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Next issue arrives June 28.

editorial

Here we go again



Brian Lee

HELP WANTED:

Area A seeks to fill a soon-to-be vacant position on the Sunshine Coast Regional District board.

Suitable candidates will bring excellent communication skills and work well with others (but not too well) with a strong interest in facilitating/achieving efficient results in a municipal setting.

Successful applicants will possess a broad familiarity with issues facing Area A — an area stretching from the head of Jervis Inlet to Middlepoint.

Finally, candidates should be financially independent, own an efficient vehicle and possess an impermeably thick skin.

The election to determine the next crop of SCRD directors will be held on Oct. 20, 2018.

Current director Frank Mauro has served since 2011 and recently announced he will not run again, leaving a big hole to fill.

Though it's still early, Area A is once again in the uneasy position of facing an election without an announced candidate.

Since I've been running this paper, I've witnessed three municipal elections and each time have waited anxiously while considering what might happen if no one steps up.

Someone always has — but what if they didn't?

I asked that question back in 2008 (or was it 2011?) and it turns out that if no one runs, the Local Government Act requires the board to appoint someone from our electoral area.

It's less clear, however, what might happen if nobody is willing to accept the appointment.

This time around, at least two other directors are also stepping down — West Howe Sound's Ian Winn and Roberts Creek's Mark Lebbell.

Though one of the board's veterans, Halfmoon Bay's Garry Nohr, has indicated he will run again, there will certainly be other rookies joining our director at the board table on Oct. 21.

Experience is a valuable asset in the SCRD boardroom because it's a tougher job than most give it credit and the next term or two could be the toughest yet.

Looming ahead like not so silent icebergs in the fog are major infrastructure projects.

As their taps run dry, south Coasters clamour for water while resisting plans to draw more from a park specifically created to protect the drinking water source in the first place.

Even more critical, the latest word is that we now have only 7.5 years until the Sechelt landfill is full.

The new board will be tasked with overseeing the siting and construction of a new one.

That won't be easy and will be made tougher by the fact that they will have to do it with the south Coast's legion of screeching NIMBYs climbing all over their backs.

Season this stew with affordable housing issues, BC Ferries' service inadequacies, recycling and transportation initiatives and it promises to be an interesting term.

And these are just the issues the current board is leaving behind — who knows what else is coming down the pipe?

Despite these challenges, please consider running — past directors will confirm that it is an incredibly rewarding job.

The province has an excellent resource for potential candidates:

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/thinking-of-running-for-local-office.

EGMONT DAY: Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Egmont day is this weekend — Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in downtown Egmont. The day starts with a kids' 12-and-under fishing derby at 9 a.m. and at 11-ish a.m., the parade begins. Afterward, enjoy the barbecue lunch, field games, vendors, free petting zoo, pony rides and chili cook-off. There may be a live band to finish off the night but organizers need to pre-sell to commit to the band, so call (604) 883-1389 to reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

FESTIVAL OF OCEAN FILMS: Saturday, June 9, 7-9:30 p.m.

For the first time in it's nine-year history, the Georgia Strait Alliance's Festival of Ocean Films is making a stop in Pender Harbour. The annual film festival kicks off in Victoria on March 30 before arriving at the Pender Harbour School of Music on June 9. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at georgiastrait.org/vancouver-festival-of-ocean-films and are \$15 for general admission, or \$13 for members of Georgia Strait Alliance and Ruby Lake Lagoon Society.

BARK IN THE PARK: Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.

Come to the P. H. Lions Park on Saturday, June 16 for a fun 3.5-kilometre forest walk with your four-legged friend. This year will also feature a "Seniors Walk" around the park for humans or dogs who would like a shorter/gentler route. A \$15 registration covers bandana and goodie bag. There will be prizes and even if you don't have a dog, organizers say, "Come anyway — hang with the pooches and enjoy the barbecue." All proceeds are going to the P. H. Lions Club for hall and park improvements. For more information, contact Leanne Cross at (604) 989-0399.

