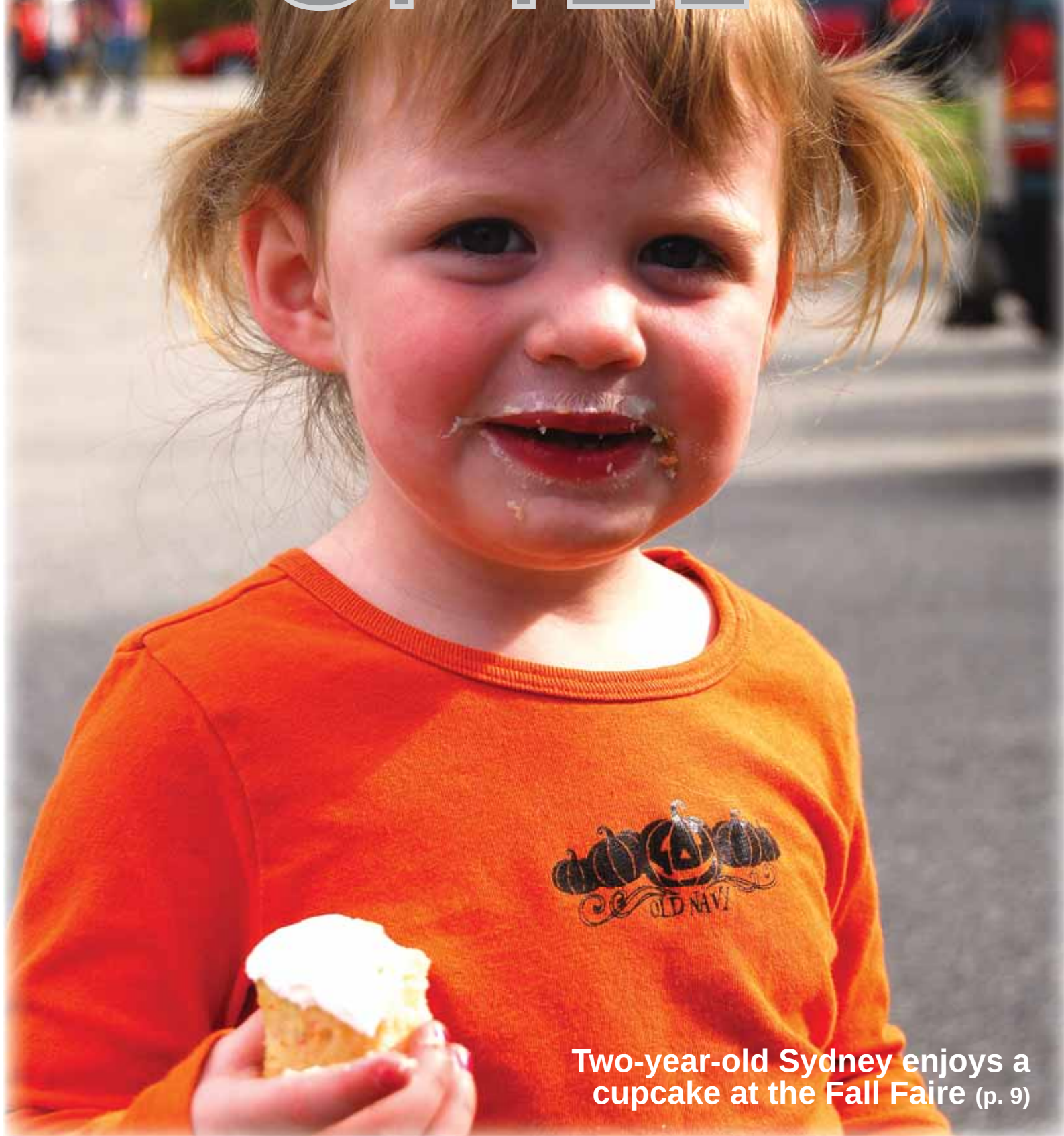


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cupcake at the Fall Faire (p. 9)**



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## EDITORIAL

### iUnderstand now



By Brian Lee

I don't usually hype products in this column but I'm going to make an exception for the iPhone.

If you don't know what an iPhone is, it's a flat rectangular cell phone with a full screen of tempered glass.

Unlike a regular phone, there are no buttons, just a highly sensitive touch screen that offers brilliant resolution.

I could go on about the sensitivity and practical ease of the touch screen technology but it's the applications for the device that have me all worked up.

Apple Inc. sold 14.1 million iPhones in their last quarter ending Sept. 25 and posted a record revenue of \$20.34 billion.

That explains why I had to sit on a waiting list for those same three months to get one — but not why I would.

I'm usually cynical when it comes to over-hyped gadgets but last spring a friend was showing off her iPhone and its collection of BC coast marine charts.

What stunned me was that the phone's built in GPS gave her position on the chart, essentially duplicating a modern chart plotter in a handheld. You can buy a GPS device that does that too, but why?

The iPhone consolidates your phone, road map, book, laptop, flashlight, video camera, TV, radio, photo album, e-mail and alarm clock with an iPod that holds up to 8,000 songs.

But all that's old hat now.

The staggering potential of the iPhone is revealed in the seemingly infinite variety of applications available to personalize the device.

In addition to a vast array of games, there's an app offering instant

access to BC Ferries parking lot cameras or your own security video surveillance system.

There's a myriad of conversion calculators, simple carpentry tools like a bubble level and protractor or, if you're curious about sound levels, a decibel reader.

I noodle on guitar so instantly I downloaded the guitar tuner app that automatically detects pitch while offering up a variety of fancy tunings with a finger tap. Another application allows you to learn new songs by literally strumming chords across digital strings that replicate the instrument amazingly well.

Another lets you simply hold the phone up to the radio, and it will identify the name and artist of the song playing on it.

Broken down on the side of the highway? Just YouTube a tutorial on "roadside replacement of blown head gasket" and you're off.

But it's the business applications that provide the greatest testament to the future of these devices.

A 99-cent app lets you scan bar codes for instant product information or the lowest price online.

One quickly understands how companies will — and are — applying tools like this to inventory management or to offer salesmen in the field instant access to supply data.

The new iPhones allow you to communicate face to face with crystal clear video in real time.

Think about a parent on a business trip connecting with their newborn or imagine a contractor instantly relaying visual site information to an architect.

Or don't bother. Pretty soon we won't need to think about it — there'll be an app for that.

**It ain't real  
if it's not in the Spiel.**

## SPIEL PICKS

### P. H. ROTARY ART AUCTION - NOV. 6

The annual art auction held every year at the Garden Bay Pub is the Pender Harbour and Egmont Rotary's biggest fundraiser of the year and your best chance to score a deal on quality art. Original art, signed prints, native art, pottery, jewelry, wood carving and turning and glass sculptures. Arrive early for the Silent Auction (6 p.m. onward) but don't miss the always competitive live auction at 8 p.m.

### EGMONT SALOON NIGHT - NOV. 13

It's got a great theme, serves drinks, promises some great gambling and is a fundraiser for a terrific cause. The first Egmont Saloon Night was a huge success last year in raising funds for the Egmont Community Hall restoration. It was so successful that organizers had to cap the ticket sales at 100. With a third already gone by the time of printing, you'd better get yours now.

### P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS ARCHIE FISHER - NOV. 14

A Scottish legend is coming to the Pender Harbour School of Music on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.. Many of Scottish guitarist, singer and songwriter Archie Fisher's songs have been covered by other artists. Fisher's "Witch of the Westmerlands" and "Dark Eyed Molly" were the only two songs recorded by the legendary Stan Rogers that Stan did not write himself. Enough said.

### MARINA PHARMACY LADIES NIGHT - NOV. 19

There's gotta be something to it — Marina Pharmacy is hosting its 11th Ladies Night at Marina Pharmacy in Madeira Park this Nov. 19. It starts at 5:30 p.m., goes until 8 p.m. and features specials, draw prizes, free gifts and health tips. Don't miss it.

### P. H. ROTARY PRESENTS "HOP-SCOTCH" - NOV. 27

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**Our 2010 Poppy Fund campaign begins  
Friday, Oct. 29.**

**Wear yours proudly!**

## Area A bus averages 10 passengers a day

With a couple months of operation under its tires, the passenger volume — and possibly the future — of the Pender Harbour Community Bus is becoming a little more clear.

The bus has averaged 10 passengers per day through its first 14 days which were evenly divided between passengers travelling within Area A and those travelling to and from Sechelt.

But ridership has been inconsistent with peaks of 16 one day before dropping to a low of two on another.

Those passenger volumes are critical to the future of the service as Area A Director Eric Graham has stated repeatedly that it will be discontinued if not sufficiently utilized.

“With it being a fairly new service, we’ve sort of projected that it’s going to take awhile for the ridership to become established,” says Brian Sagman, SCRD manager of transportation and facilities.

The bus has been operating on Wednesdays and Saturdays since Sept. 1 offering return service from Egmont to Sechelt.

Sagman says SCRD staff and the community bus advisory committee plan to re-evaluate the service sometime in December and will look at feedback proposing changes to the



This passenger used the community bus service on Oct. 13 to travel from Sechelt to his job at the Garden Bay Pub. Unfortunately, he was the only other passenger on a trip from Sechelt to Garden Bay, Egmont and back.

“We wanted to give the service a chance to stabilize before we started making changes to it because otherwise it gets to be a bit haphazard,” said Sagman.

Some suggestions are already rolling in, including one from the bus driver.

Emmett Wade suggests it might be beneficial if the buses started from Sechelt (where the drivers live) allowing them to bring passengers up in the morning while offering two trips back — one after lunch and another at the end of the day when it returns home.

It’s also been suggested the bus connect with the SCRD transit service in Halfmoon Bay, thereby eliminating the need for it to travel all the way to Sechelt.

But while the service is still a work in progress, it’s unclear what level of ridership will be required for it to continue past its trial.

Sagman says many transit systems differ in how they are funded with some predominantly paid for by fares and others relying on taxation.

“So, it just depends on how they want to approach it,” he said.

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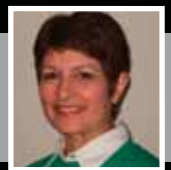
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## The women behind *Women of Pender Harbour* focus on new goal

After publishing their landmark historical book *The Women of Pender Harbour*, one might expect the people behind it would take some time off.

