put it as an adjective but I'm very interested in politics and business — engaged. Engaged in the various debates about economics and politics and business. I find it all very interesting.

**ERIC GRAHAM:** Friendly, I hope sincere and honest.

# WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** I don't read a lot of books except in the winter. You know I get all sorts of magazines and newspapers and stuff but the one I really enjoyed was... by Ken Follett, *A World Without End*.

**ERIC GRAHAM:** It was by Robert Ludlum and it was a spy book and I can't remember the name of it. I can tell you what I'm reading now; Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth*.

# WHAT'S YOUR BEST GUESS AT THE POPULATION OF AREA A?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** It's 2,700, roughly.

ERIC GRAHAM: I would say about 2,500.

# WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF AREA A DIRECTOR?

GEOFF CRAIG: I guess it seems like a natural progression of the things I've been doing. I seem to understand zonings and bylaws and I'm active and interested... I think I'll do a reasonable job but following John Rees is going to be difficult for anybody. He was a very good politician.

ERIC GRAHAM: I was Jane Reid's alternate director for five years and I had to quit because I was in the process of divorce and I had to look after the motel by myself and business just took over... in the summertime I was pretty well a full-time director because Jane and her husband were out on a boat. I felt bad for quitting because I enjoyed it and I thought I did an all-right job as an alternate... John, I felt, was doing a very good job. He was very active, he was a very hard

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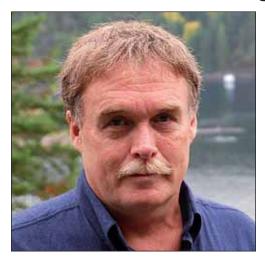
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## candidates Geoff Craig and Eric Graham



Geoff Craig

worker so I didn't think there was a need. But once I learned that John was not running again I seriously looked at it and talked to a lot of people... and had a lot of encouragement. I've got the time — I'm retired now, been retired for three years. I'm involved with a lot of local non-profit societies and I thought 'No, I could do the job and I want the job,' so I put my hat in.

#### IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE THREE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES FACING AREA A RIGHT NOW?

GEOFF CRAIG: Well, the first one of course would be the equity in taxation. There's a number of services that we pay 17% of the cost of and have roughly 10% of the population. Following that, one solution to that would be incorporation. That's something that I'm certainly not either for or against but I think it's something that has to be looked at in lieu of the first concern. And then, I guess, the big one is water. To provide clean water. I know John Rees has told me he spends the majority of his time on that issue.

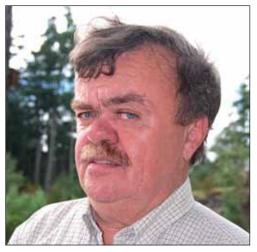
**ERIC GRAHAM:** I think water is the main one. I think incorpora-

tion is a big one... I think taxation is very important... I'm very concerned about the next few years. I think the economy is going to be really tight and we're going to have to run a tight government and I feel that taxation is going to be an important one.

# ARE THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISSUES FACED BY PENDER HARBOUR AND EGMONT?

GEOFF CRAIG: I don't think so. Obviously Egmont is a little smaller and a little less developed. The gravel pit there is an issue you're not facing here that I'd like to deal with if I become or even if I don't. But people there and here have concerns about growth and change.

**Eric Graham:** Not really. Incorporation could be a significant situation because, as I understand it now, they want to incorporate the whole area but I have to look into it because I don't know all of the ramifications of it. I know the Municipal Act has changed since the last time I was involved in it when we had that referendum... Do we include everybody in it – Egmont and all the way up Jervis Inlet -- or should incorporation be in a small, confined area and maybe expanded later on? But I am concerned about leaving Egmont out of it. They would be just about on



Eric Graham

their own in Area A and I'd feel that I let them down.

#### WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO BE YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF YOUR TERM?

GEOFF CRAIG: I think the biggest challenge would be getting a grasp of all the many issues. There's so many issues. I've been going to some of the meetings and there's so many issues the SCRD is involved in. So, the biggest challenge is just learning to deal with those issues.

**ERIC GRAHAM:** To get up to speed — taxation is going to be a big one. I don't think there's going to be the demand now for new developments like there has been... Really

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## Craig and Graham on the hotseat(cont.)

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just getting the feeling from the people for what they really want.

# WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON INCORPORATION?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** Like I say, I don't have a set position on it. I think

it's worth looking into. The incorporation that's being considered this time is quite different than what was considered before. We're talking more of a district municipality like Sechelt rather than a small town like Gibsons. I basically would take my direction from constituents and the studies.

ERIC GRAHAM: I have to find

out the information first. The regional growth study that's going on now on the Sunshine Coast, according to John's information, that could take a five-year program. That should be done before our own study, or the provincial government wants that. I'm worried about the delay. I think that incorporation is a main thing for a lot of people.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK CAN BE DONE TO PROVIDE SAFE AND AC-CESSIBLE OPTIONS FOR GETTING AROUND ON FOOT OR BICYCLE IN AREA A?

GEOFF CRAIG: Well, at the APC we have tried to make sure there's... worked to provide paths where possible. You know that's one area, just to digress a bit, where as an incorporated entity we would have development cost charges for example that other municipalities can do but the regional district can't, as I understand it. That would make it easier to do that sort of thing. That being said, the gas tax rebate allows money for bike paths. It's fairly obvious that with the number of roads we have, it would be incremental so we wouldn't be able to do it all at once by any means.

**ERIC GRAHAM:** Wider shoulders. I think we have to work with highways and we have to maybe do some some reditching and fill up the ditch along the side so we can have wider shoulders. I mean, it's just impossible in some areas for anybody to walk along the side of the road without walking on the road.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO IM-PROVE THE DIVERSITY OF LOCAL INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT?

# EXPERIENCED, DEDICATED, FULL-TIME REPRESENTATION AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD

If we haven't met already, I'm Eric Graham, Regional Director candidate for Area A (Pender Harbour-Egmont). I moved to Pender Harbour 16 years ago and retired when I sold the Park Motel. Now I can devote my time, full-time, to work hard representing you at the SCRD boardroom with Barrie Wilbee as my alternate. Call me at home, 883-9061, or e-mail ericgraham@dccnet.com.

# My Qualifications

- Area A Director, 1998.
- Alternate Area A Director, 1993-1998.
- City Councillor, Fort St. John (pop. 14,000), two consecutive terms.
- Business Administration graduate, Mt. Royal College, Calgary.
- Chair, Pender Harbour Community School.
- Chair, Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society.
- Founding President, Rotary Club of Pender Harbour.
- Director, AAQWA (Area A Quality Water Association).
- All-round nice guy ⊙

# My Priorities

- **Our Water** We need an adequate, reliable supply of clean and safe water for all residents, and I will revisit the Area A Water Master Plan to examine all options and ensure the best solution.
- Your Tax Dollar An uncertain economy affects all of us. At the Regional District, I will keep a close eye on spending to ensure "bang for your buck."
- I will also prioritize the issues of incorporation, transportation, foreshore leases, affordable seniors' housing and updating our Official Community Plan.