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Here's just one of 140 fish (120 salmon) caught during the Garden Bay Fishing Derby on May 4 to 6. The winner was a 22.3-pound chinook, netting a Gibsons man \$2,000. The winning non-salmon was a 32-pound halibut. Net proceeds from the three-day derby allowed a \$1,000 donation to the Sunshine Coast Salmonid Enhancement Society and another \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour.



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PHAC town hall dominated by docks

Few were surprised by a full house for the Pender Harbour Advisory Council's town hall meeting at the P. H. Community Hall May 6.

The meeting came a month after the Province released its Pender Harbour dock management plan and many arrived hungry for information.

Prior to the main agenda item, Area A director Frank Mauro updated community members about recent news at the SCRD, most notably that he doesn't intend to run again in the election coming this fall.

Mauro was followed by short presentations showcasing an easier process for nominating candidates for the PHAC community volunteer awards, news about derelict boats, recent developments at the P. H. Health Centre and a movement in Garden Bay that aims to connect neighbours in case of emergencies.

After that, members of the PHAC's DMP working group gave individual presentations on the various components of the plan.

Elaine Park went first and tackled some of the archaeological components of the DMP.

"The plan, I learned yesterday afternoon, was pretty much in place before the completion of these studies," Park said.

Much of her discussion revolved around principles informing some of the decisions in Pender Harbour.

Specifically, Park pointed to the Sechelt Indian Band's *Strategic Land Use Plan*, a 2007 document that outlines their perspective on land use throughout their traditional territory.

The SLUP document can be found at www.shishalh.com/rights-and-title/proactive-planning-shishalh-



Alan Stewart

A moment of levity at the PHAC town hall meeting May 6 at the P. H. Community Hall.

first-nation-strategic-land-use-plan.

Park indicated that the Area A OCP, which is currently under second reading at the SCRD, contains an "internal reference" to the SLUP.

Bill Charlton outlined the DMP's environmental study component which has informed much of the new-construction guidelines for new docks.

Charlton said the working group still has many questions about how some requirements for dock design can be achieved.

As an example, he said a requirement for 43 per cent light transmission through dock surfaces is an impossible goal.

"Current docks could not meet this criteria even with light emitting material replacing decking as more than 60 per cent of the float obstructs light with flotation material."

Sean McAllister tackled some of the legal avenues that might be open to challenge the DMP.

McAllister is a lawyer and said he has observed that courts have "swung heavily in favour of aboriginal rights and claims."

He also noted that, "recently there have been some decisions that have supported non-aboriginal rights."

But McAllister provided a caveat for those favouring a court challenge:

"We're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars, in my opinion."

After, Ron Malcolm stood and referenced the judgments of some recent court cases (such as the *Ahousaht Indian Band and Nation et al v. Canada*) which, he said, had relevance for the situation in Pender Harbour.

"There's a whole bunch of references to other cases in BC — including *Delgamuukw*, *Sparrow* on the Fraser River, *Gladstone* — and there's some common themes trying to define what these [Indigenous] rights really mean, and what they mean in the context of our society," said Malcolm.

"It goes on to say that it's not an exclusive right, and it's controlled by things like continuity.

"Have they exercised that right continuously for the last period of time, as they did in Tsilhqot'in?"

"Have we had Sechelt exercising their right in Pender Harbour for the last 100 years?"

"Reconciliation was brought up in this judgment and it was said the very effects of not including third parties is contrary to the spirit of reconciliation and it will only drive parties farther apart."

The DMPWG intends to hold a later meeting specifically about the dock plan.



Kelly Kammerle

After a long hard day playing soccer at a recent tournament in Osoyoos on May 15, the PHSS girls soccer team and coaching staff volunteered to fill sandbags at an emergency site set up to protect the community from recent flooding. The team even received a mention afterwards in a CBC news interview with Osoyoos Mayor Sue McKortoff: "People are absolutely wonderful in this town — not only residents, but our visitors to the town," McKortoff said. "That includes members of a visiting soccer team, who volunteered over the weekend to spend hours placing sandbags."