But the members of the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society and Pender Harbour Women's Connection are just starting.

The Women's History Book project took nine years to complete and since its publication in June, members have been actively promoting the book in pursuit of a new goal — to create a facility to preserve Pender Harbour's heritage.

All proceeds from the book's sales will go toward the formation of an historical centre.

What that may look like is unclear — it could be a museum or an archival facility — but as the vision develops, the new goal promises to be as lofty as the publication of the book itself.

Project leader Dorothy Faulkner says over 750 copies of the book sold in the first three months.

Sales figures rival those of any similar title published in BC this year



photo submitted

Some of the women responsible for the publication of *Women of Pender Harbour* were interviewed by CBC's Sheryl MacKay for her 'North By Northwest' program on Oct. 13 at the CBC studio. l-r: Dorothy Faulkner, Sheryl MacKay (standing), Elaine Park (standing), Cathy Jenks.

but the success of the book hasn't been a fluke.

"The past four months have been busy with readings and book signings and attending several coast festivals including the Writer's Festival and the Sea Cavalcade in Gibsons," says

Faulkner.

"But the big news is our CBC radio interview with Sheryl MacKay."

That interview will be aired on Oct. 31 at 7:30 a.m. on the "North by Northwest" program and should bring the book to a whole new audience.

The book is currently featured in *BC Bookworld's* latest issue and showcases Robi Petraschuk's 1968 photo of the Fisherman's Homecoming Can-Can dancers.

Faulkner says that in addition to the book, the group hopes to raise funds through the sales of prints and art cards of Motoko's book cover painting entitled "1940 Irvines Landing."

Prints are available by contacting Nonie McCuaig at (604) 883-2918.

**Clarification:** Diana Rae's position at the Pender Harbour Community School ("Pender Harbour Community School gets back to the three 'Rs,'" October 2010) is temporary until a permanent candidate is hired.

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Of 12,000 tickets sold Coast-wide in the St. Mary's Hospital Health Care Auxiliary raffle, all three winners were from Pender Harbour or Egmont. Pictured are (l-r): Karen Scott (vice-president, St. Mary's Auxiliary), Susan Knock (\$3,000 first prize winner), Renee Leach (\$500 third prize winner), Tim Roose (\$1,000 second prize winner), Bonnie Cannon (president, St. Mary's Auxiliary) and Maureen Lee (chair, P. H. branch - St. Mary's Auxiliary). The non-profit society netted funds of nearly \$15,000 that will go towards purchasing equipment for the St. Mary's Hospital expansion project.

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## Bananas continue last season's win streak into 'Movember'

After last year's storybook championship victory in the Sunshine Coast over-30 men's soccer tournament, the Pender Harbour Bananas are proving it was no fluke.

The Bananas have come out this season and dominated every opponent they've faced and sit atop the league with a 5 and 0 record.

The Bananas' stingy defence has allowed only three goals in five games, while the team has knocked in 19 at the other end.

The revitalized Bananas owe some of their success to a bolstered lineup after acquiring a few key players from opposing teams during the off-season.

The Bananas' victorious smiles will soon be partially obscured by moustaches when the team takes part in "Movember" to raise funds and support awareness of prostate cancer.

The Movember fundraising campaign started in Australia in 2003 with a simple plan — to bring the moustache back and to raise money for men's health, similar to what women had done for breast cancer awareness.

"Mo Bros" start Nov. 1 clean-shaven and grow a moustache for the entire month while canvassing for donations.

In 2009, the Canadian Movember campaign was the second largest



The size and depth of the Bananas bench ensure players get a breather when they need one. Seen here is Rod 'Fresh Legs' Kammerle undressing a CPU opponent during another shutout home victory on Oct. 3.

in the world with over 35,000 men and women raising \$7.8 million.

For the Bananas, it seems the perfect choice. One in six men will develop prostate cancer and approximately 24,600 cases will be diagnosed this year in men in their forties.

Men afflicted with prostate cancer often live without symptoms in

its earliest, most curable stage making testing the primary preventative measure for men over 40.

To get involved or to make a donation, visit the Banana's Movember webpage at <http://ca.movember.com/mospace/557258/> or drop off funds at the RE/MAX office in Madeira Park.



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## Pender Harbour Fall Faire celebrates its 10th year

Despite fewer entries in the homemaker and horticultural categories than past years, the Pender Harbour Fall Faire attracted a record turnout on Oct. 2 for its 10th community celebration of the harvest season.

### RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

1. Terry Kamerle
2. Evelyn McNee
3. Fred Perl

### ADULT AMATEUR

#### PHOTO CONTEST:

1. Linda Charlton
2. Sue McDonald
3. Sue McDonald

### STUDENT AMATEUR

#### PHOTO CONTEST:

1. Megan Callewaert
2. Cassidy Craig Watters
3. Cassidy Craig Watters

### HOMEMAKERS EXHIBITION

#### AGGREGATE TROPHY:

Mary Cochet

### HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION

#### AGGREGATE TROPHY:

Evelyn McNee

### VINTNER'S EXHIBITION

#### AGGREGATE TROPHY:

Ken McDonald

### PRIMARY COOKIE

#### CONTEST WINNERS:

1. Derek Ewen
2. Hannah Kennedy
3. Ginger Taylor

### INTERMEDIATE COOKIE

#### CONTEST WINNERS:

1. Jessica Cyr
2. Grace Mattson
3. Madeline Roach



The traditional hay rides provided by Malaspina Ranch are always a big draw at the P. H. Fall Faire. Here Andy Petraschuk takes another load of haybillies through Madeira.



Mary Cochet took second place in the flower arranging competition for this colourful beauty.



For 10 years Daisy the Cow has stoically accepted the cold hands of strangers as they vie for the title of Pender Harbour's 'Best Milker.'

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

P. H. Community Hall ☆ Saturday, Nov. 27 ☆ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Over 25 artisans selling all kinds of Christmas gifts and crafts, poinsettia sales and delicious homemade soups, goodies, hot dogs, and drinks.

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The Pender Harbour and Egmont Community Bus waits for passengers in the shadow of a newly erected totem pole at the Egmont Heritage Centre. The totem pole was carved at the museum by Arnold Jones over the past two years and was erected on Sept. 25.

## Leonard (Mike) Allen Godkin

AUGUST 31, 1925 – OCTOBER 6, 2010



Mike passed away peacefully on Oct. 6 at the age of 85.

Born in Dunston, Manitoba on Aug. 31, 1925, he was the seventh child of William and Maggie Godkin.

Mike was discharged from the army in 1946 and afterwards he worked as a logger, machine operator and road builder on the BC Coast.

After retiring at the age of 65, Mike enjoyed travelling, cards and, most of all, his friends and extended family.

His quick wit, humour and gentle, generous presence will be missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

He is survived by Doreen, his wife of 62 years; daughters Wendy (Pete) Sirois of Campbell River and Beverly Godkin of Sechelt; his son

Bradley (Sandra) Godkin of Secret Cove; six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by sisters Evelyn Michie, Ethel (Al) Whibley and Margaret Kozar; brothers Roy (Bea) Godkin and Lorne (Lorna) Godkin and sister-in-law Thelma Godkin.

Also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by brothers Jim, Ed and David Godkin; brother-in-law Walter Michie and sister-in-law, Anita Godkin.

There will be no funeral service by request but a celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

## November at the pool!

### • So, Are You Ready to Dance?.....

Tues., Nov. 2, 9, 16 and Thurs., Nov. 23: 6:30-7:30 p.m. PHSS gym.

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### • Aqua Yoga.....

4 Saturdays November 13, 20, 27 and December 4.

Transformation Hatha Yoga, taught in shallow water, is a wonderfully uplifting form of exercise. Pre-registration is required by November 5. (Activity #1400.480, \$27)

### • Pro D Day Swim.....

Monday Nov. 29, 12-3pm. \$2 admission

### • Weekly Water Workout.....

Tuesday and Thursday 10 - 11am.

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### • Lifesaving: Bronze Medallion.....

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## Two down, one to go: A recap of Graham's last two years



*By Eric Graham  
SCRD Director,  
Area A*

I have now reached two years of my three year term as your regional director and thought I would go over a few of the main issues during these two years.

### PENDER HARBOUR LANDFILL

This was by far, the most contro-

versial issue in Area A.

After six months and three public meetings, I felt the majority of the people wanted to expand the present site and keep the garbage in our landfill and I always said that I would support what the majority wanted.

All regional areas take part in this function and the final vote of the board was to change our landfill into a transfer station after the present site was full (vote was seven to one).

Area A has now setup a local

advisory committee with the task of improving recycling capabilities and working towards zero waste in order to reduce the number of trucks transporting our garbage to the Sechelt landfill.

### NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER WATERWORKS

A few years ago the board of the South Pender Harbour Water District asked the SCRD to take over the operation of their 50-year-old system.



### MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

#### Policing Committee

November 1 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Transportation Committee

November 1 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Planning and Development Committee

November 4 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Infrastructure Services Committee

November 4 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Community Services Committee

November 18 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Regular Board

November 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

November 25 at 1:30 p.m.

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## Sunshine Coast Regional District

### AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

### GRAND OPENING OF SUNCOASTER TRAIL

On November 6 at 12:00 p.m. join us for the grand opening of the Suncoaster Trail. Bring your family and friends and bike or walk the trail's rugged and beautiful setting. Visit [www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca) for more details on this event.

### PENDER HARBOUR LANDFILL WINTER HOURS

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday to Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed on Sundays and statutory holidays from Thanksgiving to Easter weekends. Closure at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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### Area A - Director Contact Information

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9061 or by email at [ericgraham@dccnet.com](mailto:ericgraham@dccnet.com).

A water treatment plant was needed and users could not afford the expense without government grants.

This last summer two grants were approved, one for over \$4 million for the water treatment plant (contingent on installing water meters for all users).

The second grant was for approximately \$500,000 for south Pender and \$500,000 for north Pender.

The result is construction of a multi-barrier water treatment plant in south Pender and a UV treatment plant in north Pender.

## PENDER POOL

The pool was 30 years old and major work had to be done or it would be closed.

Before my time, a referendum (AAP) for the construction costs was approved by the taxpayers for over \$800,000.

It became apparent that once construction started either we had to find more money or cut back on the renovation plans.