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**GEOFF CRAIG:** That's a tough one. The regional district — there's not a lot they can do but just providing good infrastructure. Providing a forum where if somebody wants to propose a business... an open kind of forum through the various things like the APCs and what-not where people can come and promote their ideas and the other people in the community can have their say. I think employment's important. Some of the other areas have gone a little too far towards "not in my backyard." Their zoning is such that it makes it really hard to do anything that creates jobs. This area has been more open and I hope that it can stay that way.

ERIC GRAHAM: The OCP has been implemented. We have to encourage commercial businesses to go in commercial areas. Industrial businesses bring in a lot of taxation. It's important to encourage industrialization in order to get that tax base. And we need jobs so any businesses that are thinking of setting up, we have to encourage them.

#### IF YOU HAD TO TAKE A POSITION IN A CONTROVERSIAL DISPUTE AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY, HOW WOULD YOU REACT IF SUDDENLY HALF OF AREA A DE-SPISED YOU?

GEOFF CRAIG: Well, I don't think it ever goes exactly 50/50 but I'd want to follow the wishes of the majority of the residents – that would be my goal. But, in all my years of doing this kind of thing, I realize you can't make everyone happy and I'm prepared to live with my decisions. Obviously, I'd like please as many as I could..

ERIC GRAHAM: I think you gotta

get consensus from the people of what they really wish. From my experience as being the alternate director in the past and being on city council in Fort St. John, you have to go with your feelings... I think it's important that people know me and trust me.

#### WHY DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DO A BETTER JOB THAN YOUR OPPONENT?

**GEOFF CRAIG:** I guess that I think that I'm more prepared. My work on the APC has put me in the middle of all the different issues that are facing the Coast. I read the minutes from not just our APC but the other APCs. The bylaws that are proposed and stuff come to us for comments. I've prepared myself. I've been going to the various SCRD committee meetings over the last month. I've studied the financial reports and the annual reports of the SCRD and I have some experience in looking at balance sheets of companies so I understand the financial part of it. I just think, all in all, I'm more in tune;

more informed about the various issues that we face.

ERIC GRAHAM: I've been experienced because I've been on city council, and that was during a very rough time in Fort St. John in the '80s when there were signs on the side of the road, 'Last person out, turn out the lights.' It was a very difficult time and I was fiscally responsible for having a tight ship. And I can make decisions. I've been in business for 30 years and I've been successful in all the businesses I've been in and you have to make decisions and I feel like I can do that.

# WHO WOULD WIN IN AN ARM WRESTLE?

GEOFF CRAIG: I think I would. ERIC GRAHAM: I think he'd beat me. He's got longer arms.

I'm Geoff Craig. A former fisherman turned businessman with two children in local schools, I've been intimately involved with this community for the past 35 years.

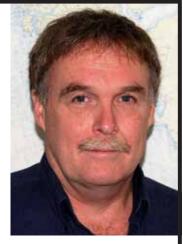
On Nov. 15, I need your help to represent OUR interests at the SCRD.

#### WHAT I WILL DO:

- $^\circ$  Strive for tax equity for Area A
- Support request for Incorporation Study
- ° Establish a community bus service
- Work towards clean, safe supply of water

#### WHAT I HAVE DONE:

- ° Egmont Community Club President, (9 years)
- Vice-President of Skookumchuck Heritage Society since its inception
- ° Community Futures Development Corporation Committee Member
- ° Area A Official Community Plan Committee member
- ° Area A Advisory Planning Commission (3 years), Current Chair (1 year)



# GEOFF CRAIG FOR AREA A DIRECTOR

# On the hotseat II: Question and answer with Area 1 School Trustee

Ed: Unlike the Area A Director interviews, the following question and answer with local school trustee candidates took place via e-mail.

#### **HOW OLD ARE YOU?**

MARY BITTROFF: I am old enough to have the experience, knowledge and skills to be a good school trustee and young enough to have the time, energy and intelligence for the job.

Lori Fielding: 33

#### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

**MARY BITTROFF:** I sleep in Davis Bay and my living takes me up and down the coast from Pender to Gibsons.

LORI FIELDING: Madeira Park.

# WHAT IS YOUR PREVIOUS CAREER/BUSINESS/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE?



**MARY BITTROFF:** I taught high school in Surrey for 32 years, had many church organist jobs, sold real estate for four years and now own and operate 'Buddies at the Bay' food services. I was chair of Delta Youth Services and Crime Prevention Society for 10 years, Delta School Trustee and Delta School Board Chairman, foster parent in Delta. I presently serve on the SDBA Canada Day committee, the Sechelt arts and culture committee, the Sunshine Coast Olympics committee, the BC-STA provincial education committee, the policying committee, the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall committee and belong to the Pender Harbour Rotary Club, and am Canadian rep for the Rotary float in the Pasadena Rose parade.

Lori Fielding: I have volunteered extensively in the preschool and public schools in Pender. I have worked as a co-ordinator at Pender Harbour Community School. I am currently employed at Painted Boat Resort as a sales assistant and front desk administrator. I have volunteered in many other aspects in this community: PH Community Club, Relay for Life to name a couple.

# WHAT ARE THREE ADJECTIVES THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOU?

**Mary Bittroff:** Determined, experienced, hard-working.

**LORI FIELDING:** Outgoing, enthusiastic, hard-working.

#### WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF AREA 1 SCHOOL TRUSTEE?

MARY BITTROFF: I love the challenge to help prepare our children for life in the modern world and



Mary Bittroff

the huge responsibility to help each child to be successful academically, emotionally and socially. I try to guide all my initiatives and efforts in the fact that, with every child, we have only got one chance to get it right.

**LORI FIELDING:** I wanted to run three years ago, but my children were too young. I want to be a strong voice for the students and parents of this community.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE THREE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES FACING SCHOOLS IN PENDER HARBOUR AND HALF-MOON BAY?

**MARY BITTROFF:** Declining enrolment for the next four years.

The need to challenge our current youth to love learning and take on responsibilities and challenges and to do 'more than the minimum required.'

The need to bring together the community with the youth to address solutions to problems such as safety measures to assist the longboarders.

**LORI FIELDING:** Low enrolment, tight budgets, lack of respect for authority.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS

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# candidates Mary Bittroff and Lori Fielding



Lori Fielding

#### THESE PROBLEMS?

MARY BITTROFF: Generally, no one group can tackle these problems alone. As school trustee, I will work to bring together school and district personnel, students, parents, and community members and service providers to identify how we can all contribute to improvements.

LORI FIELDING: We need to draw in more families, which is difficult due to the economic situation of the Sunshine Coast and North America as a whole. As for the lack of respect, we need to work as a community to rebuild that.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF NOT BEING VERY CONSULTATIVE WITH THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE REGARDING THEIR EDUCATION RESTRUCTURING PROCESS. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU THINK YOU CAN DO AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE TO CHANGE THAT?

