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Brian Lee

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Sunrise over Cecil Hill Jan 14.
(Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Read your way back to the middle



Brian Lee

Author Olin Miller wrote, “To be absolutely certain about something, one must know everything or nothing about it.”

Many despair how the internet has fallen far short of its promise to spread trustworthy information.

Whether it’s the amateur epidemiologist spouting off about killer vaccines or those who shun expert opinions in favour of the comforting simplicity of their YouTube guru, we’re adrift in a flood of guff, hooey and hogwash.

Sinister forces have found success in eliminating the nuance, or the truth, from political discussions to attract outraged converts to their extremities.

Like how alarmists say that Trump is “flirting with fascism.”

That’s outrageous.

He’s not flirting with fascism.

He’s just staring at fascism in a creepy way while thinking about walking over and grabbing her by the genitals.

Whether you wave a flag on the far right or far left, history and probability say you’re wrong.

Almost always, the truth lies somewhere in between.

That’s why we have journalists.

If friends roll their eyes when you start to speak, you may be one of those drifting to the extremities, so try this:

Read.

Your podcaster may disagree but proper journalists are still best equipped to undertake the independent research necessary to expose genuine travesties of justice and threats to democracy.

Outside of the *Harbour Spiel*, perhaps the best value for your reading dollar may be a magazine like *The Atlantic*.

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The stories might open your eyes, raise your blood pressure or provide therapy for some bit of psychology you didn’t even know you suffered.

For a Canadian outlook, my favourite is the *Walrus*.

A recent issue delves into the cost of

raising a child in Canada, consumer rage, a Canadian company betting millions on human-like robots, the personal struggles of a Canadian military vet and whether the Canadian Arctic should brace for an invasion.

Published eight times a year, a print subscription costs \$31.25 and it’s owned by a non-profit foundation governed by a board of directors and an educational review committee.

Even Joe Rogan doesn’t have that.

Canadians also have a huge range of free programming available on CBC Radio.

Sometimes slandered as the enemy of the taxpaying right, give it another chance, Pierre.

After decades of funding cuts, the Mother Corp. isn’t what it used to be but is still the bastion of Canadian culture.

I find that most people who pooh-pooh CBC Radio have never listened to it.

Don’t be one of those people.

For a little humanity, tune into “As it Happens” (weekdays at 6:30 p.m.).

The show began in 1968 with a simple premise — to call up “Canadian and world leaders, regular people in extraordinary circumstances, excited scientists, and proud eccentrics of all kinds.”

Then, switch off “Fox and Friends” and try “The Current” (weekdays, 8:30 a.m.), as Canada’s most-listened to radio program expertly dissects the issues of the day.

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After that, hit “Quirks and Quarks,” “Now or Never” or “On the Coast.”

One thing quality media has in common is a time-honed tradition of producers, editors and fact checkers who believe in the principles of journalism — truth, accuracy, fairness and independence.

They don’t get applauded enough these days and they’re needed more than ever.

BARGAIN BARN FASHION EXCHANGE WINE AND CHEESE: Sunday, Feb. 2, 1 to 4 p.m. p.m.

The Bargain Barn's second annual Fashion Exchange Fundraiser Wine and Cheese runs Sunday, Feb. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring clothes, shoes, jewelry, hats/gloves/scarves, handbags, evening purses etc. — anything fashion. All items must be perfectly clean and in gently used or new condition. The suggested maximum number of items is 10 and you receive a token for each swappable item. Use your tokens to “buy” fashion items. Extra tokens are \$5 each or five tokens for \$20. The event starts at 1 p.m. for drop off items, wine and cheese and social time before shopping starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25, by e-transfer to bbarnph@gmail.com.

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Lorraine Wareham

On the morning of Dec. 13, four members from the shìshàlh Nation came to bless the storybook walk in Madeira Park's Tyner Park including the daughters of the featured book's author. Raquel Joe (l) and Dawn Joe (r) are daughters of the late Donna Joe who wrote *Salmon Boy: A Legend of the Sechelt People*.

Salmon Boy brings to life the shìshàlh legend in which a young boy is captured by a chum salmon and brought to the country of the salmon people — a dry land beneath water where “the salmon people walked about the same as people do above the sea.” The boy lived with them for one year and his captivity becomes a source of learning that will ensure the survival of his own people.

Donna Joe was the first member of the shìshàlh Nation to receive a master's of education degree. She worked for the Sunshine Coast School District for over 35 years. As a teacher of Sechelt culture and language, Joe significantly contributed to the she shashishalhem language dictionary and won the Frances Fleming Award for inspirational achievement, the school district's highest honour. She died in 2013 at age 65.

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RCMP kept busy with a rash of serious incidents to end 2024

The Sunshine Coast RCMP are investigating a rash of violence allegedly related to the drug trade that hit Madeira Park in December.

Though they are remaining tight-lipped about the events that followed an alleged stabbing on Dec. 20, police are asking for witnesses or anyone with CCTV or dashcam footage that might aid their investigation to come forward.

SWORD AND GUNPLAY

On Dec. 21, the Sunshine Coast RCMP issued a statement requesting assistance in their investigation of a “weapons call.”

Rumours of a stabbing and a subsequent retaliatory shooting before Christmas were finally confirmed by the RCMP in a statement issued Jan. 13:

“The Sunshine Coast RCMP are investigating three separate, but believed related, incidents from Dec. 20 and Dec. 21, 2024.”

Police said that on Dec. 20 at approximately 12:40 a.m., they responded to the 12800 block of Sunshine Coast Hwy for a report of a male who had been stabbed.

According to one witness who spoke to the *Harbour Spiel* on condition of anonymity, this incident occurred at the cluster of small rental cabins at the top of Misery Mile sometimes referred to as “Divorce Flats” and may have involved a “samurai sword.”

RCMP said two male suspects fled the area in a vehicle prior to their arrival.

One man was air-lifted to a Lower Mainland hospital with serious injuries and has since been released.

Later that night, on Dec. 20 at approximately 11 p.m., the Sunshine

Coast RCMP responded to a report of a male who had been shot in the Rondevue Road area of Francis Peninsula in Madeira Park.

Police have said two male suspects fled the area in a vehicle prior to the RCMP’s arrival.

“A non-local male suffered a non-lethal gunshot wound and is recovering.”

Immediately following the shooting, sometime between 11:30 p.m. and 1 a.m., (late Dec. 20 or early Dec. 21) a vehicle crashed into a ditch on Eureka Place near Redroofs Road in Halfmoon Bay.

RCMP said they suspect this vehicle was involved in the earlier reported shooting.

The Sunshine Coast RCMP said that they do not believe the general public is at risk and that these incidents are related and not random in nature.

They are seeking assistance from anyone who may have witnessed either of the above incidents or anyone who may have CCTV/dashcam footage from the date/times in question.

Those with information are urged to contact the Sunshine Coast RCMP at (604)885-2266 and quote related file number 2024-9769 and “an investigator will contact you as soon as possible.”