With the hard work of the P. H. Aquatic Society and pool staff, successful applications were made for provincial and federal funding of over \$500,000.

Last April, the renovations were completed and I am happy to say that there has been a 52 per cent increase in users compared the same period the previous year.

## SUNCOASTER TRAIL

An application for a provincial "make work" grant of over \$500,000 was successful for construction of a trail from Egmont Road to Homesite Creek in Halfmoon Bay.

Most of the 37-kilometre trail is new but some of it was built in

the '90s by the Sunshine Coast Trail Society.

The official opening will be held at the Iris Griffith Centre (Ruby Lake) on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Unfortunately damage has already been done by ATVs and dirt bikes. According to Minister Kevin Kruger, it will be law by 2011 that all ATVs and dirt bikes be registered and have licence plates.

They will be encouraged to stay off the trail in sensitive areas and use forestry roads instead.

## COMMUNITY BUS

After a great deal of hard work by the bus advisory committee, our bus started scheduled runs Sept. 1.

I have just received an updated report and after seven days of service, there have been 135 passengers dropping \$581.51 into the fare box.

Up to the end of September there has been an average of 12 passengers a day but since then the average has dropped to eight. This does not in-

clude children under 6 who ride free.

Operating costs are not available yet but, after the trial, it will be up to the taxpayers in Area A if they want to keep the service but I would suggest the ridership has to increase.

## JERVIS INLET RESORT

A planned resort in the Egmont area has paid \$100,000 into a benefit fund package that has mostly been distributed to non-profit organizations in the Egmont area.

Recipients include the Egmont Community Hall (new foundation), Egmont Volunteer Fire Department (fire trucks), Egmont Harbour Authority (office and storage shed) and, possibly, the SCRD Lions Sports Field and Park for signage and playground equipment.

With the downturn in the economy, these grants could not have come at a better time and I have to congratulate our staff for convincing the sources that our area was "shovel-ready."

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Organizers say approximately 400 people attended the second annual Sunshine Coast Mushroom Fest on Oct. 16 and 17. Seen here is guest speaker Daniel Winkler giving a lively and popular presentation on 'Edible mushrooms and their not so edible lookalikes' at a packed Pender Harbour Community Hall on Saturday.

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## P. H. Community School's MacDonald adds fourth 'R': Restate

Dear Editor,

The current restructure at the Pender Harbour Community School was motivated by the ever increasing need to do more with less.

The board recognized that the viability of the PHCS required significant changes within its operations and at its governing level.

Operations were temporarily ceased and Diana Rae, CMA, was contracted to analyze and evaluate the operation as managing director in the first stage of restructuring.

Through this process it was apparent that current funding levels supported a structure similar to that found at many other Sunshine Coast Community Schools.

Recruitment of both a community school co-ordinator and a recreation facilitator were pursued.

We would like to welcome Alicia Kimpinsky, recreation facilitator.

Please feel free to drop into the community school office to meet Alicia.

After over 13 years of dedicated service to the Pender Harbour Community School Society and the Pender Harbour community overall, Jan Smalley has opted to take a break.

As one of the first co-ordinators of the community school, Jan's contributions have been invaluable and her commitment and skills will be greatly missed.

As of the date of submission, the community school co-ordinator position has yet to be filled.

Members of the board and

contracted facilitators are energized and excited about the restructure and the renewed sense of direction that has taken place.

The second stage of our restructuring process will be to strengthen and develop the board as the governing body to the operations.

We are actively recruiting for board positions and welcome those who have an interest in the Pender Harbour Community School Society to get involved.

Loretta McDonald,  
Treasurer,  
P. H. Community School

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A Harbour full of Seals to **Tim Brackett of Peerless Tree Service** for rescuing Kagome — thank you so much.

Candace Cruikshank

A warm Seal of Approval to the SHROOM members who worked so hard to make our Mushroom Fest the grand day that it was. Thanks, everyone!

Ann Harmer

Harbour Seals to **my family, friends, coworkers and all the kids at the elementary and high schools.** Thanks for all the kind words, cards and flowers. I'm feeling fine and should be back to work after Christmas. I miss you all very much much and can't wait to be back at work.

Wendy Haddock

A grateful Seal of Approval to the generous sponsors who helped make the second annual Mushroom Fest a success: Painted Boat Restaurant, Sunshine Coast Resort, Sunshine Coast Credit Union, FibreWorks Gallery, Marina Pharmacy, Bluff Hollow Dog-Friendly B&B, Copper Sky Gallery, Garden Bay Pub, LaVerne's Grill and Halfmoon Bay General Store.

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John and Sarah Wray in their Nelson Island orchard. The photo was likely taken in the late 1920's or early 1930s. The Wrays arrived in Pender Harbour in 1893 in a rowboat laden with supplies and five children. A sixth child, Harriet Wray, was the first child of European descent born in the area in 1895.

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## Seasonal changes set in at the golf course

By Jan Watson



Please note that the Pro Shop will be closed for the winter months effective Nov. 1.

The golf course will be open for play as long as weather permits.

Green fee tickets, driving range tokens, club and cart rentals will be available through the restaurant.

Also a reminder to please keep carts on the paths.

### MEN'S CLUB

The Art Bishop Trophy was won by a visitor from Kamloops, Pat Wallace, with a net score of 65.

On Sept. 28 the men played blind partners and the winners were Eldy Gandy and Jamie Tufford with a combined net score of 130.

Kp on No. 3 was Al Wendland and on No. 6, Bob Ducich.

A Stableford on Oct. 6 was won by Eldy Gandy with 42 points.

Second was Wayne Babcock with 39 and Al Wendland took a close third with 38.

Kp on No. 3 was Rusty Ellis and on No. 6, Jamie Tufford.

The last day of the season was the Greens Keeper Revenge Scramble and the winning team was Brian Disney, Blake Priebe and John Maveety with 71.

Kp on No. 3 was Rob Cameron and on No. 6, Terry Cowan.

### LADIES CLUB

Sept. 23 was regular golf with the prize for the lowest number of putts and the winner was Wendy Had-dock with 33.

The annual Turkey Shoot, a two-day eclectic tournament less handicap, was held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

The winner of the turkey with a net score of 59 was Joan Stanton.

Runners-up Heather Cranston and Lorna Lycan each won a pumpkin pie.

The ladies also played the Greens Keeper Revenge for their last event on Oct. 14 but not in scramble format.

The winner was Heather Cranston with a net 32 for 9

### FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

Golf is my profession.  
Show business is just to  
pay the green fees.

~ Bob Hope

holes.

The golf was followed by the fall meeting and luncheon when various awards were presented.

The ladies executive will remain the same as last year.

### HUSBAND & WIFE / ODD COUPLE TOURNAMENT

Oct. 2nd saw a good turnout for this event and the new champions are Grant and Pat Hallborg with a net 152.

They beat out Bob and Nora Brooks by one stroke.

We seem to have misplaced the trophy — does anyone know where it is?

The Odd Couple winners were Mickey McMillan and Heather Cranston with a net 139.

### COMING EVENTS

Nov. 20: Annual Lobster Fest Fundraiser.

Nov. 27: Rotary Hop-Scotch  
Please note the winter hours for the restaurant (see ad this page).



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## Bargain Barn breaks own record with donation to health centre

*By Sharon Halford  
Chair, Bargain Barn Thrift Store*

From the first six month's sales of 2010, we were able to donate \$30,000 to the health centre.

The auxiliary to the Pender Harbour Health Centre would like to thank all those who donated merchandise and volunteered at the Barn.

Our volunteers work tirelessly sorting, tagging and selling this merchandise and we are proud of the result.

The auxiliary also provides \$5,000 annually to the Harbourside Friendship group and \$5,000 in bursaries to our local students.

Because we are a very small thrift store, we have set a high standard for acceptable merchandise.

Because of our store's size, please donate only clean, quality, used or new "in season" clothing, accessories and small household items.

Your effort to help us is very much appreciated.

Watch for our special sale days during the rest of the year or visit the Bargain Barn to support our health centre and our environment.

Each month, 50 shifts are needed to keep the store open and a further 16 shifts are needed for sorting and pricing. Another team simply looks after merchandising and display.

Bargain Barn volunteers work four to 40 hours each month and we always need new volunteers.

We would particularly encourage our younger Pender population to get involved.

If you are interested in joining this team of men and women, please call Sharon Halford at (604) 883-3662.

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Sharon Halford (r) presents a cheque for \$30,000 to Rick McDonald, P. H. Health Centre administrator. The money was raised through sales at the Bargain Barn Thrift Store during the first six months of 2010. It will go towards improving services at the health centre including funding programs, training and purchasing new equipment. Last year, the auxiliary donated \$20,000 earned from sales in the first half of 2009.



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## Whiskyland: The geography of scotch



One of the first distilled beverages in Europe, whisky has evolved over centuries into a variety of categories and tastes.

The craft of distilling originated in China and introduced to Europe by the Moors.

The knowledge likely spread to the British Isles through monasteries but one common legend attributes its introduction to St. Patrick who arrived in Ireland as a missionary in AD 432.

Whisky is an Anglicization of the ancient Gaelic term “uisce beatha” which translates as “water of life.”

But though it originated in Ireland where fine Irish whiskey is still produced today, it's the Scots who often get credit for its evolution from the raw taste of the 16th century to the refined varieties available today.

(Irish and U.S. distillers spell it “whiskey” while Canadians and Scots spell it “whisky.”)

Part of the reason for the popularity of scotch is the number of Scottish distilleries still in operation.

While Ireland has only four whiskey distilleries, Scotland boasts over 90 which are spread through six whisky producing regions: Speyside, Lowlands, Highlands, Campbeltown, Islands and Islay.

Although each whisky is unique, the malts produced in each region

have some common characteristics which separate them from whiskies of other regions.

### ISLAY

Islay is a small island west of the Scottish mainland and is the home of many well-known malt whiskies. Although a few milder versions exist, Islay whisky in general is smoky, peaty and salty and has quite a bit of tang and tar thrown into the mix.

Examples of Islay distilleries: Laphroaig, Ardbeg, Bowmore, Lagavulin and Kilchoman.

### LOWLANDS

As the name suggests, the Lowlands is a flat region without mountains. It is also the southernmost part of Scotland.

Whisky from the Lowlands is smooth and slightly fiery. It is also very light in salt, peat and smoke. as Any Lowland whisky is a fine aperitif.