Mary Bittroff: This criticism is not credible in that we have only introduced this idea to the community once and presented one scenario for restructuring. On Nov. 20 there will be another meeting and I hope that many

will attend. The current board believes in thorough consultation and I hope that the new board will continue to do so. Even the students now have a voice in the district with student talk-back sessions that will continue this year.

LORI FIELDING: I would like to see more community forums and workshops. I want to have more board meetings in the schools to encourage parents and community members to attend. I plan on being a very strong voice for parents and students.

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE PROPOSED CONFIGURATION FOR THE MPES AND PHSS THAT WOULD SEE GRADES 4, 5 & 6 MOVED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL?

MARY BITTROFF: I am absolutely opposed to this plan. Saying that, we do need to diligently tackle the problem of declining enrolment here. I believe that with creative programming and making PHSS a destination learning centre for something like a unique outdoor education program, we will draw more students to attend

our local high school.

**LORI FIELDING:** I think that it is a veiled attempt to close one of our schools. I do not agree with it.

#### WHY DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DO A BETTER JOB THAN YOUR OPPONENT?

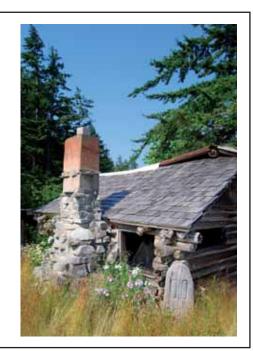
MARY BITTROFF: Each candidate brings unique qualities that can benefit the educational services provided by your board. I can only comment on myself. I definitely bring a wealth of experience and a reputation for getting things actually implemented and I have the time to dedicate to the job.

Lori Fielding: Mary has done a good job as trustee. One of the things that I admire most about her is her outspoken nature. However, I am a member of this community and I have children that are enrolled in Pender Harbour Schools. I feel I can be a strong local voice for Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour and Egmont.

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### The skinny on grasses

By Jim Rutherford (assisted by Nolan & Krystal)

Fashion changes. Here's a trend you can live with and enjoy.

There's a grass for every situation. We're not going to go into full botanical names, as this is not a UBC report. We'll treat everything mentioned here as a grass although, technically, some plants are not.

#### **LET'S START SMALL**

Carex (Ice Dance) sedge is a low, failure-proof grass growing about a foot tall. The striped foliage clumps

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and does well in part shade with moist soil. Division is a breeze with a serrated knife to get any size section you want. Tucked in the edge of a container or in part shade under trees, it's really one of those "plant and forget about it" varieties.

Warning: Not all grasses clump nicely. Some spread like crazy. To check which is which, knock the plant out of its pot and if you see runners (rhizomes), the grass can be a nasty spreader. A fibrous root clump is what you are looking for.

Golden Hakone grass (Aureola) forms a slowly expanding one- to twofoot mound of arching glossy green leaves with broad yellow stripes.

It's great for beds and borders as an accent. It requires a little richer soil, evenly moist and well drained.

Many grasses are tough to divide but that's good as even weeds can not persist in the root clump.

Mexican feather grass is usually one and a half feet tall. The fountain like habit and flowing foliage can be

shown to great advantage on a slope where a little bit of wind mystically waves the grass.

Japanese blood grass (Red Baron) forms slow-spreading clumps 12 to 18 inches tall with upright leaves that start out green with red tips in spring, turning red by late summer and slight copper in the winter. They need full sun for best colour, keeping them in evenly moist, well-drained soil.

#### **MEDIUM**

Anemanthele (Pheasant's Tail ) is a dense two- to three-foot tall clump of arching medium green leaves with rusty tints that are more noticeable in late summer through winter. It's a great grass for year-round colour and interest.

Miscanthus. Pull out that name anytime someone asks you the name of a grass. Like Japonica Grandiflora for shrubs, and even perennials, you can't go too far wrong.

Huron Sunrise is a beauty with burgundy plumes, growing five to six feet tall, and provides excellent fall colour.

Blue Oat grass is a drought-hardy grass forming dense 12- to 18- inch clumps of narrow blue-grey grass with oat-like panicles (flowers), held well above the foliage on three- to fourfoot stems. It requires full sun and fairly good, well-drained soil.

Grasses make excellent container material. These medium-high varieties can form the foundation with annuals around the edge for summer colour.

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#### NOW THE BIG ONES

But be careful what you wish for.

Miscanthus (Cosmopolitan) grows five to six feet tall with clumps of arching dark green leaves with cream to white edges that turn tan for winter.

Stipa Gigantea (giant feather grass) is a handsome two- to three-foot clump of narrow greyish green leaves. Its open, golden flower panicles wave well above the foliage atop five- to seven-foot stems.

Miscanthus (Gigantheus) is upright spreading in eight- to 12-foot clumps of arching medium green leaves turning a kind of purple-red in the fall. During late summer to early fall, the flowers atop 10- to 15-foot stems are like tassels and are reddishtinged tan, than silvery. It requires full sun with average soil but well drained.

So why introduce grasses into your garden when they are supposed to be for you lawn? They are ornamental in nature.

Grasses add quick and easy texture and colour throughout the season, from spring green to fall beauty. If it's down front in the border for the shorter types or tucked back for the taller ones, the deer usually don't touch them. In oceanside beds, grasses are surprisingly salt tolerant and drought tolerant as well.

Perhaps check with the nursery people as to how dry particular varieties can take it. Now is a great time to buy grasses so you can see them in bloom before you make your choice.

#### **FALL CLEAN UP**

After the rains and winds have beaten the grasses down, it's a good time for clean up. Grass shears and hand pruners are all you need. Cut the grasses down to leave a stubble a couple of inches high. If you get really busy, you can leave it, as long as you cut back before the new growth starts.

Division of grasses can seem heartless but bigger clumps can be impossible to divide with even a sharp spade. Just lift the whole clump, if possible, and, with a sharp axe, hack out a pie shaped section.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of Electoral Area "A" - Egmont / Pender Harbour in the Sunshine Coast Regional District that an Election by Voting is necessary to elect one Director for a three year term commencing December 2008 and terminating in December 2011.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom the votes will be received are:

#### DIRECTOR - Electoral Area "A" - Egmont / Pender Harbour (One person to be elected)

**Surname** Usual name **Jurisdiction of Residence** 

**CRAIG** Electoral Area "A" - Egmont/Pender Harbour Geoff **GRAHAM** Eric Electoral Area "A" - Egmont/Pender Harbour

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of Electoral Area "A" - Egmont/Pender Harbour on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the following locations:

- Royal Vancouver Yacht Club 4947 Panorama Drive, Garden Bay 1.
- 2. Pender Harbour Community Hall - 12905 Madeira Park Road, Madeira Park

And such voting places shall be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Curbside voting will be available for those electors with physical disabilities.

AN ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITY shall be open at the Egmont Community Hall, Egmont between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2008.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES shall be open at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office. 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5th, 2008 and Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES shall be open at the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 12905 Madeira Park Rd. Madeira Park, B.C. between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

#### **Elector Registration**

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older
- Canadian citizen
- resident of B.C. for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the area for which the election is to be held for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident electors will also be required to produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity of the elector. If an elector does not have documentation showing residency, two pieces of identification are still required (at least one with a signature) and the elector must make a solemn declaration as to the applicant's place of residence.