To report anonymously, call CrimeStoppers at 1 (800)-222-8477.

DEAD MAN FOUND IN WILSON CREEK

Prior to these events, on Nov. 30, the Sunshine Coast RCMP responded to a call that a dead man had been located on branch 5 forest service road north of Field Road in Wilson Creek.

Though RCMP said there is no indication that the death is suspicious, they are still investigating.

The RCMP are seeking any dash cam, surveillance video or trail camera footage of any and all areas on Field Road as well as the branch 5 forest service road between 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, and Saturday at 1:30 a.m.

MISSING PERSON ‘LOCATED DECEASED’

On Dec. 30, the Sunshine Coast RCMP issued a missing persons report naming Jesse Hawkins, a 30-year-old man who was last seen Dec. 20 in Madeira Park.

On Jan. 13, the Sunshine Coast RCMP issued a statement declaring that Hawkins was “located deceased.”

“The RCMP and coroners service are still investigating, but at this time no foul play is suspected.

“The man’s family has been notified and no further information will be released at this time.”

A celebration of Hawkins’ life will be held Feb. 16 at Lion’s Field in Pender Harbour, from 1 to 4 p.m.





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8. LOW INCOME



8.2%

The percentage of Coast residents considered to be in poverty, according to the 2021 census, (overall BC rate was 9.7%).



1,135

Number of people who used the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society's food bank in 2023 (446 were first time users).



The 2021 census reported significantly less poverty on the Sunshine Coast than the previous 2016 census, but the numbers may be painting a more positive picture because of the various government benefits introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other indicators suggest many people in the community are still experiencing difficulties.

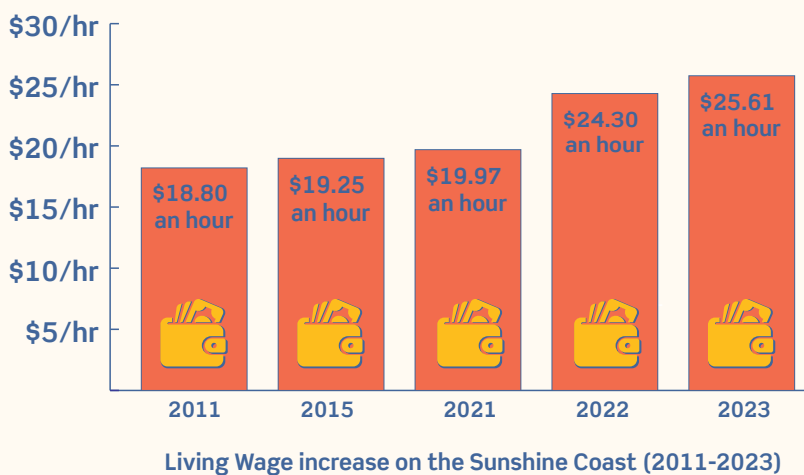
The 2023 Homeless Count identified **97 people** experiencing homelessness in Sechelt and Gibsons, up from **84** in 2020.

- 29%** said they have always been Sunshine Coast residents.
- 69%** have lived here for five years or longer.
- 77%** had experienced homelessness for a year or more.
- 12%** were under 25.
- 24%** were 55 or older.
- 22%** reported having a full or part time job.



13.8%

According to the 2021 census, the percentage of children on the Coast living in low income households. BC is 11.4%.



146

Those on the Coast in 2021 who accessed a homeless shelter or received BC employment assistance for 3 months with no fixed address.

SCRD launches updated and improved aerial imagery portal

Snooping on your neighbours by air has never been easier, or cheaper, than by way of the SCRД’s recently-updated mapping property viewer.

On Jan. 14, the Sunshine Coast Regional District, in partnership with the District of Sechelt and the Town of Gibsons, announced that the latest 2024 orthophoto imagery is now available.

From the SCRД release:
“An orthophoto is an aerial image that has been referenced to real-world co-ordinates, so each pixel in the photo can be accurately located.

“The imagery is typically collected every three to four years to ensure that maps remain accurate and up to date.

“This partnership made it possible to collect higher-resolution imagery in developed areas, to seamlessly blend with standard-resolution imagery across the rest of the region for a consistent viewing experience.”

The imagery was captured during the spring and summer of 2024.



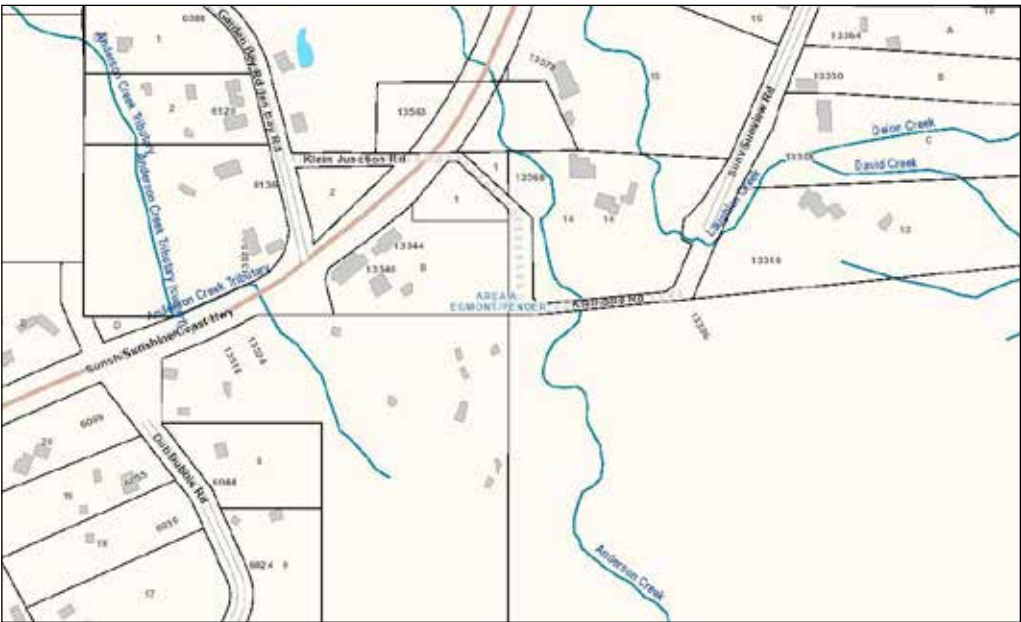
Downtown Kleindale, as it looked in the summer of 2024, with property lines. Similar imagery available on Google Earth was last updated In November 2022.

Residents can visit maps.scrd.ca/ to access the online map viewer.

Once there, options allow the viewer to switch between aerial photos and the base map with a panel on the left side of the viewer to control a selection of overlays including

property lines, zoning and elevation topography.

Though adding overlays can be confusing for the new user, most options can be easily accessed by clicking the blue tab with “I want to...” on the upper left corner of the map.



A simple ‘basemap’ of the aerial image of Kleindale shown above. Many options for overlays are available to choose from including Crown tenures, agricultural land reserve designations, sensitive ecosystems and fire protection areas.