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STRAWLESS COAST

A recent initiative to rid the Sunshine Coast of plastic straws is gaining momentum.

Evan Guiton is one of the organizers behind “Strawless Coast,” an organization that encourages businesses to phase out plastic straws.

Guiton told the *Harbour Spiel* that recent straw-free converts include Marketplace IGA, Oak Tree Market, Harbour Pizza, the Euspiria Cafe and the Grasshopper Pub.

The initiative encourages local businesses to provide compostable alternatives to plastic.

Guiton said she was motivated to do something to reduce the amount of plastic finding its way into water systems — and wildlife — when she was working in Australia.

Working as a diver, she witnessed sea creatures dying painful deaths from

ingesting plastic.

“We don’t really see that here on the Coast, so a lot of people don’t really understand how much of our waste makes its way to the ocean and how much damage it causes,” she said.

“It’s been great using the campaign as a platform to educate.”

MORE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DERELICT BOAT ASSESSMENTS

In a May 18 news release, MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones announced that the P. H. Advisory Council will receive an additional \$15,000 to assess abandoned boats in Pender Harbour.

The funding is part of \$80,000 shared among six coastal communities that are looking to either assess or remove abandoned vessels.

The funding is allocated through the Ocean Protection Plan, a \$1.5-billion federal initiative to protect Cana-

da’s coasts and waterways

The PHAC received \$10,000 in March from the program to assess two sunken wooden tugs in Gerrans Bay.

Assessments help identify safety issues, environmental impact, recycling value and costs associated with removing an abandoned boat.

Once an assessment is completed, applicants may apply for funding under the abandoned boats program to have a boat removed and disposed.

TWO LOCAL GOLFERS SHOOT HOLES IN ONE

A “hole-in-one” is a golf shot that lands in the cup from a tee shot.

It’s a rare occurrence but two local golfers, Bob Ducich and Catherine McEachern, each shot a hole-in-one on the third and sixth holes at the Pender Harbour Golf Course in recent months.

rcmp news

THEFT

Overnight on April 24, a suspect stole a boat and trailer from a property in the 4200-block of Francis Peninsula Road, Madeira Park.

The boat is a 17-foot long 2011 ivory-coloured Boston Whaler with a decal on the side saying “Scooter.”

The boat had a 50-horsepower blue and black motor and was loaded on a Road Runner boat trailer with BC licence plate UAS40S.

Several days later, the stolen boat was found on a logging road in the 12000 block of Highway 101, damaged, with several items missing, including the Tohatsu model MD50B2 outboard motor, two electric 1106 Scotty downriggers, two 10-foot long trolling rods, two Islander mooching reels, a Garmin sonar, chart plotter and engine shifter.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact RCMP, file 2018-2476.

THEFT

Overnight on May 15, an intruder kicked open a door to gain entry to an unoccupied residence in the 5200-block of Cecil Hill Road, Madeira Park, and stole tools including a compressor, generator, and air hose.

The file is still under investigation — anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP, reference file 2018-

3014.

Overnight on May 16, a suspect stole two white plastic chairs and a white plastic table from the deck of a property in the 3900-block of Francis Peninsula Road, Madeira Park.

Also overnight on May 16, someone stole a 12-foot stepladder from a home in the 5000-block of Elliot Road, Garden Bay.




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Mike Price

LaVerne's Grill will not reopen this summer after 16 years of serving customers at the iconic former Colonel Flounders site in Garden Bay. Friends who thought LaVerne Elm's parting from Garden Bay was too sudden for proper goodbyes arranged a party at the Mad Park Bistro for her on May 13. Seen here are some of those friends posing for a photo after presenting Elms (far left) with LaVerne's Grill memorabilia.