Non-resident property electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and if applicable, written consent from the other property owners.

Documents acceptable to provide proof of ownership include: a copy of a valid State of Title Certificate, a current title search, a current Property Assessment Notice or a current Tax Notice for the property in relation to which you are registering.

(The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, must be individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.)

No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

Dated at Sechelt, B.C. this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008. Angie Legault **Chief Election Officer** 

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This notice is directed specifically to the electors of Electoral Area A – Egmont / Pender Harbour

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# 'Parents and their children are struggling to cope'

Dear Editor,

If we don't want to hear those winter winds whistling through a ghost town as the RVs head south,we have to do something about affordable housing for young families and we need to straighten out the mess in our local schools.

Frustrated parents and teachers are giving up and moving elsewhere. It's not good for business, not good for employees and not good for the kids caught in the middlle.

On Saturday, November 15, vote to send Lori Fielding as trustee to support Silas White, school board chair, who has been fighting an uphill battle to put control of our local schools back in the hands of elected officials.

As the chair of the SCRD told me last week, no one is in much doubt about the cause — complete lack of co-operation or consultation from the school board administration which has cost local taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in duplication of facilties.

Some years back, the school board went for the foolish idea of turning the day to day school business over to a CEO (chief executive officer), leaving the trustees free to discuss vague abstract policies that are not vital to the welfare of children. It hasn't worked.

The steady decline in achievement levels reflects management's inability to generate little more than minimum compliance from teachers who often feel unsupported by their principals and union reps who seem more interested in currying favour from the boss than helping teachers and parents.

Talented local applicants for principalships have been passed over

for outside candidates. They and the people who put them there have to be held accountable under the Ministry of Education's school assessment regulations.

Pender Harbour's 1996 graduating class was the top class in BC on government exams because hands-on parents, teachers and trustees like Al Lloyd worked tirelessly from pre-school through kindergarten to high school to do their very best for the kids. A number of these parents themselves had been inspired by the legendary principal Francis Fleming (mother of Maureen Clayton) who put Pender on the map in the '60s by turning out graduates who went on to become the backbone of the community.

Al (Lloyd) never minced words when he thought someone should move on when things were going off the rails. He made sure parents and teachers had a hand in selecting principals and he had no time for board management employees who weren't prepared to sit down and talk with the public. As the long-time operator of the Garden Bay Store, he had the good sense to listen and learn.

A case in point: the lack of consultation about the proposed, and unworkable, plan to move Madeira Park children to the High School which will eventually result in closure of the elementary school and the bussing of high school students to Sechelt.

In the 50 years since I first started teaching in a one-room school (Grades 1 to 8) west of Prince George, I've seen the same pattern repeated a number of times. For a dozen years I was a principal of various schools including a large Grade 1 to 10 school on Vancouver Island. Eventually, all the high school students were sent to a

larger high school nearby.

Similarly, the fiasco of imposing a provincial pre-school program without talking to the staff and the parent volunteers running the existing program has done little but leave the impression of ineptitude. Recent newspaper reports about class size do not leave me confident that there is anyone in charge looking out for the children and teenagers, their parents or their frustrated teachers. In fact from the viewpoint of the classroom, things look bleak.

The first order of business for Lori Fielding has to be a motion for the newly elected board to hold an in-camera meeting of elected officials only. They must ask the Minister of Education to provide an adviser to help the board select a consulting firm to conduct an independent administrative review.

Such a review will provide a blueprint to reorganize present personnel and resources to better reflect the priorities and needs of the community.

A few years back, the SCRD administrative review resulted in a complete overhaul. Draconian to be sure. But what else can we do?

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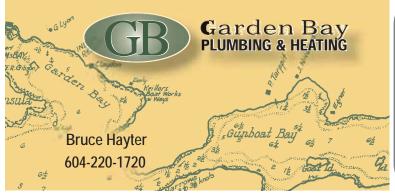
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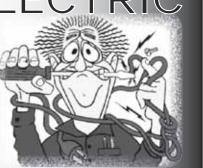
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# Rotary exchange student Vanessa Lanteigne sends update from



By Vanessa Lanteigne

Vanessa Lanteigne is a Grade 11 student spending a year in Oaxtepec, Mexico as part of a Pender Harbour Rotary Club sponsored exchange.

Hey guys!

So, it's time for my two-month report now, (actually yesterday) haha.

#### ALL RIGHT, SO, HEALTH.

Everything has been good from as far as I can remember, other than a few stomach flus, unusual bug bites, and gagging when I found out I was just about to put a cooked pigs foot in my mouth. I was not so excited about that.

#### SECOND, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

Well, my school is about the size of my class in my small school in Pender Harbour.

In all, there's less than 40 kids in this school of first and second year *preparatoria*.

Something kind of interesting happened: I asked if this school had any fun days, like backwards day or pyjamas.

At first they didn't understand what I was doing so I changed my shirt and shoes backwards and told them,



Oaxtepec, Mexico is situated two hours outside of Mexico City.

"You go all day like that, backwards."

It was totally revolutionary. We had "el Dia de Pyjamas," and I told my "mom" and she looked at me like I was crazy.

They have never even heard of pyjama day which is really weird for me because our school has a dress up weird day every three weeks or so.

So, we had that on Wednesday and everybody was pretty excited about it.

My school is sooo hard. It's longer, with more homework and more courses.

To tell you the truth, I was hop-

ing for a little break from Canadian schooling, but instead I'm getting training for university!

And the ironic part about it is there's a good chance this won't count for any marks in Canada but it's so much harder.

I think I heard that we're going to have a trip with our school sometime soon.

I'm not sure, either to another campus or to Six Flags, so that's exciting.

# THIRD, ATTENDANCE AT ROTARY FUNCTIONS.

Tomorrow, I'm going to go on a trip to Teotehuacan (I have no idea how it's spelled) and we're going to go see the pyramids, the Museum de Anthropologia, and — saved the best for last — we're going to learn how to make TORTILLAS!

I am so stoked, cause the tortillas here are so good. And I know after I said this that everybody's gonna ask if I can teach them too, and hopefully



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### Oaxtepec, Mexico

I can, so I'm gonna pay a lot of attention, or try.

# FOURTH, ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF ROTARY.

Hmm... I'm almost positive I've done something this month but always when it comes to writing it I forget.

Well, a couple weekends in a row I've gone out with this group of friends to fiesta, and they're pretty cool and everything, it's just hard to understand, especially when they're drinking and the enunciation starts to go. Haha.

And just, like, two nights ago, I went to the Chinese Circus! Oh my, what a show! Absolutely incredible!

They put 12 people on one bike and one time they were three people tall and started to change their hats.

They had like three or four in their hands and they were juggling all of them and putting them on and taking them off, but they were two, or three people tall, on each others shoulders... (ahh, I know I'm not explaining it well, luckily I got lots of pictures and videos).

AND, they had an elephant! Apparently worth a million dollars, it was so incredible, but it also hit me as very sad too.