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2025 SCRD property tax increases



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

With completion of our 2025 Round 2 budget discussions, I am reminded of Mark Twain's quip in 1887 after reading his own obituary, "The report of my death was an exaggeration."

I read that our tax increase is expected to be 11.3 per cent and, with our aging infrastructure, escalating labour and material costs, urgent need to implement climate-change measures, and ever-increasing environmental protection legislation, it seemed believable.

However, the facts disagree, just as Mark Twain proved his obituary false by living over a decade after its

publication.

SCRD TAX FACTS

Properties without SCRD fire or water service will increase 5.9 per cent, properties in the North Pender water service will increase 7.4 per cent, properties within the South Pender Service will increase 9.1 per cent, properties within the Egmont Fire Service but without SCRD water will increase 6.4 per cent, and Egmont properties with both fire and water service will increase 9.5 per cent.

Assessments relative to other SCRD areas could change these figures, but will not be significant.

INCREASES

User fees and parcel taxes, including the North Pender Water users fee increase of 8.89 per cent,

South Pender Water users fee increase of 12.1 per cent, and regional water users fee increase (including Egmont and Earls Cove) of 5.52 per cent are included in the above figures.

A feasibility study on a Pender Landing wastewater treatment plant service area will be \$37,500, but that will be recovered from users if the service is established.

Pender Harbour Health Centre funding will increase by 40.53 per cent (\$76,175).

Egmont and District Fire Protection funding will increase by 14.3 per cent (\$34,486) for a compensation action plan (\$17,643), \$11,058 for additional reserve contributions, insurance, and increased vehicle maintenance, and \$5,785 for additional support services and wages.

Community Parks will increase



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole
February 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
February 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee
February 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
February 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
February 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Agendas are available at
www.scrd.ca/agendas.

DID YOU KNOW? You can recycle Valentine's Day related packaging such as: tissue paper, rigid plastic inserts in chocolate boxes and metal chocolate or cookie tins. Plus, flowers can be composted! Find more Valentine's Day waste reduction tips and recycling options here:
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Family Day Hours of Operation, Monday February 17, 2025: Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Green Recycling In Pender Society (GRIPS) are closed. The Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAQ:

Where do I go if my neighbourhood is ordered to evacuate during an emergency? We cannot tell you where to go without first knowing the type and location of the emergency. If an evacuation is ordered, the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program will determine which facilities to open as reception centres, and then share the site information with affected residents, through the channels listed below.

- Voyent Alert!: scrd.ca/alert-system
- SCRD website: scrd.ca/emergency-alerts
- 91.7 FM radio
- SCRD Facebook page: facebook.com/sunshinecoastrd
- SCRD X (Twitter) account

by 25.7 per cent (\$173,240), including \$63,100 for John Daly Park noxious weed removal, a \$5,000 grant for a heat pump at Sarah Wray Hall, our share of \$143,000 for Chaster Park access improvements, \$192,500 for increased inflationary expenses and \$100,000 for a parks service review.

General government will increase by 10 per cent (\$31,133) for cyberattack and data recovery services, new EV charger installations, and maintenance costs for our 20-year-old Field Road building.

These projects, covered by 2025 taxes, still need to be prioritized and will be funded by previous budgets, 2025 grants and operation and capital reserves.

DECREASES

We made some hard decisions to keep the 2025 budget as low as practical, including a \$99,085 savings by not funding the SCREDO economic development service.

More savings were accomplished by deferring the following items for a second look in the 2026 budget.

- -\$92,250 for the Pender Harbour Health Centre's roof;
- -\$75,000 for a Katherine Lake Park management plan required to build a path around the lake;
- -\$75,000 for a Dan Bosch Park management plan to expand parking;
- -\$95,000 for West Beach Park (Keats Island) erosion mitigation;
- -\$184,000 for a new asphalt pad on the tennis court and fencing at Egmont Park;
- -\$70,000 for a parks sign-standards plan and specs, and
- -\$208,000 for Chaster House and Ocean Beach esplanade sustainability planning.

PARKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS WISHLIST

Vinebrook, Kleindale, and Co-op Housing bridge replacements, needed because of failure or flood damage, aren't included in the 2025 budget.

Structural concerns triggered closure of both Vinebrook bridge and Kleindale bridge on the Suncoaster Trail in Area A in 2022 and 2023 respectively, but alternate routes were established.

The Co-op Housing bridge over Clack Creek (Roberts Creek) remains open after 2024 repairs but is also flagged for replacement.

Replacement costs for the three bridges total \$820,000 including removal of existing structures and the following considerations.

Engineering assessment and design for the remote Vinebrook bridge, spanning 17.8 metres over a steep-walled gully and funded in 2023, is underway with a more refined proposal to be presented in 2026.

The remote, 12.1 metre Kleindale bridge over a stream originating up the steep mountainside of the Caren Range requires professional engagements for design, an archaeological assessment, and likely water sustainability and DFO permitting.

Design and construction of the 7.6 metre Housing Co-op bridge requires engagement by a biologist, engineer, architect, geotechnical engi-

neer, etc.

Steel truss bridge structures are recommended for all three because they are ideal for the damp forest environments, allow cost-effective upfront construction and long-term maintenance, and conform to current design codes and guidelines for pedestrian, cycling, horses and ATVs in addition to pedestrians and cyclists use.

We have a long list of parks projects but lack the staff support to undertake them, and most directors don't support hiring additional staff, at least before the 2025 parks service review is completed.



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trivia

1. What was the first name of the owner of Lloyd's Store (now John Henrys)?

- ☐ a. Jim
- ☐ b. Bill
- ☐ c. Doug
- ☐ d. Al

2. Name of the local band that formed in 1973 and performed for three decades in Pender Harbour.

- ☐ a. Harbour Lights Dance Band
- ☐ b. Harbour Waves Dance Band
- ☐ c. Harbour Nights Dance Band
- ☐ d. Harbour Whites Dance Band

3. Which island is largest?

- ☐ a. Calder
- ☐ b. Pearson
- ☐ c. Captain
- ☐ d. Martin

4. John Daly's boat the *MoreKelp* was featured in what local book?

- ☐ a. *Jedediah Days*
- ☐ b. *Fishing With John*
- ☐ c. *Spilsbury's Coast*
- ☐ d. *No Longhairs*

5. Name of the contemporary artist who runs a studio in Garden Bay.

- ☐ a. Minako
- ☐ b. Motoko
- ☐ c. Hisako
- ☐ d. Noriko

6. Where is the late Harry Roberts' Sunray Cabin?

- ☐ a. Nelson Island
- ☐ b. Kleindale
- ☐ c. Thormanby Island
- ☐ d. Earls Cove

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



Brian Lee

The Crossroads, the PCan, Klompton, Opiate Oasis — whatever you call downtown Kleindale, between bursts of hyperactivity and drama, it takes on a comforting glow at dusk. Change is in the Kleindale air as the former Crossroads Grill campground (across the highway from the gas station) was recently sold to new owners. The 18.7 acre property was owned by the grandson of the late Alfred and Frances Lajlar who lived there and operated Frances' Hamburger Stand (now Triple B Burgers) in Madeira Park for many years.

letters

Connell: Province should help maintain the Coast's trail

Editor,

I would like to extend my thanks to Grant McBain for his thoughtful letter to the editor in the January edition of *Harbour Spiel*, wherein he suggests some insightful alternatives to the Vine Creek Bridge.