Examples of Lowlands distilleries: Auchentoshan, Bladnoch and Glenkinchie.

### SPEYSIDE

Speyside is the undisputed centre for whisky in Scotland when it comes to the number of distilleries. The region has received its name from the river Spey which cuts through the area and from which many distilleries pull their water.

If you wish to introduce a friend to the world of whisky, a Speyside is a good choice with its rich flavour, complexity and relatively mild character.

Examples of Speyside distilleries: Aberlour, Balvenie, Cardhu, Cragganmore, Glenfiddich, Glenlivet, Macallan and Tamdhu.

### HIGHLANDS

The Highlands is the largest of the whisky-producing regions in Scotland. The whisky is often powerful,



This map of Scotland shows the six scotch producing regions of Scotland.

has a rich flavour and is quite smoky although slightly less so than whisky from the Islands.

The word 'glen' is commonly used in the name of both Highland and Speyside distilleries and means "valley."

Examples of Highlands distilleries: Dalwhinnie, Glen Garioch, Glenmorangie, Oban, Pulteney and Royal Lochnagar.

## CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown was once a flourishing whisky region and the city of Campbeltown was considered to be the whisky capital of Scotland. Where once there were 21 distilleries in and surrounding the city, today only three remain.

Campbeltown is still referred to as a separate whisky producing region, but today the reason is mostly historical.

Examples of Campbeltown distilleries: Glengyle, Glen Scotia and Springbank.

## ISLANDS

It is not uncommon for this region to be confused with Islay but Islands is in fact a separate production region which consists of the islands Mull, Orkney, Jura, Arran, Shetlands and Skye.

Whisky from the Islands may be described as a milder version of Islay



Three single malt Scotch whiskies: Bowmore (15 yr) from the Isle of Islay and two Highland single malts, Macallan (10 yr) and Glen Garioch (15 yr).

whisky and is often appreciated by those who have enjoyed scotch for a few years.

Examples of Island Distilleries: Arran, Highland Park, Isle of Jura, Scapa, Talisker and Tobermory.

## CATEGORIES OF SCOTCH

Besides the regions where scotch is produced, there are four main categories of scotch whisky: single malt, grain, blended and blended malt.

A "single malt" scotch whisky

is one that is based on malted barley as its cereal crop, has been distilled utilizing a pot still based process and is the product of spirits distilled at one single malt distillery.

This "batch" distilling process results in malt whisky being more expensive to produce than grain whisky.

Single malt scotch whisky brands are almost always named after the distillery in which they are produced unlike "blended" scotch whiskies for which brand names have typically been created like any other consumer product.

A "grain" scotch whisky is one based on a combination of malted barley and unmalted barley, wheat or maize together with yeast or water.

It is produced utilizing a continuous distillation process and typically provides a lighter spirit.

Blended varieties are produced from a combination of malt and grain whisky.

They will typically include a much larger proportion of grain whisky than malt but different brands contain different proportions.

Those with a higher malt content are typically more expensive and held in higher regard.

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 Nov. 28 ~ **Julia Reid and twins Paige & Lexi Pauls.**  
 Nov. 29 ~ **Pete Hannah, John Mc-Donald, Myrna Pickering and Marie Coombes.**  
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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 Novem-ber temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985).

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| <b>Germany</b> (military only)             | 2,050,897  | 4,456,000   |
| <b>Russia</b> (includes civilians)         | 3,311,000  | 23,954,000  |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> (includes civilians) | 994,138    | 450,700     |
| <b>United States</b> (military only)       | 116,708    | 416,800     |

### 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 bleach during the October lunar cycle.

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

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### New Sunshine Coast trail aims to connect communities

*Submitted*

Imagine walking onto a trailhead at Earls Cove ferry terminal on the north end of the Sunshine Coast and making your way through approximately 80 kilometres of uninterrupted nature, emerging at the southern end in Langdale.

This summer, that concept moved closer to reality with the Sunshine Coast Regional District's completion of phase one, the newly completed and reworked Suncoaster Trail, to connect Earls Cove to Half-moon Bay.

On Nov. 6, the SCRD is celebrating the grand opening of the Suncoaster Trail and the public is invited to join in.

The event is taking place at the Iris Griffith Nature Centre located at

15386 Sunshine Coast Highway 101 (1 km south of Ruby Lake) beginning at noon.

Parking is available at the trailhead located at the Malaspina Substation Road, six kilometres north of Kleindale Petro-Canada Station.

The entire trail will function as a corridor or backbone to the Sunshine Coast providing users with a unique opportunity to experience its rugged nature.

It will travel through old forest roadways once used to access local timber, along a series of lakes, transmission line corridors and new trails blazed through the brush with exit points near campgrounds.

The SCRD applied for approximately \$900,000 from the Community Development Trust Fund (CDTF) to complete the project in three phases

over the next three years.

The Ministry of Community and Rural Development set up the CDTF to support economically impacted forestry communities — a sector of the Sunshine Coast economy that was badly affected by the economic downturn.

The three-phase project is designed to employ local forestry workers from several Sunshine Coast communities, including workers from the Sechelt and Squamish First Nations.

Partial funding of \$498,000 was received from the CDTF for phase one of the project.

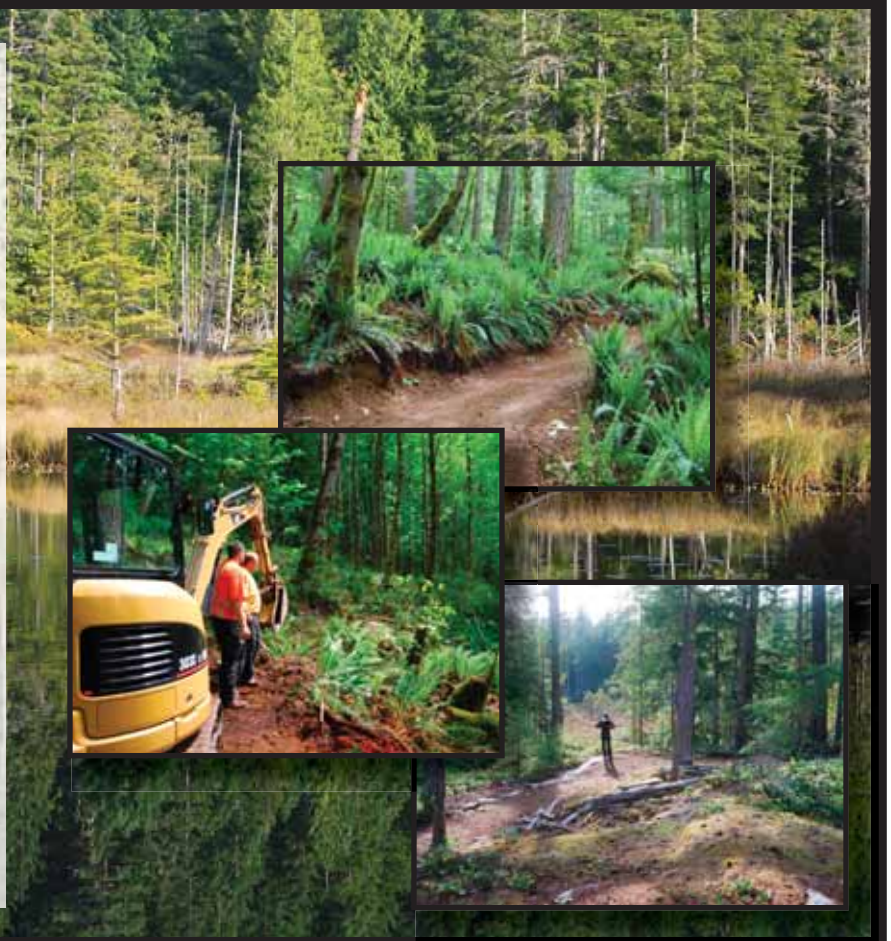
With this, the SCRD was able to take over the trail and liability from the Suncoaster Trail Society — a group of volunteers and avid mountain bike enthusiasts who developed the trail between 1993 and 2003.

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Due to the increasing need for project co-ordination and funding, the SCRD had been assuming more responsibility for this community initiated project over the years.

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This multi-use status will be on a trial basis until it is determined if a mixed-use model can be executed successfully.

The trail will be about six to seven feet wide on stable, flat soils with gentle inclines, offering peek-a-boo views into wetlands with mountain, water, and creek views while passing through many of the local communities.

The project has received very positive feedback from local outdoor groups as well as bed-and-breakfast owners along the route.

The SCRD hopes eventually to be awarded the remainder of the requested funding to complete phase two, which is currently being planned, to connect the trail to the town of Sechelt and phase three to link Sechelt to Langdale.

Plans also include a 40-kilometre alpine hiking trail to Squamish's Lake Lovely Water Provincial Park

The SCRD's partners on this project include the ministries of Community and Rural Development, Forest and Range, Tourism and Culture, the District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons and the Sechelt Indian Government District.



This bridge cuts over wetlands near a previously inaccessible pond in the Middlepoint/Homesite Creek section of the Suncoaster Trail.

All have offered expertise, guidance and support on economic and employment development opportunities, environmental monitoring and ensuring trail development standards are met.

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## What to do about a tail chasing, leg licking wiener dog

By John Wade

Dear John:

An elderly friend of mine acquired Hope, a miniature dachshund

when her original owner passed away.

We have two questions, the first being why does she chase her tail?

Could it be a flea on the tip of her tail?

The second question is how to get Hope to stop licking.

If Hope is on the couch with my friend, she will lick any little piece of skin she sees and keep licking until that piece of skin is covered up or she is shooed down off the couch.

Thank you,  
Louise

Dear Louise,

I'd really like you to seek out an experienced trainer on this one.

There's a lot missing from this letter but I think your two questions are connected. There are enough clues that warning flags are at half mast.

Dogs chase their tails for a few reasons.

I wouldn't include the flea theory

as one of those reasons because I've never heard of a colony of fleas deciding to make their abode exclusively the tip of a dog's tail.

My experience, and I won't elaborate further, is that they prefer a more southerly underside exposure on the tail.

One probable reason for tail chasing is puppies seem to think it's fun but usually the novelty wears off past puppyhood when the pup figures

the cat might be easier to catch than its elusive tail.