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Danger Dane wins Attack of Danger Bay



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For the first time in the race's 17-year history, a local has won the Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard race. Seen here is Kleindale's own Dane Hanna (middle) atop the podium at the 'carnage corner' award ceremony soon after beating out approximately 150 other racers to claim victory on May 20. In another first, local racers also took second and third place to claim all of the top spots on one of the most coveted podiums in the world. Veteran Scott Smith (r) took second place (Smith has never won ADB but has placed second on a number of occasions) while Hanna's Team Irene teammate Sawyer Cote (l) took third.

letters

'I love the Harbour Spiel'

Editor,

I'm new here in Pender Harbour.

One year in.

I understand full well it will take me about 75 years to be called a "new" local and about six generations to be called anything near a "true local."

Having said that, I love the *Harbour Spiel*.

The honesty, the humour and the news brightens my day when it lands in my mailbox.

The best to date, however, was the response to how best to pronounce "Menacher Road" (*Harbour Spiel*, May 2018).

It literally made me laugh out loud and I think a bit of wine flew

out my nose as I read it.

Brian, I salute you and your staff.

Thanks for making me laugh.

New to Garden Bay,

Scott Scobie

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trivia

1. Local woman who mysteriously disappeared from Pender Harbour in the 1970s.

- ☐ a. Julie Mancuso
- ☐ b. Julie Parks
- ☐ c. Julie Klatchen
- ☐ d. Julie Bonifay

2. P. H. Golf Course holes on which the cart path does not cross over a water hazard?

- ☐ a. 1, 3, 4, 5
- ☐ b. 1, 2, 3, 7
- ☐ c. 2, 4, 6, 9
- ☐ d. 2, 4, 5, 8

3. What is found at the P. H. Cultural Centre?

- ☐ a. Paintings, music and literature.
- ☐ b. Sculpture, fountains and horticulture.
- ☐ c. Paintings, theatre and sculpture.
- ☐ d. Sculpture, music and a DFO office.

4. Upon which local peak will you find a former forest fire lookout?

- ☐ a. Mt. Caren
- ☐ b. Mt. Daniel
- ☐ c. Mt. Drew
- ☐ d. Mt. Hallowell

5. Name of the actress who starred in the 2007 Garden Bay-filmed "Vipers?"

- ☐ a. Shannon Elizabeth
- ☐ b. Tara Reid
- ☐ c. Alyson Hannigan
- ☐ d. Mena Suvari

6. Current name of former Irvines Ldg. school.

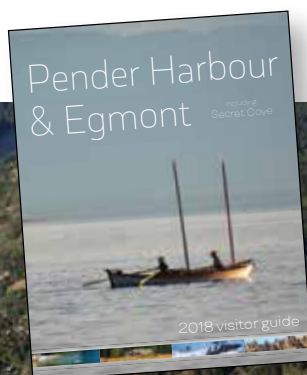
- ☐ a. Irvines Landing Heritage Hall
- ☐ b. Sarah Wray Heritage Hall
- ☐ c. Hotel Lake Heritage Hall
- ☐ d. Ron Wright Heritage Hall

Answers: p. 42

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Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



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Festival of Ocean Films 'docs' in Pender Harbour June 9

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For the first time in its nine-year history, the Georgia Strait Alliance's Festival of Ocean Films is making a stop in Pender Harbour.

The annual film festival kicks off in Victoria on March 30 before arriving at the Pender Harbour School of Music on June 9.

This year's screenings carry strong messages about the current state of the world's oceans to honour World Oceans Day (June 8) and aim to inspire audiences to care about conservation.

SEA OF LIFE

Toronto-based filmmaker Julia Barnes learned to dive in order to set out on a mission to expose some of the biggest threats facing the ocean in her 2017 feature film *Sea of Life*.

The 2018 winner of both the Cinema Verde Film Festival and the EnviroFilm Festival, *Sea of Life* takes audiences on a provocative journey through the most stunning and threatened ecosystems on the planet.

Though it shows how changes to oceans are disrupting the planet's oxygen supply and irrevocably impacting marine life, the film also offers a rallying movement to save them.

THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD WHALE

Vancouver based journalist and screenwriter Mark Leiren-Young produced a short film about the longest-living Southern Resident killer whale, with *The Hundred-Year-Old Whale*.