I think any walker/runner/horseperson would welcome an up-creek series of switchbacks, as manoeuvring the highway in any form is patently dangerous; there are three right hand turns with virtually no shoulder while the rest of the highway shoulder is littered with great clumps of storm detritus.

And who would bear responsibility for injury or death?

Not the SCRD.

February 2025

But I believe there is a more basic consideration.

The SCRD has sole responsibility for the maintenance of the trail, but over the past few years it has been sorely neglected, either as a result of disinterest as some have expressed or, as I believe, insufficient funding.

It has long been my belief that trail and park development and maintenance should accrue to the provincial regime.

I believe that we have a great opportunity to resurrect a great idea — a peninsula-long trail system — which can be enjoyed by all of us, and this can only be achieved with the support of the provincial government.

George Connell
skelh



George Connell

Vinebrook Bridge has been closed since November 2022.

pendler harbour tides ~ february 2025

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



February	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sat 01	3.3	3.9	5.6	8.1	11.0	13.6	15.5	16.2	15.8	14.5	12.6	10.6	9.1	8.4	8.7	9.7	11.1	12.4	13.2	13.2	12.1	10.3	8.2	6.4
Sun 02	5.1	4.9	5.8	7.7	10.2	12.7	14.9	16.1	16.2	15.2	13.4	11.2	9.2	7.7	7.2	7.6	8.8	10.4	11.8	12.8	12.9	12.1	10.7	9.0
Mon 03	7.6	6.8	6.9	8.0	9.8	12.1	14.2	15.7	16.2	15.7	14.2	12.1	9.8	7.8	6.4	6.1	6.6	7.9	9.5	11.1	12.2	12.6	12.2	11.3
Tue 04	10.1	9.1	8.7	9.0	10.1	11.7	13.5	15.0	15.9	15.9	14.9	13.1	10.8	8.5	6.6	5.3	5.1	5.7	6.9	8.6	10.3	11.7	12.4	12.5
Wed 05	12.0	11.4	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.8	13.1	14.4	15.3	15.7	15.3	14.0	12.0	9.7	7.5	5.6	4.5	4.2	4.8	5.9	7.6	9.3	11.0	12.3
Thu 06	12.9	12.9	12.6	12.3	12.1	12.3	12.9	13.8	14.6	15.2	15.2	14.5	13.1	11.1	8.8	6.7	4.9	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.3	6.9	8.7	10.6
Fri 07	12.2	13.4	13.9	13.8	13.4	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.8	14.4	14.7	14.6	13.8	12.3	10.3	8.2	6.1	4.4	3.4	3.1	3.7	4.9	6.7	8.8
Sat 08	10.9	12.7	14.0	14.6	14.6	14.1	13.6	13.2	13.2	13.5	13.9	14.2	14.1	13.4	11.9	9.9	7.8	5.7	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.5	4.9	6.9
Sun 09	9.3	11.6	13.5	14.8	15.2	15.0	14.3	13.5	12.9	12.7	12.9	13.3	13.7	13.8	13.2	11.7	9.8	7.5	5.4	3.8	2.8	2.7	3.5	5.2
Mon 10	7.5	10.1	12.4	14.3	15.3	15.5	14.9	13.9	12.9	12.2	12.0	12.3	12.9	13.4	13.6	13.0	11.6	9.6	7.3	5.2	3.5	2.7	2.8	4.0
Tue 11	6.0	8.5	11.1	13.4	15.0	15.6	15.3	14.4	13.2	12.0	11.3	11.3	11.8	12.6	13.3	13.5	12.9	11.4	9.3	7.0	4.9	3.5	2.9	3.3
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Sun 23	11.5	12.9	13.8	14.1	13.9	13.4	12.9	12.5	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.5	11.7	10.3	8.7	7.0	5.5	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.9	6.4	8.3
Mon 24	10.3	12.2	13.6	14.4	14.5	14.0	13.3	12.6	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.6	12.9	12.8	12.0	10.6	8.8	6.8	5.1	3.8	3.3	3.5	4.7	6.5
Tue 25	8.8	11.1	13.1	14.4	14.9	14.6	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.3	11.4	11.9	12.6	13.1	13.1	12.3	10.8	8.7	6.5	4.6	3.3	2.8	3.4	4.9
Wed 26	7.2	9.8	12.2	14.1	15.1	15.0	14.3	13.1	11.7	10.8	10.5	10.8	11.7	12.7	13.4	13.5	12.6	10.9	8.6	6.2	4.3	3.0	2.8	3.8
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Fri 28	4.8	7.1	9.8	12.5	14.6	15.6	15.3	14.2	12.3	10.4	8.8	8.1	8.4	9.6	11.3	12.9	13.9	14.0	13.1	11.2	8.8	6.5	4.8	4.1

David J. Pearson

MAY 18, 1946 — DECEMBER 19, 2024



David Pearson died on Dec. 19 at the age of 78 after a prolonged illness.

Pearson was a British physicist and computer scientist.

He had degrees in physics and theoretical physics from London University and Imperial College of Science and Technology, and in computer science from the University of Cambridge, where he did his postgraduate research.

One of his colleagues wrote:

“David was a genius, standing head and shoulders above his peers in the computing industry, not only a man who could see things but could see things through.

“He designed CADES, a software engineering environment used for the development of large-scale software systems that was at the cutting edge of computer technology and one of the first of its kind in the world.

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In 1977 he married the love of his life Linda and once said “everything became possible then.”

Pearson was recruited by Bell Northern Research in Ottawa to work in the research laboratories as director of advanced development.

He then became founder and president of Orcatech, one of the world’s first intelligent graphics workstation companies and took it public on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

A move to Banff followed and then back to Europe in 1986 when he became a company turnaround specialist and the first chief executive of the Strathclyde Institute, a research and consultancy company based in Glasgow, Scotland.

Pearson held other senior positions in economic development in both Scotland and England before returning to Canada.

In 2003, the couple retired to the Sunshine Coast to enjoy all the things they loved — boating, hiking, reading, listening to music and the company of family and friends.

He had a penchant for cars and continued to indulge his love of motorized vehicles during retirement.

Sailing and boating in British Columbia and the British Virgin Is-

lands led to Pearson becoming training officer and commander of the P. H. Power and Sail Squadron.

Pearson leaves behind his beloved family — wife Linda, step-daughter Jayne (Stephen), stepson Darren (Joanne) and grandchildren Greg, Katie, Jordan and Ryan, and pussy cats Spirit and Maizie.