Breed can play a role as well as frustration and extreme excitement.

I've seen a lot of police department dogs start to do the spins in their cruiser cages at the first clue there was going to be some action.

It used to drive me nuts because I knew that by the time the dog arrived at the scene it had used up a good



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chunk of its endurance.

You sometimes see Jack Russell terriers giving chase after spotting perched on their tail some insolent ghost making rude gestures.

Considering the length of their bodies a dachshund would have to be a positive thinker to take on tail chasing as a pastime but the young ones at least aren't immune.

I've also seen high energy dogs do it out of frustration usually due to lack of physical and mental exercise but even then it can turn into a compulsive habit which brings me to what I'm a little worried about.

Your little dachshund may have or be developing a obsessive compulsive disorder OCD (like compulsive hand washing).

When you combine the tail-chasing with the licking compulsion you can see how I might be a little concerned. Both seem compulsive.

A traumatic event, subsequent tail-chasing and licking (which may have existed before the owner's death) is more than enough reason to seek professional assessment and treatment.

It's not easy either.

I've never heard of OCD being cured in the human realm nor true OCD being extinguished in the canine.

However with nutrition, training, exercise and sometimes medication it can sometimes be managed.

These are always dogs of a sensitive nature and also by nature are extremely good companions.

However they typically hate being left alone and be reduced to a paroxysm of terror when subjected to fireworks, thunder storms and even the passing of a hot air balloon.

They soil the house when

stressed and people often confuse that with a basic house soiling problem and so get frustrated when the standard approach doesn't resolve it.

Better safe than sorry in your case, bring in a professional.

Trying things on your own may make things worse as missteps cause

stress and stress exacerbates the condition.

Regards,  
John Wade

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## Dear Diary . . .



By Alan Stewart

**DEC. 31, 2005**

Dear Diary,  
I'm just too exhausted to write today. My pens

have all run out of ink and my hand is bleeding from all the deals we've written over the past 12 months — 160 sales in Pender Harbour alone.

**DEC. 31, 2006**

Dear Diary,  
Things in the Pender Harbour real estate market have slowed down a little since last year.

There were 118 sales of houses in 2006 with 56 homes sales and 62 land sales.

There is a real lack of decent houses on the market with so much of our inventory cleaned out over the past few years.

All of these sales have really had an impact on pricing and it's starting to squeeze out the lower end of the market.

Where \$170,000 would have bought you a decent family home in 2003, you'll need to spend something north of \$300,000 for the same home today.

The good news is that there are lots of construction jobs around



for young families and the rates for trades continue to go up. It was only a couple of years ago you could get a decent carpenter for \$25 an hour.

This year that same carpenter costs \$35 an hour.

**DEC. 31, 2007**

Dear Diary,  
Another "healthy" year in the Pender Harbour market with house prices up an average of four per cent over last year and 120 sales this year.

While we've seen fewer lot sales

(38 vs. 62 in 2006), the number of house sales has more than made up for it.

The higher prices have brought more listings on the market and most of our clients are deciding to buy houses rather than land as a result of the high cost of construction.

A client of mine called a carpenter the other day for a quote and they've moved their rate to almost \$42 an hour.

They tell me that with the cost of living, they've had to move up salary levels to keep tradesmen here to meet the demand.

Stats Canada just posted the unemployment rate at 4.1 per cent — an all time low.

**DEC. 31, 2008**

Dear Diary,  
What a difference a year makes. In the middle of the year someone hit the switch and apparently turned off

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the real estate market.

I didn't know they could do that.

Pender Harbour has been hit much harder than the rest of the Sunshine Coast, predominantly because of our reliance on secondary homes and cottages. These types of properties appear to have been the first things taken off of prospective buyers' radar when the current economic downturn hit. There are currently 57 houses for sale with an average asking price that's 170 per cent higher than the average selling price for 2008.

## DEC. 31, 2009

Dear Diary,

Ugh. Things have gone from bad to worse in the Pender Harbour market.

Only 33 sales all year — the lowest in 10 years — and an average time on the market of 147 days for those folks lucky enough to sell.

Average housing prices are down again, 14 per cent since last year alone, but the most dramatic drop came in land prices.

With more than 130 lots for sale in the area and 18 sales all year, sellers had to be priced really sharp to sell.

The average lot price this year fell from \$255,000 last year to only \$155,000 this year.

Much of that was a result of the lack of appetite for waterfront property, but it's a telling statistic all the same.

At the end of 2008, our office came up with the slogan, "We'll be fine in 2009... and if not then 2010!"

Well, here's hoping on some improvement in 2010.

## OCT. 31, 2010

Dear Diary,

Although we got off to a relatively slow start and the number of deals reported so far this year isn't significantly better than last year at the same time, things are feeling better.

With two months left in the year we've seen almost 20 per cent more home sales than last year and the average prices are back up to where they were in 2006.

The number of lot sales is even lower than the relatively low numbers of 2009, but at least prices have recovered somewhat, back almost to where they were in 2004.

High-end buyers are starting to re-enter the market and 2010 saw the most expensive residential home sale in Pender Harbour history (\$3 million).

There have also been three sales on Ruby Lake at over \$1 million in recent months which is good news for lakefront property owners.

The oceanfront and high-end view market isn't fairing as well.

More than 30 homes are listed for sale at over \$800,000 and there have only been two sales of non-lake-

front homes in this price range.

Sellers are going to have to treat any offers with kid gloves.

As for more moderately priced homes, Pender Harbour has seen 17 sales this year between \$300,000 and \$500,000 with only 27 homes available in this price range.

I'm guessing we'll see more stability in this segment over the next couple of years as a result of a more balanced list to sell ratio.

To wrap it up, I'm telling my friends and family that now is the time to find a good investment property — foreclosures and estate sales in particular.

While I don't expect prices will be shooting up like they did in 2002 through 2007, I'm betting on a more stable market over the next 12 to 24 months with prices moving upward from there.

*Please send any suggestions for story lines to [alan@sunshinecoasthomes.com](mailto:alan@sunshinecoasthomes.com).*



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## Wei Hsu: The first non-native to live in Pender Harbour (Part 4)

By Anne Crocker

*The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.  
(Continued from Oct. 2010)*

### Part IV

Were it not for smoke rising lazily from what looked to be barren rocks plunked in the middle of the harbour entrance, the shipwrecked Wei Hsu might have returned to Lucy in defeat.

But it was September, the salmon were returning and the few remaining Shishalh still living in Pender Harbour in 1873 were hectically smoking stockpiles of dog salmon.

For generations, Qwuní's relatives had timed their return to the winter village of Kálpilín with that of the tzum.

Not only did the harbour's geography allow for some relief against harsh winter storms but the hill overlooking the village site provided an important lookout to warn of enemies.

But what had made his ancestors return for as long as anyone could remember was the bounty of salmon, shellfish and herring available to feed what was becoming one of the largest villages on the Coast.

When Qwuní was young, his grandfather would tell stories of a time when many families would gather in huge houses. He'd tell about life before the white

man arrived, the famines he'd endured or narrow escapes from attacks by warring tribes from the north. He would tell him how fortunate they were that those times were in the past.

Qwuní could only wish that the old man might have lived long enough to see what else the white man would bring.

In his lifetime, Qwuní had known only death.

When he was six, a ship named the *Beaver* arrived with white men trading for venison and dried fish. After they left, many villagers became ill.

The measles epidemic that claimed the life of his mother and grandparents before wiping out a third of his village had somehow spared him and his father.

But life was never the same again and, with so many dead, most survivors chose to remain in Kálpilín year-round. Qwuní's father taught him how to fish and hunt in order to help provide for those who couldn't and it was a busy time for the young boy.

But it wasn't a happy one. Kálpilín had become a sombre place marked by empty longhouses that stood like grave markers to entire clans.

In 1860, the people of Kálpilín weren't even aware their village had been renamed after a white navy man.

But their biggest change was delivered that same year by visiting Catholic missionaries offering up



Wei Hsu, 1861.



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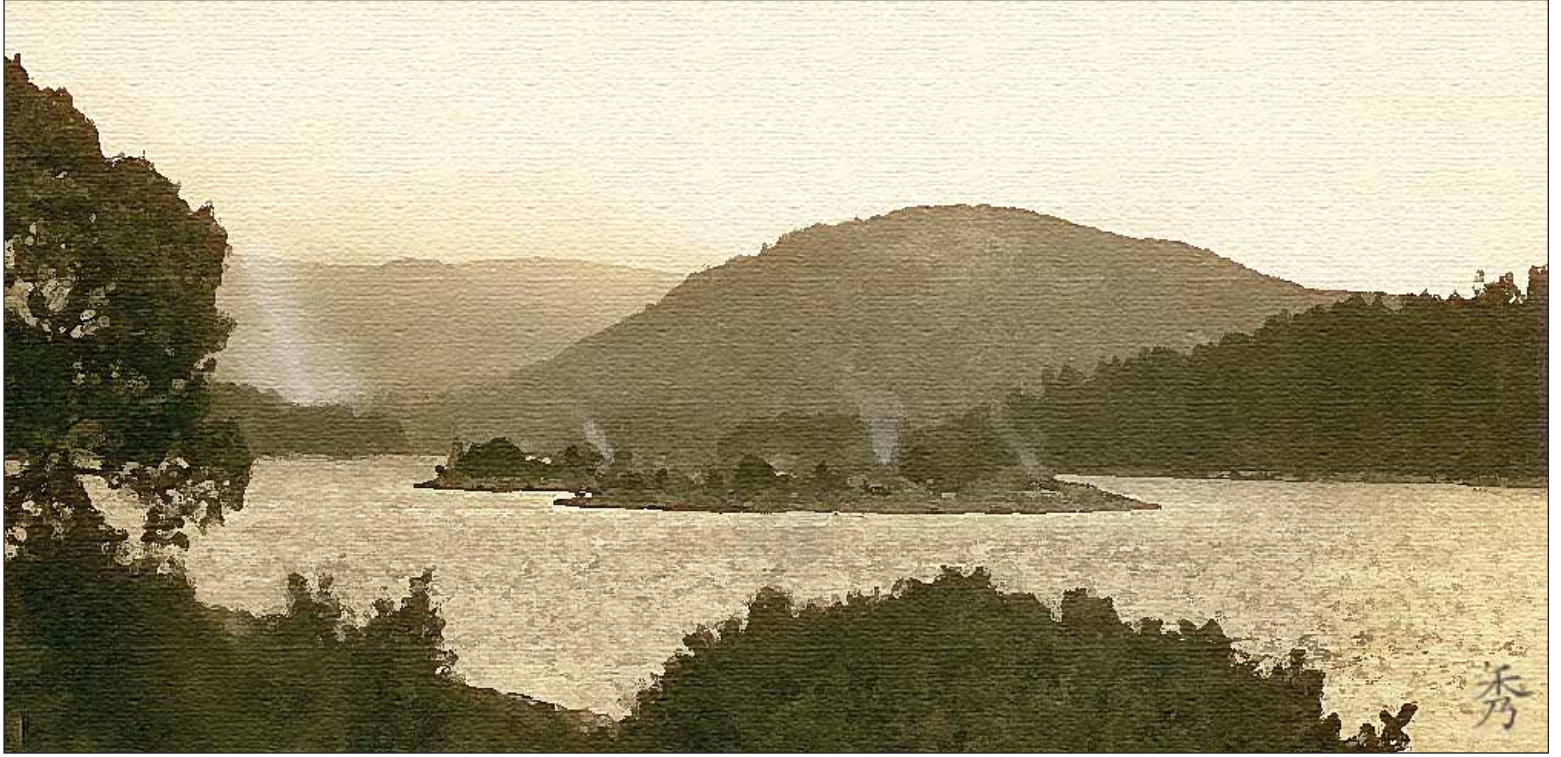