I was so excited and then just as fast it transformed into trying to feel

what the elephant feels.... what kind of life it had.

My "family" didn't seem to understand what was so sad about it, they said, "Oh, so you didn't like the circus?"

"No, no. I loved the circus but just seeing such a natural creature, stand on one leg on top of a stool, must have taken soooo much training, and whipping... I mean, how would you go about teaching an elephant to stand on one leg? But, all in all it was incredible.

I've been going to school as usual, doing better than I thought I'd be doing, but next week we have midterms, so we'll see how good I actually am! Haha!

The chemistry teacher even said that the class needs to study more because I did better than the majority! Haha.

I have yet to see the water park that I live right down the street from and drive past at least twice a day.

Oh, and a couple weeks ago I went to Puebla, about an hour and a half drive from Cuautla, and we went and watched a rodeo. Oh man, there were these horses that were the biggest horses I've ever seen in my life and I've seen some big horses. These horses were about me and a half... so huge, and their feet, or hooves, were bigger than a big dinner plate.

Absolutely insane, and then I saw some shorter than my waist! I saw women dancing, with dancing horses, and women in dresses (riding side saddle) ride their horses so fast and stop within a foot. In dresses! Ahh... impossible.

# AND FIFTH, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS.

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Rick Harmer

A Harbour Seal of approval to **all of our friends**. It has been a wonderful 10 years. Thank you for keeping our dream alive.

With all our love, Grant and Joy Ellert A Harbour Seal of Approval to the wonderful people who have been volunteering at the Legion on an ongoing basis and a special Harbour Seal of Approval to those who worked so hard on Oct. 3 and 4.

Walt Wickson, Chairman R.C. Legion, #112

A Harbour Seal of Approval to everyone who made my 4 ½ years in Pender Harbour memorable.

I'm excited about the new government job and finding a new place to live, but I'll miss you all. (Almost as much as I'll miss all the furry friends I've made at the Veterinary Hospital!)

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# Slowing real estate market uncovers opportunities for buyer



By Alan Stewart

In terms of the number of home sales this year, Pender Harbour has been harder hit than either Sechelt or Gibsons.

By doing a statistical comparison based on information provided by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver's MLS system, it's interesting to see how the housing market in the Harbour is doing compared to Sechelt and Gibsons, the most active real estate markets on the Sunshine Coast.

While the number of sales of detached homes in Sechelt and Gibsons has dropped approximately 35 per cent from last year, the Pender Harbour market volume is down 60 per cent — a dramatic difference.

The average price of the 30 sales in Pender Harbour was also down somewhat from last year as compared to Sechelt and Gibsons which had risen slightly.

Pender Harbour and Egmont have historically relied on secondary

January – Oct 15 Pender Harbour Home Sales				Sechelt & Gibsons Detached Home Sales					
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2003	63	95%	255,137	121%	2003	452	102%	224,333	116%
2004	66	105%	303,219	119%	2004	465	103%	277,355	124%
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2006	52	73%	544,888	133%	2006	430	88%	430,128	132%
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Although prices may well drop even further in the short term, I'm bullish about the long-term value of the real estate in the Harbour.

While the slow market means a longer selling cycle for most sellers, it also means that buyers will be seeing more and more opportunities.

There are some great deals in the Harbour at the moment with many motivated sellers moving prices down to try and attract interest.

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Page 34 Harbour Spiel priced" (an original listing price that is readily supported with recent comparable sales), buyers understand that the seller is motivated to get something done quickly.

Buyers understand a "reduced price," especially in a cooling market, suggests the seller is saying:

"OK – we overshot the market, but we are serious about selling – let's talk!"

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand what an "aggressive price" (a price that is higher than supported by any recent comparable sales) suggests in a slower market:

"I love my property, and if you love it enough, you'll respond to this price – regardless of what the market is doing."

The best way for investors to take advantage of good deals coming on the market or coming as a result of price reductions is to:

- 1. Determine your price range, property type, and geographic areas of interest.
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- 3. Look for indicators like regular reductions in a listing price or dramatic price changes to help you narrow in on truly motivated sellers.
- 4. When preparing an offer, consider negotiating terms such as "long

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Influenza symptoms can include

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 1 ~ Len Best.

Nov. 2 ~ Carrie Hillhouse, Charles Lee and Ann Wutzke.

Nov. 3 ~ Charlene Cote, Sue Rayment and Trevor Ross.

Nov. 4 ~ **Sandy Boyd** and **Brennan Bennett**.

Nov. 5 ~ Tannis Zayshley, Colton Edwardson and Terry McLean. Happy anniversary to Capt. Bill & Wilma Thompson.

Nov. 6 ~ **Kathie Atherfold** and **Max Scoular**.

Nov. 7 ~ **Joni Mitchell**.

Nov. 8 ~ Eleanor Reid, Ryan Boyd and Jerry Matheson.

Nov. 9 ~ **Matthew McKimm** and **Mark Harding**.

Nov. 10 ~ **Tom Duncan** and **Nicole MacDonald**.

Nov. 11 ~ Marge Campbell and Loretta McDonald.

Nov. 12 ~ **Roger Duncan, Dwayne Knock** and **Cooper Pantages**.

Nov. 13 ~ Hunter Edwardson, Tanya Cummings, Paul Jones, Darrin Jordison and John Maveety.

Nov. 14 ~ **Mary Dumaresq** and **Amber Kincaide**.

Nov. 15 ~ **Josey Bennett**.

Nov. 16 ~ Ray Hansen.

Nov. 17 ~ Biada Priest, Rodney Kammerle, Bev MacDonald and Barb Watt.

Nov. 18 ~ Amanda Ross.

Nov. 19 ~ Keray Farrell, Cheryl Jensen and Dennis Levasseur.

Nov. 20 ~ **Umeyo Kishimoto**, **Jill Wagner**.

Nov. 22 ~ **Jennifer Girard, Alysa English, Brooke Fraser** and **Anne Fraser**.

Nov. 23 ~ **Dodie Edwardson, May Silvey, Dave Daiken** and **Wayne Griffith**.

Nov. 24 ~ **Maggi Guzzi** and **Chase Campbell**.

Nov. 25 ~ Neil Remmem, Paul Gaudet and Leah Pockrant.

Nov. 26 ~ Gary Griffith.

Nov. 27 ~ **Betty Sladey** and **Natasha Landry**.

Nov. 28 ~ Julia Reid and twins Paige & Lexi Pauls. Happy anniversary to Bob & Irene Forsyth.

Nov. 29 ~ Pete Hannah, John Mc-Donald, Myrna Pickering and Marie Coombes. Happy anniversary to Ed & Betty Wray.

Nov. 30 ~ Les Fowler and Brayden Zayshley.

#### NOVEMBER WEATHER

Our November average daily high temperature is 8.8 C and our average low is 5.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 7 C. The highest November temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985). November averages 55.8 hours of bright sunshine and 19 days with precipitation. November's average monthly rainfall is 148.5 mm; snowfall is 2.5 cm. The highest November daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island is 50 mm (Nov. 3, 1989); snowfall is 9.6 cm (Nov. 25, 1985).