He loved Scotland, the Norfolk Broads and the Lake District in the UK, Zermatt in Switzerland, Hawaii and the inherent decency and beauty of Canada and his home in Madeira Park where he wanted to “set off after the dolphins.”

Pearson’s family sends grateful thanks to Dr. Sarah Wadge and Dr. Carol Bosch as well as the nurses and staff of the Pender Harbour Health Centre and Sechelt Hospital.

A life well lived — a small family funeral has taken place and donations in his name can be made to the P. H. Health Centre by anybody who would like to remember him.

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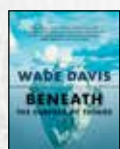
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- 2. Lightning Strikes the Silence: A Lane Winslow Mystery**
by Iona Wishaw
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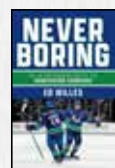
- 5. Always On Call: Adventures in Nursing, Ranching, and Rural Living**
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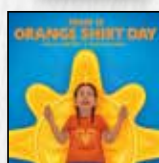
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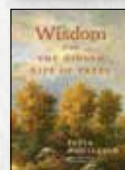
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John Roderick (Roddy) Webb

MARCH 29, 1947 — JANUARY 1, 2025



Rod Webb of Madeira Park died suddenly on Jan. 1 after succumbing to injuries from a fall.

Webb was born in North Vancouver in 1947 to parents Rod and Doreen Webb.

The family lived in Jervis Inlet logging camps for many years until Rod was of school age.

Then they moved to Pender Harbour so that Rod could attend Madeira Park Elementary School and Pender Harbour High School.

Over the years, he lived in various locations throughout Pender Harbour, ranging from Egmont to Madeira Park.

Webb and wife Wendy were together for many years, eventually settling in “Misery Mile” at the infamous Webb estate.

He worked as a heavy-duty machine operator, self-employed, before being contracted by LaFarge Canada, Earle Creek, across from Egmont.

He retired around age 70.

Webb loved his annual trips to Mazatlán, Mexico, his golden retrievers and Wendy.

He collected classic cars and put-

tered in his shop, enjoying his retirement.

He also became a great contributor to the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park regularly attending the Saturday meat draw.

Webb is survived by his wife Wendy, his sister Janet (Murray), adopted son Steve (Marcia), cousin Dar and many other cousins.

As well, his sister-in-law Lorna (Rae) and brother- in-law Zot., and by his furry companions Bailey and Holly.

Rod Webb will be sorely missed by all the community who loved him.

For those who have been a part of his life, please come and raise a glass in memory of him on March 29, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Legion.

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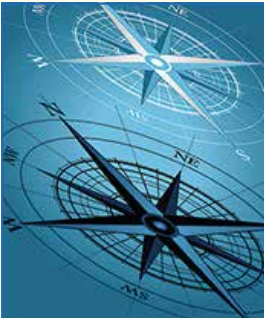


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Feb. 6

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Feb. 20

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Feb. 6 – Come make a Valentine Card to give to a student. The more crafters the better.

Feb. 13 – Board games.

Feb. 20 – Presentation on Pender Harbour's Community Hall "Raising the Roof Campaign."

Feb. 27 – Free lunch for all who attend. Music with Joan & Ted Woodard

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7am to 1pm

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7 am – 1 pm
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Thursdays 5:30 PM to 7:30 pm

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Latest Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Hop On/Hop Off Schedule (Tuesday – Thursday only)			
	Bus Stop Location	Egmont to Sechelt	Sechelt to Egmont
1	Bathgate Store (Egmont)	9.00 am	3.30 pm
2	Petro Canada (Maderia Park)	9.30 am	3.00 pm
3	Pender Harbour Community Hall	9.40 am	2.50 pm
4	Lily Lake Housing <i>*No parking on site at Lily Lake</i>	9.50 am	2.40 pm
5	Pender Harbour Health Centre	10.00 am	2.30 pm
6	Halfmoon Bay Bus Stop (Highway 101)	10.15 am	2.15 pm
7	Trail and Cowrie St (Sechelt)	10.30 am	2.00 pm
8	Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre	10.38 am	1.52 pm
9	Sunshine Coast Community Services Food Bank <i>*Foodbank operates on Wednesday only</i>	10.45 am	1.45 pm
10	Sechelt/shishalh Hospital	10.52 am	1.38 pm
11	Your Independent Grocer	11.00 am	1.30 pm
During the 2.5-hour wait in Sechelt the bus will continue to offer pick up and drop off between Sechelt locations between the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am – 12pm • 1pm – 1.30pm 			
Please note: the PHHC minibus will stop at each stop for 2-3 minutes before heading to the next stop.			



Better
at Home



United Way helping seniors remain independent.



Wildlife society hosts Grizzly Bear Foundation's Nicholas Scapillati

Submitted

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society hosts a presentation by Nicholas Scapillati, Garden Bay resident and the executive director of the Grizzly Bear Foundation, on Feb. 18

The GBF is a Canadian charitable organization dedicated to the welfare and conservation of the grizzly bear across North America.

Guided by science and Indigenous knowledge, the foundation works collaboratively through research, public education and advocacy.

Scapillati has over 25 years of experience in environmental non-profit management.

He studied biogeography at McMaster University and began his career working at the David Suzuki Foundation.

Scapillati holds a master's degree in conservation leadership from the University of Guelph.

His presentation will focus on the conservation status of the grizzly bear, why there are more grizzly sightings on the Coast and how to plan for coexistence.

The presentation will be at the P. H. Secondary School foods room.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. before the presentation at 7 p.m.

For more information, email info@penderharbourwildlife.com.



submitted

Nicholas Scapillati, executive director of the Grizzly Bear Foundation.

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Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Harbour Seal of Disapproval. By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A very appreciated Harbour Seal of Approval to **Matt McDonald, IGA store manager**, for once again helping Women's Connection and Flair on the Coast with their Christmas fundraising raffles. The gift baskets were amazing

Jean Pate

Harbour Seals of Approval to the **ladies that baked** for our community craft fair and to **everyone who supported** our best bake sale to date.

Special thanks to **Maureen, Eve and Peggy** and also, to **Lesley** for organizing one of the best craft fairs in the middle of a windstorm.

Patti Gaudet

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Neil Cox** for supplying the power for the "Rockefeller" tree across from the Oak Tree Market.

And to **all the Pender Harbour**

businesses that put in the extra time to decorate your store(s) with lights and holiday decor!

Katherine Ayers
P. H. Winterfest team

Harbour Seals of Approval to **all the people that attended my accident** on Hwy. 101 (S. Pender waterworks corner). I didn't know there were so many good people around. To all of you — my thanks.

Mario Agosti

A sunset full of Harbour Seals of Approval and appreciation to **the Pender Harbour Health Centre, Rick's compassionate care team (Pamela Trant, Jennifer Hunsche, Kathleen Wood)**.

Also, to **the veterinary staff team, clients and four-legged friends of Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital**.