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Wei Hsu's daughter Lucy (Xiu Xiu) sketched this drawing of Pender Harbour in 1873. Her family stumbled upon the entrance to the harbour after getting marooned nearby on what later was named Francis Point. Her father Wei Hsu might have passed by Pender Harbour altogether were it not for smoke coming from a few Indian shacks on rocks set in the middle of the harbour entrance.

religion. They were sent away in short order but not before leaving behind another dreadful plague.

Qwuní was a strong young man when the smallpox hit his tattered village but he wasn't so lucky this time. Both he and his father came down with the ominous fever within days of each other.

After enduring more than a week of intense pain and fever followed by a rash and hideous sores, Qwuní survived to find his father dead. Painful scabs on Qwuní's face, back and arms would take months to heal and scar him for the rest of his life.

The epidemic spared fewer than 200 people and the terrified survivors no longer trusted their own medicine men to protect them. Instead, the villagers were eager to place their faith in the healthy missionaries who promised salvation if they abandoned their homes and adopted the ways of the church.

The people of Kalpalin were persuaded by Father Paul Durieu to relocate to a model Christian community he was constructing at Chateleech, a half day by canoe to the south. Durieu named his experiment "Sechelt."

Qwuní and a handful of others refused to accept

the strict rules of the bearded missionary and chose to stay behind. But the barren village site made Qwuní uncomfortable so he built a cedar home on one of the islands that guarded the entrance to the harbour.

His new home faced west and had a small dock where he often sat deep in contemplation.

On this particular overcast fall day, he'd just added more damp alder to the smouldering fire. The rich smell reminded him of times when he would help his grandmother tend the curing salmon.

He was never able to equal her skill at keeping it on the verge of going out so as to produce the cool, fragrant smoke that would slowly cure the flesh without cooking it.

Qwuní hadn't tasted smoked fish for months and as his thoughts turned to his belly he was startled by a distant yelp. Straining his eyes towards the beach on the harbour's south shore, he saw a little man he didn't recognize.

Qwuní wasn't accustomed to strangers popping up on the beach unannounced so he shoved off in his canoe to investigate.

*(Continued next month.)*

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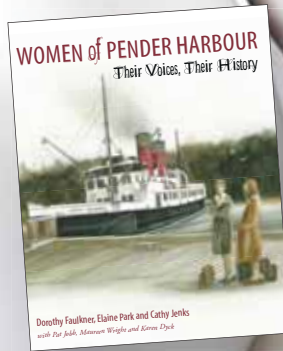
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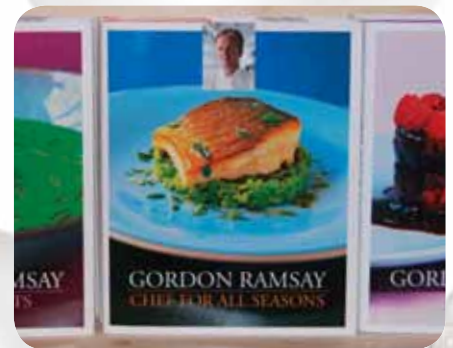
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## Some tips on avoiding falls

By Dr. Blake Alderson, DC

It may be fall but try not to.

Health Canada states that each year 30 per cent of Canadians over the age of 60 will have a fall. This rises to 50 per cent by age 80.

Hip fractures are mostly caused by falls and can have a long term impact on the quality of life.

Wrist fractures are also primarily the result of falling.

Here's a check list to help avoiding falls around your home:

### KITCHEN

- Scatter rugs have non-slip backing.
- Keep frequently used items in reach — do not climb on chairs but wait for help.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

### BATHROOM

- Install grab bars to facilitate getting out of the bathtub or shower.
- Install non-slip material in tub and on shower floors.
- Have a lighted pathway from bedroom to bathroom by using motion or photo-sensitive night-lights.

### BEDROOM

- Keep a phone in easy reach of your bed.
- When getting out of bed, sit up for a few seconds before standing and make sure you have a lighted pathway.
- Extension cords should always be close to the wall and never where somebody might walk over.
- Be aware of where your pet is sleeping.

### OUTSIDE (ANNUAL CHECKS)

- Ensure decks and handrails are



in good repair. Hand rails must be able to withstand a sudden strain.

- Always have one hand free for the rail when going up or down stairs.
- If decks and steps are slippery in wet areas try using roofing shingles as an inexpensive slip preventer.
- Check pathways for exposed roots and rocks and install lights where practical.

Good balance and leg strength are important factors to lessen the risk of falling and can be improved with regular light exercise.

Twenty minutes a day, three

times per week is a good start.

Exercise need not be strenuous.

Activities such as tai chi, yoga, aquafit, walking and stationary bike all help to improve strength and balance.

Most people find it easier to keep up their exercise when they are in a group or have an exercise buddy (could be the dog) to encourage them on the days that they need a little "push."

Check out the aquatic centre — it is great to have it back.

Best wishes for a fall-free fall.

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### P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

This month's Women's Connection gathering will take place at the P. H. School of Music on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Guest speaker Judy Sherman will present "From the Forest to the Fireplace." This will cover everything you need to know to decorate your home for Christmas.

On Tues., Nov. 23, the gathering will offer tips on how to make healthy food choices during the festive season. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and gatherings run from 10 a.m. until noon. Members, non-members and drop-ins are always welcome.

### P. H. AND DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

On Nov. 16, the Pender Harbour and district Wildlife Society presents "Stand Up 4 Great Bear." The controversial Enbridge Northern Gateway Project proposes to pump over a half-million barrels of unrefined bitumen from the Alberta tarsands over the Rockies to the port of Kitimat each day. This past summer Norm Hann, from Squamish, journeyed for 400 kilometres on a stand-up paddleboard along the proposed north coast oil tanker route to raise awareness about the impacts such a project could have on the BC north and central coast. Please join us at PHSS at 7:30 p.m. for a captivating presentation of Norm's journey. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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## Squamish streamkeeper Matsen to speak about herring

Encouraged by the response to his letter in the May 2010 issue of the Harbour Spiel, ("Squamish Streamkeepers find hope for our local herring stocks"), Dr. Jonn Matsen is coming to Pender Harbour to speak on the topic.

Matsen will be the guest speaker at the Pender Harbour Rotary Club's weekly noon meeting on Nov. 12 at the Garden Bay Pub.

Matsen was invited by the club to speak about the Squamish Streamkeepers' discovery that herring have a lethal tendency to spawn on creosote pilings.

They believe a lack of natural spawning surfaces may be contributing to the depletion of local herring stocks.

In the May issue, Matsen wrote, "We wrapped some of the pilings with various materials and Global TV filmed the fact that a certain weed control material was spawned very heavily on by the herring and gave 100-per-cent survival.

"In the spring of 2007, we wrapped 176 pilings with this material and laid more material lengthwise to further increase the spawning area.

"February and March 2008 saw hundreds of millions of herring eggs spawned on these materials and hatched successfully.

"In 2009 we added 400 more feet on a float line which itself probably hatched out half a billion eggs. We now see juvenile herring throughout Howe Sound and expect this will carry over into a higher survival rate for chinook and coho as they leave the Squamish River.

"On March 14, 2010 two Streamkeepers went to Pender Harbour and quickly found millions of recently spawned dead herring eggs on creosote pilings on one small dock while minutes before a local said herring hadn't been seen in years in Pender Harbour.



Close-up of freshly spawned, and dead, herring roe taken March 19, 2010 on a piling at the Garden Bay Pub. Spawning herring are fatally attracted to the smooth surface of creosote.

sote pilings on one small dock while minutes before a local said herring hadn't been seen in years in Pender Harbour.

"Herring love to spawn on clean smooth surfaces and there's nothing like fresh creosote to provide a smooth spawning area, especially when the eelgrass and bladderwrack they traditionally spawned on has disappeared due to development."

Matsen and his group would like to see if they could repeat the success they had in Squamish here and the Pender Harbour Rotary is considering getting behind the project.

In order to do it, they'll need help. Anyone interested in supporting this project is encouraged to attend Matsen's Nov. 12 presentation.