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# OF NOVEMBER IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

— John McCrae

#### NOVEMBER ASTROLOGY

#### **SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Scorpios will be especially sensitive to the smell of vodka during the November lunar cycle.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21)

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trend-setters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. Sagittarians are usually the naked ones in the hot tub.

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#### P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society will meet on Tuesday, Nov.18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School.

If you enjoy nature, why not come along to any of our monthly meetings? Our guest speaker in November will be complemented by Clint and Irene visiting from the Gibsons Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre with their Christmas gifts and cards for sale. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member but you can join or renew memberships at our meeting in November. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. Check out our beautiful website:www.penderharbourwildlife.com

Please Note: We shall be hosting next years Fall Meeting for FBCNBC Nature on Sept. 10 - 13, 2009. Naturalists from all over BC will be invited to Pender Harbour so we can share what we enjoy about the natural world. Now is a good time to get involved.

#### PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC SOCIETY

Board members needed! Can you spare two hours a month? Join a great group to support the Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre. It's a new and exciting time with the renovations. The next meeting is Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Secondary School.

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# Power & Sail Squad navigates Oktoberfest on behalf of Abbeyfield

By Gil Yard

The oompah music is still fresh in the minds of a full house of Pender Harbour residents and their guests who enjoyed the German tradition of Oktoberfest on Oct. 18.

With the able assistance of "Hans" Stewart, the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron hosted the event with all profits being donated to the Area A Senior's Housing Society's Abbeyfield building fund.

With traditional Bavarian fare including sauerkraut and sausages along with foot-tapping music supplied by the Blue Buds, a winning combination was delivered.

Home-baked pretzels and the entertaining antics of "three-legged dancer" Frank Roosen easily pushed the evening over the top.

In addition to the profits from the event being donated to Abbeyfield, a 50/50 draw and auction increased the fund-raising aspect of the evening.

As proof of the quality of the pretzels, two giant pretzels brought over \$100 during the auction!

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the evening, however, was the attendance of members of the parish of St. Andrew who had named Abbeyfield as the recipient of their recent "Songs for Abbeyfield" concert on Oct. 12.

A cheque in the amount of \$2,000 was presented to the Area A Senior's Housing Society on behalf of the church.

The Health Centre Auxiliary made a public announcement that their income from the Bargain Barn for the month of October is earmarked for Abbeyfield and urged public support in this regard.



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Frank Roosen entertains the crowd gathered at the Oktoberfest fundraiser with a Pender Harbour favourite — his "Jake the Peg" act. Roosen co-wrote the song with Rolf Harris in 1965 and has performed the act numerous times over the years. "Jake" wears a long coat that comes down to his knees with three identical legs. Part of the fun is trying to guess which leg was false, as he keeps both hands in his pockets, one of which operates the extra leg.

Pender Harbour is a small community with a big heart.

The words "Harbour Spirit" are indicative of what has been accomplished in the past and what may be in

store for the future.

We need a seniors' facility to accommodate those who do not wish to leave our community so let's keep the ball rolling!



# **LORI FIELDING**

Vote for a local voice to represent your community.

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# "Storm golf" season approaching



By Jan Watson

Overall we have enjoyed a nice fall but the heavy rain at times makes the ground soft in places, re-

quiring power carts to stay on the cart paths. It would be appreciated if all golfers pay attention to the notices.

The busy playing season is finished but it is still a good idea to phone in for tee times, also on cold days there could be a frost delay so check with the pro shop (604) 883-9541.

On Sept. 26 we hosted the annual Greens Keepers Tournament.
This is played between the golf clubs

on the Sunshine Coast including Pow-

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ell River. Each club takes its turn to host this event, it is a great opportunity to compare notes as well as have fun.

On Oct. 5 we held a nine-hole net tournament and dinner for our hard working volunteers.

The winner was Rusty Ellis after retrogression as Gerry Reiter had the same score of 33.

Kp winners were Glenn McCuaig and Jan Watson.

#### **MEN'S CLUB**

On Sept. 30 the men played

straight golf with the Low Net winner

being Bob Ducich with 68 and second place Bill Jack with 69.

Oct. 7 saw the Greens Keeper Revenge tournament where the greens keeper finds the most difficult and strangest places for the holes on each green.

This is a scramble format and the winning team were Glenn Mc-

Cuaig, Carey Threlkeld, Brian Orr & Bob Ducich with net score of 54.

Oct. 14 was the last men's day of the season and by tradition they played for the Art Bishop Trophy.



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# My successes in the last three years include:

- Restoration of the PHSS music/band program
- Drainage and paving of the PHSS back parking lot
- Creation of Halfmoon Bay Elementary day care centre and MPES Strong Start Centre
- Appointments of Gloria McBain and Gregory Walters to local elementary principalships.
- Completing the lease of the Irvines Landing School building to this community with the help of John Rees

#### I ask for your vote on Nov. 15 to work for you to:

- Initiate opportunities for adult education and activities at district secondary schools.
- Protection of K-6 at Madeira Park and 7-12 at PHSS
- Maintain support for our Community Schools programs
- Improve co-operation with SCRD to improve fields and field usage
- Designation and development of a specialty curriculum at PHSS such as an outdoor education or computer education centre here.

It has been a privilege and honour to serve as your school board trustee for the last three years. Thank you everyone and I hope that you will give me the privilege to continue to serve you for the next three years too.

Yours truly, Mary Bittroff

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Three tied with the same net score of 73 and, after retrogression, the winner was Lorne Campbell. Second was Peter Kenny and third Terry Cowan.

#### **LADIES CLUB**

The men had all the rainy days in the spring but Mother Nature caught up with the ladies during the last few weeks.

Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9 were all rained out.

Sept. 18 was the Turkey Shoot; normally this is a 36-hole eclectic event but, due to the weather, it was changed to 18 holes. The winner of the turkey with a net score of 66 was Mary Carlsen. The pumpkin pie was won by runner up Pat Hallborg with 68.

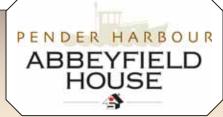
The ladies' last day was on Oct. 16 and they managed a nine-hole scramble before the rain came. Winners were Kathy Bergman, Maggi Christy, Gloria Wetmore and Joan Stanton with 39.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

We plan to hold a few fun events during the winter so check in with the pro shop to see what is happening. Remember we are a public course and everyone is welcome to come and play and use the restaurant.



Representatives from St. Andrew's Anglican Church present a cheque for \$2,000 to Gil Yard of the Area A Senior's Housing Society. The donation will go towards the Abbeyfield Building Fund and was raised by St. Andrew's 'Songs for Abbeyfield' event which featured performances by Penny Lang, Edmund Arceo and Celia Howard.



Area A Seniors Housing Project wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Pender Harbour Power & Sail Squadron's organizing committee who, under the direction of Charlie Park, put on the best Oktoberfest ever!