Jan and Holly Smalley and Glenn Sernyk (Rick Smalley's family)




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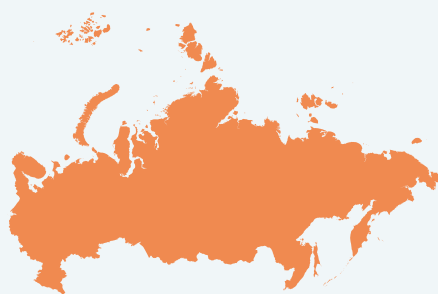
FEBRUARY

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, **extra large**)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 1:32 PM -L
2. 2:11 PM -L
3. 2:47 PM -L
4. **8:08 AM +XL, 3:24 PM -XL**
5. 8:37 AM +L, **4:05 PM -XL**
6. 9:33 PM +M
7. 10:40 AM +M
8. 12:15 PM +S
9. 9:10 AM -S, 1:22 PM +S
10. 9:45 AM -M, 2:16 PM +M
11. 10:44 AM -M, 3:05 PM +M
12. 11:27 AM -M, 3:51 PM +M
13. 12:01 PM -M, 4:47 PM +M
14. 12:28 AM -L
15. 1:03 PM -L
16. 1:30 PM -L
17. 1:54 PM -L
18. 2:16 PM -L
19. **2:18 PM -XL**
20. 8:04 AM +M, 2:43 PM -L
21. 8:58 AM +S, 3:31 PM -L
22. 10:34 AM +S, 4:59 PM -L
23. 7:54 AM -S, 12:12 PM +S
24. 8:46 AM -M, 1:23 PM +M
25. 9:32 AM -M, 2:14 PM +M
26. 10:15 AM -M, 3:01 PM +L
27. 10:56 AM -M, 3:48 PM +L
28. 11:35 AM -L, 4:38 PM +L

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RUSSIA

No. 9

Russia is the ninth most populous country in the world with 147.2 million people.

67.57

The life expectancy for a Russian male born in 2022.

77.7

The life expectancy for a Russian female at birth in 2022.

95%

Percentage of Russian adults aged 25-64 who have completed upper secondary education.

86.2%

Percentage of dwellings in Russia that contain private access to an indoor flushing toilet.

\$19,546

The Russian average for household disposable income per capita in USD, less than the global average of \$30,490 a year.

75.3%

Percentage of Russian population living in urban areas (2023).

40.8%

Percentage of Russian males who use tobacco products (2020 est.).

\$2.02 trillion

Russian gross domestic product in USD in 2023. The U.S. was \$27.36 trillion.

99.69%

Russia's literacy rate.

~ Statista, GlobalData, wikipedia, OECD

FEBRUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average February daily high temperature is 7.5 C; average low is 3.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 5.5 C. The highest February temperature recorded is 14.3 C (Feb. 27, 1986); the lowest is -10.1 C (Feb. 13, 1990).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

February should have about 85.7 hours of bright sunshine (the most since October), 16 days with measurable rainfall and one day with measurable snowfall. February should have a total rainfall of 99 mm and a total snowfall of 7 cm. The highest February daily rainfall recorded is 49 mm (Feb. 11, 1983); the highest February daily snowfall recorded is 22.9 cm (Feb. 15, 1983).

FEBRUARY ASTROLOGY



AQUARIUS: JAN. 20 - FEB. 18

Aquarians are original, independent humanitarians who shy away from emotional expression. This often makes them seem uncompromising and aloof. Aquarians are thoughtful listeners but they rarely tolerate someone they disagree with. The New Year will start off well with Venus in your First House. Your wife won't like it but your finances and social life will. Plunge into that investment you were considering. On Feb. 29, a windfall will encourage growth and new beginnings. Consider a pet to boost your spiritual awakening.



PISCES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 20

The finest of the signs, Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics. The start of the New Year will be a time for focusing on spiritual and psychological needs, and for self-reflection. On Feb. 4, Mercury moves into Aquarius and the spiritual zone. All your chakras will be firing so take this time to listen to them, massage them and nurture them so as to prepare for a tumultuous year ahead. You're a Pisces — you can't lose.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Jan. 18.

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

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| 1. Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love by Shelley and Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings) | 6. The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing) |
| 2. Untold Tales of Old British Columbia by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press) | 7. Raincoast Chronicles Fifth Five by Rick James, Judith Williams, Jean Barman & David R. Conn (Harbour Publishing) |
| 3. Never Boring: The Up and Down History of the Vancouver Canucks by Ed Willes (Harbour Publishing) | 8. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben and Fred Bernard, illustrated by Benjamin Flao (Greystone Books) |
| 4. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books) | 9. Points of Interest by David Beers & andrea bennett (Greystone Books) |
| 5. The Animal People Choose a Leader by Richard Wagamese, illus. by Bridget George (Douglas & McIntyre) | 10. Slumach's Gold by Brian Antonson, Mary Trainer & Rick Antonson (Heritage House Publishing) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 1 ~ Randy Rayment and Earl Stewart.
 Feb. 2 ~ Mary Cochet, Jennifer Jones and Paola Stewart.
 Feb. 3 ~ Chloe Campbell and Lorna Rousseau.
 Feb. 4 ~ Rob Alliston, Susan Hardie and Joyce Soper.
 Feb. 6 ~ Lachlin Rand.
 Feb. 9 ~ Jackie Crowell.
 Feb. 10 ~ Eddie Smith.
 Feb. 11 ~ Cody Pantages, Scott Smith and Chris Garbers.
 Feb. 12 ~ Tony Rabachuk.
 Feb. 13 ~ Kim McCanse.
 Feb. 14 ~ Steve Morton, Christine Fenn and Elsie Rennie.
 Feb. 15 ~ Shawna Lee Edwardson.
 Feb. 16 ~ Carly Bloch, Irene Boyd and Evan Silvey.
 Feb. 17 ~ Dot Farrell, Daniel Dore and Jessica Munro.
 Feb. 18 ~ Rick Smalley.
 Feb. 19 ~ Debbie Cole and Joan McDougall.
 Feb. 21 ~ Ethan Enns, Ryan Phillips, Helen LeBlanc and Cathy Silvey.
 Feb. 22 ~ Chelsea Scoular.
 Feb. 23 ~ Tony Botticelli, Evelyn Cumming and Donna Campbell.
 Feb. 24 ~ Debbie Rand.
 Feb. 25 ~ Bruce Haines.
 Feb. 27 ~ Neale Smith, Rick Jones and Gunnar Silvey.
 Feb. 28 ~ Nolan Percival, Trevor Morin, Bob Walsh, Erin Fraser and Sharlene Gamble.



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Local health matters

PHHC launches seniors' food security program

Further to our announcement in January, the Pender Harbour Health Centre would like to let the community know of another NEW Better at Home program that we have recently launched.

This new program is called the Pender Harbour Better at Home Food Security Program.

This new food security program aims to give 12 eligible seniors in Pender Harbour and surrounding communities access to eight free nutritious meals biweekly which are delivered to their homes by one of our valued Better at Home volunteers.