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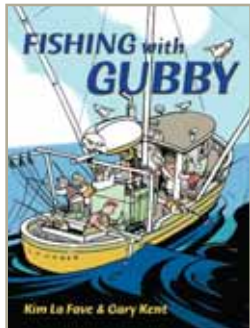


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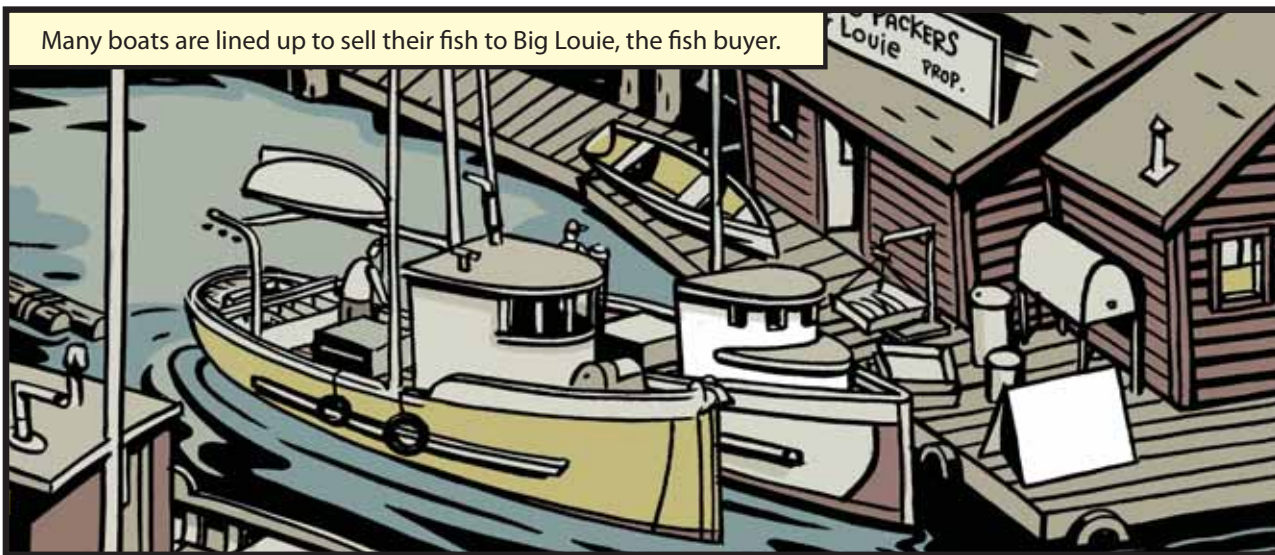


Page 23: Gubby finishes off his first day of the season, trolling for spring salmon off Winter Harbour.



The west coast can be very windy. The westerly winds often arrive in the morning and get stronger during the day, making fishing very difficult.

Many boats are lined up to sell their fish to Big Louie, the fish buyer.



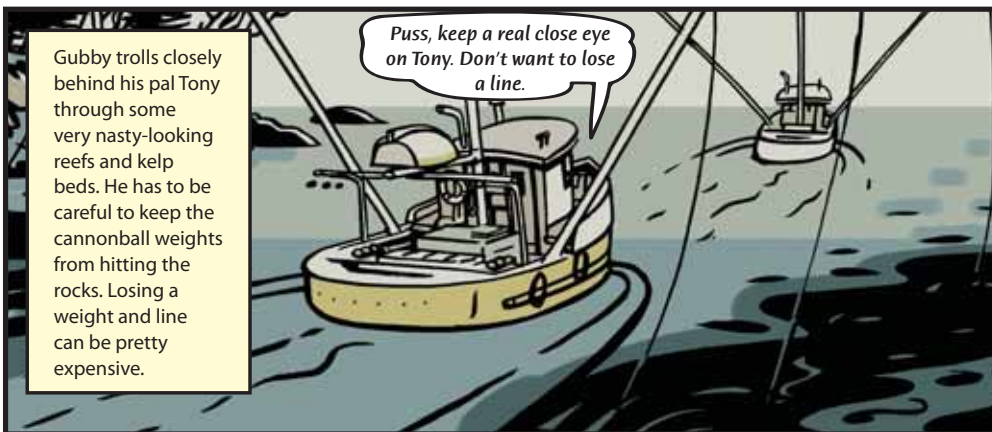
Spring salmon all look the same on the outside, but inside their flesh is tinted either reddish or whitish. White ones are just as good but sell for much less. Gubby grumbles about this but knows that people in the city like their salmon red.



## Fishing with Gubby



Spring salmon fishing is leisurely compared to the coho season, when fish arrive in great bunches or schools. The fishermen must have their special hoochies and wobblers ready, because the action is nonstop. In the meantime they fish for springs, do a little shopping and visit their pals on the wharf.



Gubby trolls closely behind his pal Tony through some very nasty-looking reefs and kelp beds. He has to be careful to keep the cannonball weights from hitting the rocks. Losing a weight and line can be pretty expensive.

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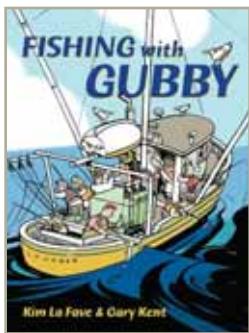
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## Fishing with Gubby (cont.)

COHO!! This is what everyone has been waiting for. If the fishermen are lucky the coho will stay close to Winter Harbour for a month or more but Gubby must be prepared to follow the fish if they move on.



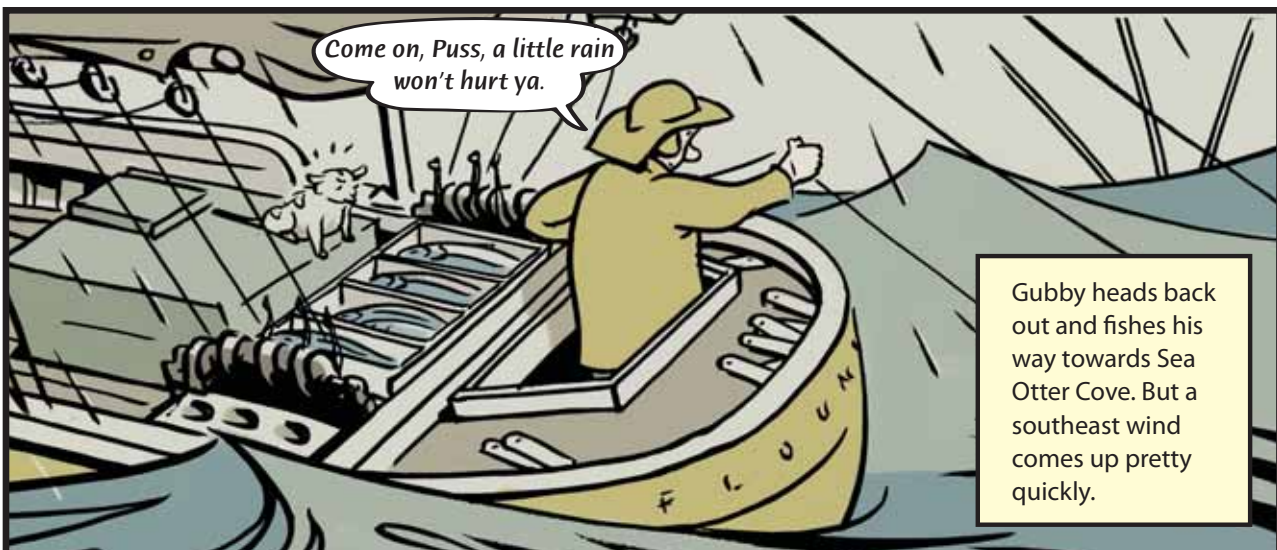
Bruce on the *Klemtu Girl* arrives when the fishing is good. He pays high prices for coho and in cash, too!



Those coho sure came in fast, Gub, and left as quick too.

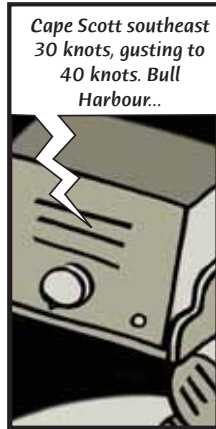
There ya are, \$250 bucks hard cash.

Thanks, need to buy a couple more cannonballs.



Come on, Puss, a little rain won't hurt ya.

Gubby heads back out and fishes his way towards Sea Otter Cove. But a southeast wind comes up pretty quickly.



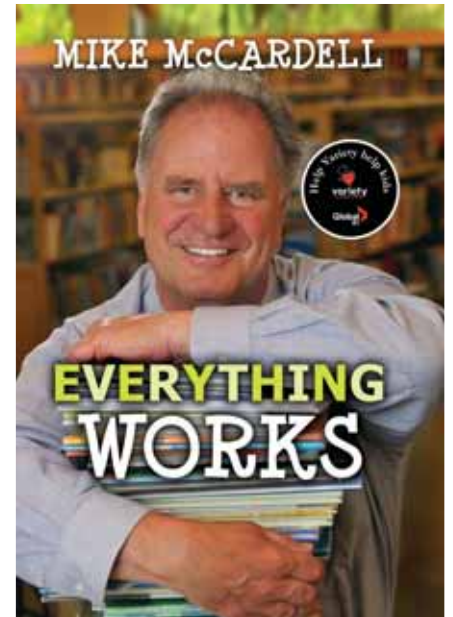
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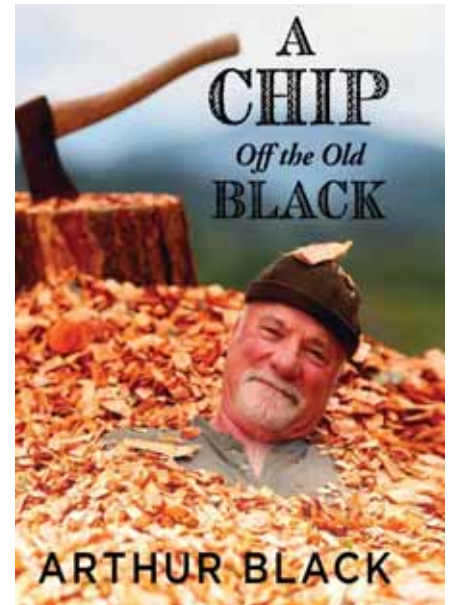
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## U.S. and Cuba: Close but no cigars

By Shane McCune



It's a symbol of fat-cat capitalists, wild-eyed Marxists and at least one Marx brother. Its champions have included Winston Churchill, Sigmund Freud and George Burns.

It is, of course, the cigar. To some it is an obnoxious nuisance unfit for civilized company. To the rest of us it is one of life's finer things, especially when enjoyed in the company of good friends and good whisky.

A Cuban cigar and a single malt . . . it's a monthly ritual I share with the Spiel's publisher once the proofreading chores are done and dinner is digesting. But last week, as I sparked my \$25 Romeo y Julieta Short Churchill, I wondered how much longer I'll be able to afford this extravagance.