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#### SPORTS



Lorne Udy photo

Teams from Sechelt, Powell River and Pender Harbour competed for the first time on Garden Bay, in advance of next September's proposed Sunshine Coast Dragon Boat Festival. Over 80 people paddled with each team competing in a 500m race and a 250m race before racing on an obstacle course that ran about 1200 metres in total. The results were based on accumulated times. Powell River was first, Then Sechelt's MacKenzie Mussels, then Pender Harbour, then Sunshine Dragons Abreast. In lieu of prizes and trophies, Bragging Rights were awarded.





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16 year-old Francis Peninsulan Joey Antilla has a tilt with Landon Ferraro (son of New York Islanders' Ray Ferraro) in a WHL game with his team the Kootenay Ice. Antilla has three points in 16 games so far this season which ties his totall tally for all 56 games last year. The Kootenay Ice are third in their division with seven wins, three losses and four ties..

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# Art auction fundraiser heaped with bargains



The Pender Harbour Rotary Art auction kicks off Nov. 8 and early indications suggest that it will surpass last year in both quantity and quality of art available.

Going into its seventh year, the Rotary art auction has grown to become not only a huge fundraiser for the club but a way for locals to get their hands on works by top name artists at bargain prices.

Last year, the auction raised over \$11,000, said Ron Johnston, owner of the Garden Bay Hotel. Johnston and his wife Marita have hosted the event from the start and help organize the myriad of details involved.

"The first one or two were more or less a party... we probably only made three or four hundred dollars," Johnston said.

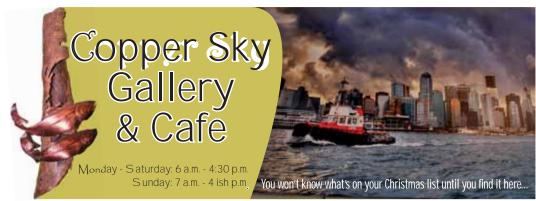
"Each year it's grown with more and more artists... more art and good art." The Pender Harbour Rotary club is less than 10 years old and the auction has become one of the main vehicles to raise funds for local projects like the benches and paths along Garden Bay Lake, student exchanges and dozens of other philanthropic requests. A small percentage also goes to fund worldwide Rotary projects like eradicating polio.

Dozens of celebrated artists donate or offer their works for much

reduced prices every year.

Sculptor George Pratt has donated one piece. Pratt sculpted the Terry Fox Memorial Statue in Port Coquitlam and has created presentation pieces for foreign dignitaries like Prince Philip, Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin.

Other well-known artists include Jack Olive, Gloria Massey, Paul Ygurtua, Jack Gibson and Marc Chenoll.



# Place names of Pender Harbour and Jervis Inlet (Part II)

By Peter Trappitt

Ed. note (1993): This is part II of an article written by Peter Trappitt in 1960 for Al Lloyd. Part III will appear next month.

#### FRANCIS PENINSULA

This name is as well known to local residents as Madeira Park or Irvines Landing.

What is not so generally known is that the peninsula, which becomes an island when Canoe Pass is submerged at high tide, was originally named Beaver Island by Lieutenant Pender after the vessel he was commanding.

It is still shown as Beaver Island on most charts.

#### WHISKEY SLOUGH

This place name has a fine old Scottish flavour, which is more than justified if local tradition is wellfounded.

Harbour folklore has it that early occupants of the "Slough" were mostly of Scottish extraction.

They were mostly bachelors
— and all had one thing in common: a

UMA Barefoot Goddess Spa and Yoga Studio will be officially closing January 1st, 2009 (due to continued complications with my hand injury.)

To my wonderful spa clients, and yoga students, I'd like to thank you for all you've meant to me. You have become valued friends, and like family. Your generosity and support has touched me so deeply and many kindnesses have changed my life. Thank you.

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traditional Scottish thirst!

With good Scotch whisky available at something like 75 cents a quart, it was no wonder that low tides uncovered a veritable carpet of empties on the sea floor. Hence: Whiskey Slough.

#### THE JERVIS INLET AREA

The whole area surrounding Nelson Island, in Jervis Inlet, consitutes a record of some of the bloodiest naval battles of the Nelso-

nian era; of the admirals, the captains, the ships and the men who took part in the battles of St. Vincent, the Nile, Copenhagen and Trafalgar.

#### **JERVIS INLET**

The inlet was named by Captain Vancouver in June, 1792, after Rear Admiral Sir John Kervis,

KB, who was created Earl St. Vincent after his famous victory over the Spanish Fleet on Feb. 14, 1797, five years after Vancouver's discovery of the inlet.

Practically all of the following place names were bestowed by Captain Richards of *HMS Plumper* in 1860.

#### **AGAMEMNON CHANNEL**

Agamemnon is immediately above Irvines Landing, leading into the inlet.

It's named after HMS Agamem-

*non*, 64 guns, the first line-of-battle ship commanded by Nelson.

#### **NILE POINT**

At the N.E. point of Nelson Island, Nile Point commemorates Nelson's Victory at the Battle of the Nile, Aug. 1, 1798.

Of 17 French ships of war, all but four were destroyed.

#### **CAPTAIN ISLAND**

Lying just off the N.E. tip of Nelson Island, it's named after HMCS *Captain*, 74 guns, from which Nelson boarded and captured the mighty Spanish first-rater *San Josef*, 112 guns, at the Battle of St. Vincent.

#### **EGMONT**

After HMS *Egmont*, 74 guns, which fought at the Battle of St. Vincent under Captain John

Sutton.

#### **DACRES POINT**

Forming the S.E. extremity of Goliath Bay, Dacres Point is named after Vice-Admiral James Dacres, who, as Captain Dacres, commanded the HMS *Barfleur*, 98 guns, at St. Vincent.

#### **GOLIATH BAY**

After HMS *Goliath*, 74 guns, in action at St. Vincent and the Nile.

Part III will appear in the December issue of the Harbour Spiel.

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# Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card requirements

If you operate a pleasure craft with a motor for recreational purposes, the Competency of Operators Pleasure Craft Regulations require you to carry proof of competency at all times.

Proof of competency can take one of three forms:

- 1. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999
- 2. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card issued following the successful completion of an accredited test
- 3. A completed rental boat safety checklist (for power-driven rental vessels).

The operator card is good for life. Operators of pleasure craft get their card when they receive a mark of at least 75 per cent on the test.

You can take the test without first completing a course, but it is not recommended.

Certificates for boating safety courses completed before April 1, 1999 are recognized.

If you have taken a course prior to these regulations, that course certificate or card will be accepted as proof of competency and must be carried on board your boat.

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How this applies to operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes	Date at which proof of competency required on board
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All operators	September 15, 2009

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# British Columbia: Spirit of the People reminds us of who we are



By Theresa Kishkan

The colony of British Columbia was formally designated on Aug. 2, 1858, a moment commemorated as

our sesquicentennial throughout 2008. Of course this place, this variegated and story-haunted geography, existed long before it was "discovered" and "colonized" by Europeans. The archaeological record indicates intense human occupation for at least 12,000 years; First Nations oral traditions insist on an even longer view.