The program aims to lower barriers to food security, provide healthy meal options for seniors and help create some financial security for those accessing the program.

This new program is funded by United Way BC and supported by the Sunshine

Coast Healthy Aging Community Collaborative.

We would also like to give a notable mention to the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre who have partnered with the PHHC to provide these meals to seniors in Pender Harbour. We appreciate their support and collaboration as we develop and deliver this new program.

During our 2024 Community Needs Process financial instability and food security challenges were identified as key issues for the community.

The PHHC is happy that we can start to address these challenges through this new senior food security program.

If you would like know more about this program then please reach out to our Better at Home Coordinator Haida at 604-212-2232 or haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com.



P. H. Health Centre seeks physician housing support

The PHHC is always actively seeking ways to bring new physicians and nurse practitioners to the Health Centre as we know how much this is needed. The PHHC is currently a member of the Division of Family Practice Recruitment and Retention Committee and is also working with the Sunshine Coast Primary Care Network (PCN) to attract physicians to our community.

Given the challenges that exist provincially and locally here on the Sunshine Coast where around 7,000 community members remain unattached, the Sunshine Coast PCN has recently hired a marketing agency named Anchor Marketing to help promote the Sunshine Coast to prospective physicians. The PHHC has been identified as one of their first strategies given the need in our community.

To attract physicians, Anchor Marketing have reached out to the Health Centre to see if we are able to source suitable part-time and full-time housing options for physicians and their families. This is where we are reaching out to you, the community.

If you have a short-term or long-term rental property that you would be willing to offer to a prospective physician or NP, we ask that you reach out to our Executive Director Nick Gaskin at nick.gaskin@penderharbourhealth.com.

Mining in the Caren Range, part 2

Ray Phillips

(Continued from Jan. 2025 issue)

BUILDING THE ROAD

Building the road was nearly impossible due to the steepness of the route.

After it was finished, two of the longest hills were 28 per cent grade.

Uncle Pete (Klein) was the guy who picked the route it would take, and he spent a lot of time walking the whole side of that mountain until he was satisfied it could be done.

Then John Klein, with his own money, purchased a brand-new International TD 14 bulldozer and a self-propelled air compressor, so that the road building grant money was only used for other expenses.

The crew consisted of Uncle Pete on bulldozer, cousin Wilf and I on chainsaw and muckstick etc.

Since there was so much drilling and blasting needed, John searched around Gastown in Vancouver until he found his old roadman from Elk Bay, Jack Morrison.

I was living with Uncle John and Charlie in two bunkhouses part way up the mountain, when he brought his new rockman up to stay with us.

He was a sorry looking guy from too much booze and he couldn't even get him out of bed the next day.

After a few days we got him out on the job and when the booze got worked out he proved his worth.

To his credit we never would have made it without his lifetime of experience in the mining industry.

Even still, some days we only made a few feet of new road, but continued stubbornly upward.

There were two canyon crossings that really slowed us down, as the bridges required 70-foot long trees,

big enough to hold up a heavy truck.

It took two partial seasons to finally break over the top and finish the section to the mine site.

Once up on top, we lived up there for weeks at a time in an old log house from the first miners who had done some surveying years before.

WORKING THE MINE

After the old miner Jack Morrison and I moved in, we had to have the site of the ore stripped off with the bulldozer and a big working area flattened nearby.

Then they built a big storage bin that would hold about 50 tons to load into a truck.

After an ore body was sampled and found to be good, we moved the old hand dump car from the old tunnel and laid the small railroad track to the dump bin.

It was built way up in the air so we could dump ore into the bin or waste rock to the side.

The first miners drove a crooked tunnel on the north side and they found some really good ore which they had to leave at the adit.

We were kept busy moving it into the storage bin until the truck, an old

army six by six with a five-yard box and all-wheel drive, was found.

Everything was OK until we really got into the main body of ore.

Then, it was slow and we only made two trips daily to the tidewater dump where a big planked area with sides to keep it from spillage was built in order to load a big barge at high tide with a bulldozer.

Two 350-ton barge loads were shipped to Tacoma.

While we were mining, it was just old Jack and I but John would show up once in a while just to see how things were going.

One time he was going to Vancouver and wanted a big sample of our best ore for the BC Chamber of Mines.

We were into a face of pure yellow chalcopryite (a copper iron sulfide mineral with the chemical formula CuFeS_2) with veins of blue bornite (also known as peacock ore, a sulfide mineral with chemical composition Cu_5FeS_4) you could pick wires of pure copper metal out of.

The face was eight feet high and 15 feet long.

Old Jack had a round of holes drilled two-feet deep with a two foot



Examples of chalcopryite (l) and bornite (r) that the Kleins dug out of their mining enterprise in the Caren hills above Pender Harbour during the late 1940s/early 1950s.

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Harbour Spiel

spacing all over this face.

It was quitting time and Jack was going to the cabin, planning to fire it next day.

But John wanted to get his sample and to see the ore from the blast before his trip to Vancouver,

So, Jack had all the powder cut to a one-quarter stick of Forcite (a gelatin dynamite in which the dope is composed largely of sodium nitrate) which was about two inches long, with strong instructions to not use any more.

When John took a look at this tiny bit of bang in a two-foot hole, he reasoned that it wasn't enough and put two sticks in each hole.

It was lucky that the face was pointed toward the big parking area, because it blew most of those tons of beautiful ore all over the site as well into the forest across the road.

John postponed his trip while he and Uncle Fred spent the next few days gathering up what they could find.

John got about a 50 pound sample that was the second best in all of B.C. for that year.

Meanwhile, Pete had a crew logging with Cats and the new Kenworth logging truck.

That first winter, the truck went back to the dealer where it was converted to a combination gravel and logging truck by lifting the log bunk off and backing into its new 16-yard box.

There was a lot of mechanical and welding needed with this new operation, as well as local business available, so Pender Harbour Explorations decided to build a big commercial service station.

My mother sold them half an acre on the Garden Bay road, and a



Brian Lee

The Caren Range and Mt. Hallowell (middle of frame).

carpenter named Herman Nickelson built the four-stall garage, with a showroom out front.

Still in use, it is now called the Flying Anvil Art Gallery.

John found his old mechanic Jerry Gordon who, with his wife Rose, ran the service station.

Gordon also looked after the logging and mining work as well as helped as a portable welder on the job.

The Kenworth logging truck had water cooling on the back tandem axles but no cooling on the front wheels.

The first trip down the mountain almost burned the front brakes out, so a tank had to be mounted and water piped to the front wheels also.

The other problem was that it wasn't all-wheel drive and if any lookey-loos with two-wheel drives tried to get up that road, they chewed it up so bad the Kenworth would spin out.

John would rant and rave about these "two-legged tit scratchers" chewing up his hill, forcing him to rake it smooth before the truck came in the morning.

He lived just at the top of the

worst hill.