This worry was, in turn, sparked by last month's 50th anniversary of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba. In 1960, soon after Fidel Castro ousted Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower launched a destabilization campaign that persists to this day.

It started as a ban on arms sales but quickly grew more stringent. In early 1962 John F. Kennedy signed a law banning the import of most Cuban goods, including cigars. But first he sent his press secretary, Pierre Salinger, out to stock up on his favourite Cuban-made cigars, Petit H. Upmanns. Salinger came back with 1,200 of them.

More restrictions followed. Some were relaxed under Jimmy Carter in the 1970s, only to be restored and expanded by Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

Barack Obama has indicated he would like to take a few baby steps toward normalizing relations with Cuba. That pledge has so far met with the same fate as his promise to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, but it's only a matter of time before the indefensible embargo collapses.

And while that will certainly be a good thing for the people of Cuba, it will be bad news for us *puro* puffers.

The best Cuban cigars are made from tobacco grown in the sandy soil and humid microclimate of a mountainous district called the Vuelta Abajo. It's only 140 kilometres long and 16 wide, but it is responsible for most of the cigars Cuba exports — a staggering 217 million in 2006.

How can such a small place produce so many cigars? It probably can't. Some estimate that up to 75% of the Cohibas sold around the world are counterfeit.

Smoking bans and the global recession cut cigar exports to 73 million in

2009, but demand still kept prices high. Imagine what will happen when the pent-up demand of the U.S. market is allowed to gorge on Cuban cigars legally. My \$25 smoke could easily double in price.

I could smoke something a little cheaper. Many of the great tobacco houses of Cuba — Partagas, Montecristo, Upmann, Punch, Hoya de Monterrey — relocated to Honduras or the Dominican Republic after their Cuban properties were nationalized and now compete against their own brands, in many cases with tobacco seed smuggled out of Cuba. They are good cigars, expertly constructed and bearing the same gorgeous 19th century designs on the bands and boxes.

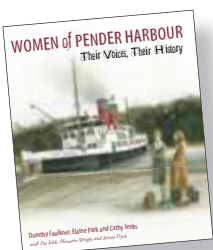
All that's missing is the "hecho en Cuba" on the label . . . and the complex flavour that comes only from the Vuelta Abajo. It's the difference between the best hothouse

**"I smoke 10 to 15 cigars a day.  
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— George Burns

**"Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."**

— Sigmund Freud



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tomato at the grocery and the one you grew yourself.

"So just quit," I hear someone say. I could do that. I quit cigarettes 15 years ago, and I'm glad I did despite the 60 extra pounds that suddenly appeared out of fat air. I gave up the pipe that I smoked before and during the cigarette habit.

Both were effective addictive nicotine delivery systems, but neither was very enjoyable. The first cigarette of the day or the one after dinner might be satisfying, but the rest are just feeding the nicotine beast. Pipe tobacco's taste is nothing like its pleasant aroma, and the smoke burns the tongue and kills taste buds.

Cigars, on the other hand, taste better than they smell. (I actually like the smell of a fine Havana while it is burning. But even the best cigars, like guests and garlic, are less appealing the next day. So cigar-smoking is definitely an outdoor hobby.)

And I have no desire to smoke more than one or two a month. Churchill chain-smoked his beloved Havanas

and George Burns received, free of charge, 300 ghastly El Producto Queens a month, but for most of us a cigar is an occasional treat.

There's the expense, of course, but I also don't want to dilute the sense of ceremony: Settling into the chairs, clinking the glasses, snipping the cap off the cigar's head and rotating it over a flame to start.

A substantial cigar lasts for an hour or more. You don't drag on it like a cigarette. You sip it, rolling the smoke in your mouth without inhaling. (Accidentally inhaling a fat cigar is anything but habit-forming; it's more like lung-removing.)

You pour a glass and sit back on the porch or by a campfire, savouring the matched smokiness of liquor and leaf. You relax; it is simply impossible to remain tense over a whisky and cigar. You talk, or not. It's perfectly natural to puff and sip in silence for minutes at a time. Needless to say, it's usually a guy thing.

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- Sat. Oct. 30.....2nd Annual Halloween Blues Bash - P. H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sun. Oct 31.....P. H. Legion Sunday Brunch (11 a.m.) and Mini Meat Draw (1 p.m.) - P. H. Legion
- Sun. Oct. 31.....PHVFD anuual Halloween Fireworks display - Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 1.....“Movember” begins
- Fri. Nov. 5.....MPES magazine fundraiser orders due.
- Sat. Nov. 6.....Grand opening of the Suncoaster Trail - Iris Griffith Centre, Noon
- Sat. Nov. 6.....P. H. Rotary Art Auction - Garden Bay Pub, 5:30 p.m. (live auction at 8 p.m.)
- Mon. Nov. 8.....P. H. Food Bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Thurs. Nov . 11.....Remembrance Day ceremonies - P. H. Legion, 11 a.m.
- Fri. Nov. 12.....P. H. Rotary presents Dr. Jonn Matsen speaking on herring spawn - Garden Bay Pub, Noon
- Sat. Nov. 13.....Fibreworks Studio and Gallery presents “Pine Needle Baskets” workshop - Fibreworks Gallery
- Sat. Nov. 13.....Egmont Community CLub presents “Egmont Saloon Night” - Egmont Community Hall, 7 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 14.....P. H. Music Society prsents Archie Fisher - P. H. School of Music, 3 p.m.
- Tues. Nov. 16.....P. H. and District Wildlife Society presents “Stand up for Great Bear” - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 18.....P. H. Aquatic Society Annual General Meeting - PHSS library, 7 p.m.
- Fri. Nov. 19.....Marina Pharmacy’s 11th annual Ladies Night - Marina Pharmacy, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 20.....P. H. Golf Club presents “Lobster Fest” - Clubhouse Restaurant
- Mon. Nov. 22.....P. H. Food Bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Sat. Nov. 20.....St. Mary’s Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 20.....Bluewaters Book presents local author George Connell - Bluewaters Books, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 24 & 25.....Madeira Park Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair - MPES Library, 2 -5 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 27.....Serendipity Child Care’s annual Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 27.....P. H. Rotary presents Hop-Scotch - P. H. Golf Club, 7 p.m.



### FERRY DEPARTURES

Effective to March 31, 2011\*

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles. See [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) for information on added sailings during peak periods.

| Langdale    | Horseshoe Bay | Earl's Cove | Saltery Bay |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| ♥ 6:20 a.m. | ♥ 7:20 a.m.   | ♦ 6:30 a.m. | ♦ 5:35 a.m. |
| 8:20 a.m.   | 9:20 a.m.     | 8:25 a.m.   | 7:25 a.m.   |
| 10:20 a.m.  | 11:20 a.m.    | 10:25 p.m.  | 9:25 a.m.   |
| 12:20 p.m.  | 1:20 p.m.     | 12:20 p.m.  | 11:20 a.m.  |
| 2:30 p.m.   | 3:30 p.m.     | 4:25 p.m.   | 3:20 a.m.   |
| 4:30 p.m.   | 5:30 p.m.     | 6:25 p.m.   | 5:25 p.m.   |
| 6:30 p.m.   | 7:25 p.m.     | 8:20 p.m.   | 7:20 p.m.   |
| 8:20 p.m.   | 9:15 p.m.     | 10:05 p.m.  | 9:15 p.m.   |

♥ Daily except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

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\*There is an alternate schedule for the Earls Cove ferry on the following dates:  
Oct. 8, 11, Dec. 24, 27 & 28.

## Deep Thoughts . . .

“Never laugh at a man, until you have walked a mile in his shoes.  
Then you are a mile away, and you have his shoes.”

— Jack Handey



*9th Annual*  
*Pender Harbour Rotary*

*Art Auction*

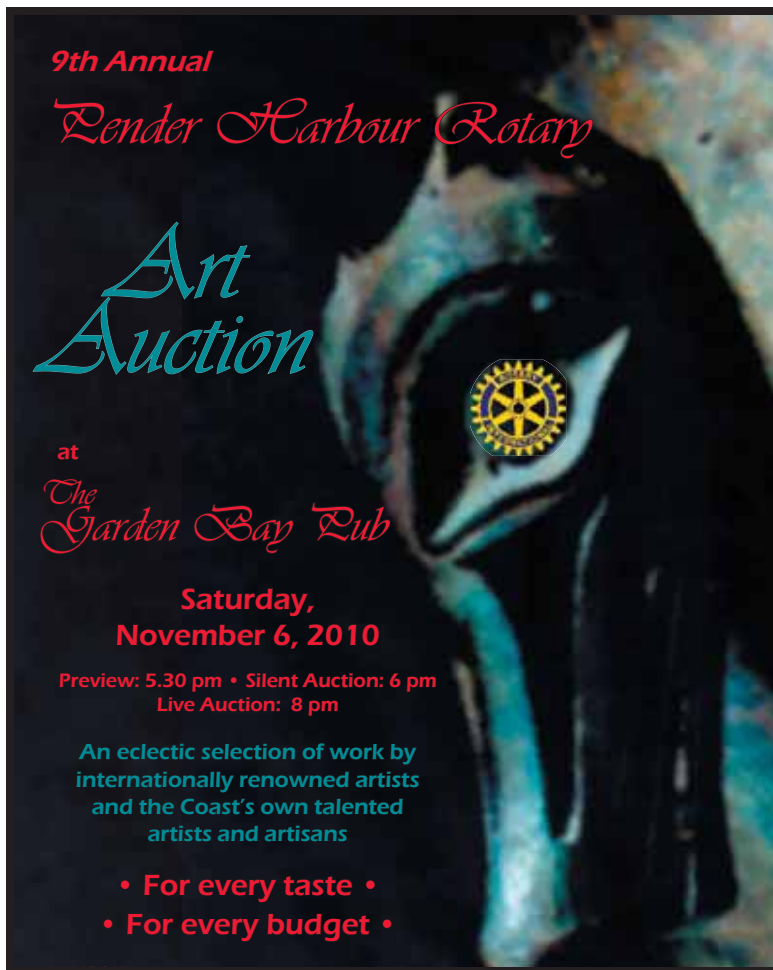
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NOV. 7: Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters

NOV. 14: Mike Evans & the Burning Sensations

NOV. 21: Gaetan and the French Connection

NOV. 28: Peter van B3

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SUNDAY: **Eggs Benny**