Still, the 150 years of B.C.'s existence as a colony – Vancouver Island was included in 1866 through British parliamentary act – and then province (the United Colony's entry into Confederation took place on July 2, 1871) is something to celebrate. Our collective history as a province of ethnic and cultural diversity, political

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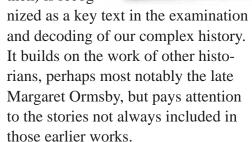
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activity often at odds with our eastern neighbours and astonishing wealth in natural resources is worth examining in a way that makes it accessible to readers of all ages and backgrounds.

The B.C government commissioned Harbour Publishing to produce a book which would do just that and *British Columbia: Spirit of the People* 

is the result. I can't think of a better choice than Jean Barman to write this book. She is surely one of B.C.'s finest historians. Her 1991 The West Beyond the West (it has appeared in several revised editions since then) is recog-



British Columbia: Spirit of the People is a sumptuous production. Open it to any page and your eye will be drawn to the vivid photographs and intriguing juxtaposition of text and image. Jean Barman is a clear and thoughtful stylist, with the ability to depict complex issues with nuance. She knows how important it is to impart information in a way that allows a reader to engage the ideas and interpolations at the heart of the material. In

the first section of the book, a paragraph detailing B.C.'s vast geographic terrain, including its mountain chains, concludes,

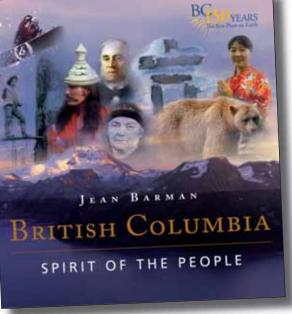
"Their sharp peaks, steep slopes and narrow valleys have made isolation a major theme for many residents. These parallel ranges also c r e a t e natural corridors

running north and south, in direct opposition to B.C.'s political status, based on links running east to the rest of Canada."

And there, in two sentences, is an evocative reading of B.C. and its historical placement in the Canadian matrix.

The book can be viewed from two perspectives. First, it is an attempt to explore, region by region, a diverse province. It does this admirably, investigating how landscape, agricultural potential, challenges of transportation, immigration patterns, and proximity to resources have shaped each discrete area. And second, the book examines how we have come to live together, in urban centres and rural locations, in isolated communities based on utopian ideals, in company towns, and how the important values of economic and social equality have affected our growth.

Barman has a wonderful gift for story. It permeates her earlier books, providing specific context for the pat-



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# and what we've done

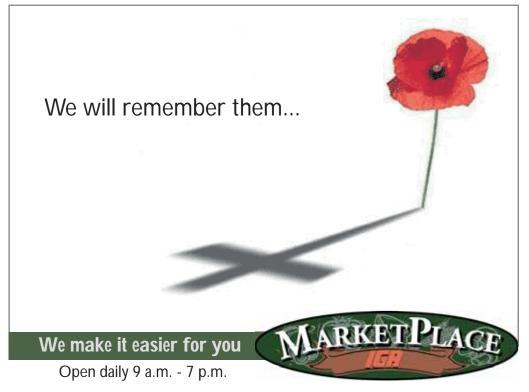
terns of settlement and development she explores. In *British Columbia: Spirit of the People*, sidebars provide moments that illuminate the main narrative. Brief glimpses into the lives of Chinese gold miners, the process of naming the province, sports during the years of the Great Depression, First Nations cultural practices – these offer informative and colourful examples of the broader themes delineated throughout the book.

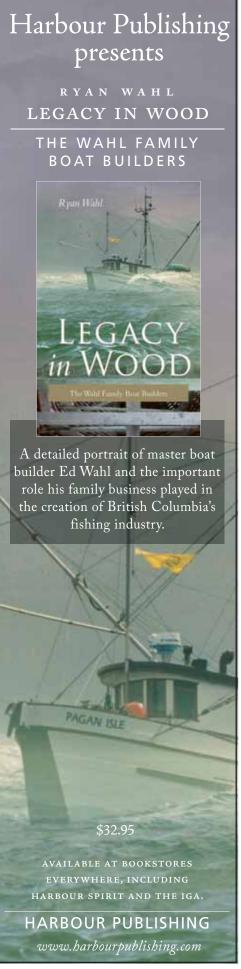
She is also mindful of the complexities of history, the versions that allow for a richer rendering of events that have shaped this place. She is as likely to quote from a novelist like Ethel Wilson as from W.A.C. Bennett, as willing to look at the legacy of Japanese fishermen as that of British land speculators.

During a presentation at the Egmont Heritage Centre on Oct. 18, Jean Barman talked about *British Columbia: Spirit of the People* as a

collaboration – between the province and Harbour Publishing, between the latter's editorial staff and Barman herself, between the photographers and researchers who assisted with support material – and described the whole process as a balancing act. She said she worked hard to produce a popular history which would offer something for everyone without alienating either the history buff or the neophyte; she also said that the book was intended to be given as a gift by the province to libraries, schools, municipalities and to visiting dignitaries to demonstrate the flavour and spirit of British Columbia. I think she's succeeded brilliantly.

British Columbia: Spirit of the People would be an excellent addition to the libraries of those wanting a starting point, an introduction to an extraordinary place, as well as those wanting a refresher, a reminder of who we are and what we've done.





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# **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

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Sun. Nov. 2Larry Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 3All Candidates Meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
Tues, Nov. 4P. H. Community Club General Meeting - P.H. Community Hall
Thurs. Nov. 6Flu shot clinic - P. H. Legion, 10 a.m.
Thurs. Nov. 6Jolly Roger re-opens
Sat. Nov. 8Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
Sat. Nov. 87th Annual Rotary Art Auction - Garden Bay Restaurant, 5:30 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 10
Sat. Nov. 15Municipal Elections - R.V.Y.C. & P. H. Community Hall
Sat. Nov. 15Egmont Heritage Centre presents "Fish Stories" - Egmont Hertiage Centre, 2 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 15Soup & Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 15Marc Atkinson Trio - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 16Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 18P. H. & District Wildlife Society Meeting - PHSS, 7 p.m.
Thurs. Nov. 20Flu shot clinic - P. H. Legion, 10 a.m.
Thurs. Nov. 20School District Restructuring Meeting - Madeira Park Elementary School Library, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Nov. 20Pender Harbour Aquatic Society board meeting - PHSS. 7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 22Amazin' Amazon Sleepover - P. H. Pool, 7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 22 P. H. Golf Club's Annual Lobster Festival - Clubhouse Restaurant
Sat. Nov. 22"Raise the Roof" Seafood Fundraiser - P. H. Community Hall, 6 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 22Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
Sun. Nov. 23Mark Vance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 24P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, 12 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 24Splashin' Sneakers 'n' Snacks - P. H. Pool, 12 p.m,
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Wed. Nov. 26.....Area A APC Meeting - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 30......Mark Vance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.



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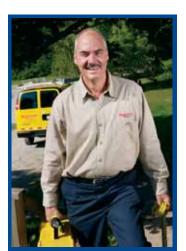
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