After the kinks were out, we had our best year and sent a barge load away and started another before the snow chased us down the hill.

Old Jack headed back to his old haunts with a good summer's stake and came back to us next year with

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Mining in the Caren Range, part 2 (cont.)

(continued from p. 31)

the DTs (severe alcohol withdrawal) after John found him by searching all over Gastown again.

He got him cleaned up in some new clothes and had me go live with him until he could be left alone.

He claimed he was a winter alcoholic and once he was working he never touched the bottle.

When he was sober, you couldn't get a better partner.

He kept the cabin spotless and cooked good grub too.

He had silicosis from all those years mining underground and couldn't work underground ever again.

When we were all through scratching up the last easy stuff and the last barge load was gone, we pulled out.

The ore was so high grade that they got \$70 per ton and claimed that they made money.

It gave a lot of people a good job



Brian Lee

Pender Harbour from the the Caren range, taken not far from the Klein's mine site.

while it lasted.

Old Jack got the job of blasting the top off the hill where the Madeira Park Elementary School sits now.

When I last talked to him, he had his biggest stake ever and was going to buy a small piece of ground in the Fraser Valley and grow strawberries.

I will always wonder if he did.

SALURIAN CHIEFTAIN MINES

A few years after we quit, some stock promoters got hold of the reports of our mining and leased the site from Uncle Fred.

They thought we had quit too soon and was convinced more high grade was to be found.

So, they went on the Vancouver stock exchange and sent a crew up to begin mining.

Their ore truck was a one-ton Dodge power wagon, and by really scratching and picking up what we missed, they shipped 150 tons of ore.

And then Salurian Chieftain mines was no more.

I was going to invest in it but Aunt Mollie warned me it didn't look good to her and said if I gave her my cheque, and it looked good, she would buy some stock for me.

A few months later she returned my cheque.

The crew were quite friendly and would come and visit my family quite often.

One of them, Tony Lindsey, married my cousin Corrine Klein, Fred Klein's daughter.

Another guy, Harvey Cohen, a Jew, visited us a lot and told us about his education as a kid which was all the schooling we got plus rabbinical school and two years of banking.

He found an old Dodge panel truck for my Dad that served him for many years after.

So, while a lot of this won't help when you are four-wheeling the mountain goat trails, it may help the history nuts among us when they wonder what we did up there so many years ago.



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- P. H. Power & Sail Squadron(604) 883-2086
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- P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....(604) 883-9011
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P. H. HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY/BARGAIN BARN

Support the Bargain Barn at their second Annual Fashion Exchange Fundraiser Wine and Cheese on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Clear out your closets to start the year and refresh with “new to you” finds. You can bring clothes, shoes, jewelry, hats/gloves/scarves, handbags, evening purses etc. — anything fashion. All items must be perfectly clean and in gently used or new condition.

The suggested maximum number of items is 10 (use your discretion if you have more fabulous items) and you receive a token for each swappable item. Use your tokens to “buy” fashion items. Extra tokens are \$5 each or 5 tokens for \$20

The event starts at 1 p.m. for drop off items, wine and cheese and social time before shopping starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25, by e-transfer to bbarnph@gmail.com.

For more information, call Lesley at (778) 840-1692 or email sunshinevillabc@gmail.com.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection will be celebrating their 26th anniversary Feb. 11. This organization has been bringing women together for companionship, entertainment, and informative presentations for over a quarter of a century. Please join us as we venture into a new phase of this long-established Harbour organization.

On Feb. 25, the Women's Connection welcomes Angela Stearns, well-known Sunshine Coast photographer. Stearns has established a reputation for capturing unique moments in time that will be treasured for years to come. Children and families are often her focus and her annual “Photos with Santa” have become a popular activity at the Pender Harbour Winterfest celebrations. Stearns will speak about what drew her to a career in photography and pass along some practical tips on how to enhance our own skills.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and programs begin at 10 a.m. There's a \$4 drop-in fee and refreshments will be provided.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Feb. 14

The musicians this month are The Locals (Robin Atchison and Nelson Giles) and Soleil Duo (Ken Johnson and Nancy Pincombe).

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

FEBRUARY

- Sun. Feb. 2.....Bargain Barn 2nd annual Fashion Exchange fundraiser - P. H. Community Hall, 1 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 2.....P. H. Music Society presents John Reischman and the Jaybirds - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 2.....Live music with Half Cut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Thu. Feb. 6.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Valentine's cards) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 6.....Backeddy pub reopens for the season (Thursday to Sunday), noon to 8 p.m.
- Fri. Feb. 7.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 9.....Super Bowl - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Feb. 10....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Tue. Feb. 11.....P. H. Women's Connection (26th anniversary) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 13.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 13.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Thu. Feb. 13.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (board games) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Feb. 14.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Feb. 14.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 16.....Live music with Spindrift Street - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Tue. Feb 18.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Nicholas Scapillati - PHSS, 7 p.m.
- Thu. Feb. 20.....SCRD electoral services committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 20.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in ("Raise the Roof") - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Feb. 21.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 23.....Live music with The Steve Hinton Band - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Feb 24.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Tue. Feb. 25.....P. H. Women's Connection (Angela Stearns) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 27.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 27.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (free lunch) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. Feb. 27.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. Feb. 28.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. d 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. b 6. a

*"There are only two worthwhile things to leave behind when you depart this world of ours: children and art."
~ Stephen Sondheim, "Sunday in the Park with George"*

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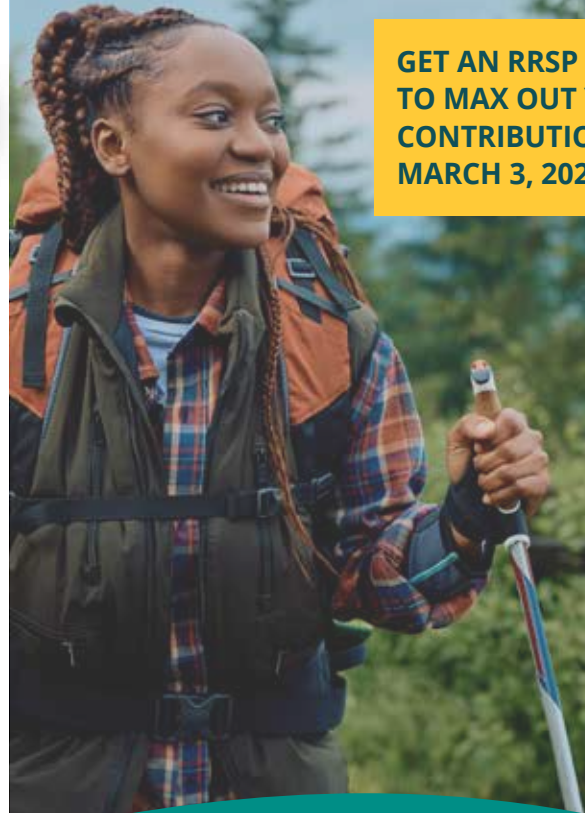
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