Leiren-Young's film about "Granny," the orca matriarch that lived off the coast of BC until she died last year is an official selection of this year's Colorado Environmental Film Festival, Water Docs, ReFrame Film



Georgia Strait Alliance

Festival and the International Ocean Film Festival.

It was also recently named best documentary at the recent Writers Guild of Canada Awards.

"These films awaken and stir audiences with their incredible underwater cinematography," said Christianne Wilhelmsen, executive director of Georgia Strait Alliance.

"But we know the beauty beneath the sea is in real danger and it's up to us to take action to protect our oceans."

The Madeira Park screening will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music and will

feature an in-person "question and answer" session with Leiren-Young after.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at georgiastrait.org/vancouver-festival-of-ocean-films and are \$15 for general admission, or \$13 for members of Georgia Strait Alliance and Ruby Lake Lagoon Society, the community partner for the Pender Harbour Screening.

Net profits are returned to the GSA to assist with the organization's mission to protect and restore the marine environment, and promote the sustainability of the Strait of Georgia, its adjoining waters and communities.

PHSS sports day - May 18



all photos: Brian Lee

John Gooldrup and Al Cook demonstrate alternate techniques for entering the obstacle course's water slide.



The start of the obstacle race — half a dozen dizzying turns around a softball bat. Michelle Fielding stumbles towards her next obstacle — the water slide.



Haida (green) Mathew Phillips downs his the often brutal joust.

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Between events, students could be found in the outdoor gym, passionately practising "Scratch the dirt," a dance craze that has yet to make it out of Pender Harbour.



The sharp elbows of Nootka's Lauryn Young help her gain an advantage over Rachel Wilson in the obstacle course's tricky net section.



Kelton Nichols, waiting to come back to earth in the long jump.



Nootka opponent (Cole Charlton) in

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Local elections and director remuneration



Frank Mauro

UPCOMING ELECTION

Local government elections will be held, for the next four-year term, on

Oct. 20 this year.

In our area these elections are for the School District 46 trustee and also for the office I now hold, electoral area director for the SCRD.

For the past few months I have been asked if I would be standing for re-election this October and it has been a topic of discussion in our house for some time.

After some serious consider-

ation, we decided that I will not be standing for re-election.

The main reasons are personal goals, more travel, and spending more time with family.

It has been thoroughly enjoyable representing all of you at the SCRD board.

The challenges have been exciting, the accomplishments rewarding, and the expressions of support and gratitude from the community have been very encouraging.

There are about five months left in my term and there is still much work to do so I won't attempt to list accomplishments here, but will save that perhaps for a later article.

I announced this decision around the beginning of May to en-

sure that those contemplating putting their name forward for election have some time to consider.

While it is a time commitment, I encourage those interested to stand for office as, in my experience, the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices and there is no better way to serve your community.

If any potential candidates have questions please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to either provide answers or help find them.

DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

The topic of director remuneration was reviewed at the April 26 corporate and administrative services committee meeting.

The staff report compared com-

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning and Community Development
June 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
June 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
June 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
June 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
June 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at
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Agendas are available at
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Annual utility invoices have been mailed to owners of properties serviced with water, sewer or garbage collection by the Sunshine Coast Regional District. Payments are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018. Outstanding balances as of the close of business on June 15 will be subject to interest charges. Balances that remain unpaid as of December 31, 2018 will be transferred to property taxes. If you have not received your 2018 invoice by mid-May please contact the Infrastructure Services department at 604-885-6806 or infrastructure@scrd.ca.

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pensation among 18 other districts, as well as how compensation is calculated including such things as meetings attended, electoral area population, size of budgets, and percentage of budgets spent on director pay.

Another topic was the federal government's repeal of a longstanding law that stated that elected officials are taxed on only two-thirds of their income.

There was much discussion on various ways of establishing appropriate director remuneration and several declarations by some directors of the amount of time they spent in their role as director.

There was a general consensus that the federal elimination of the tax free status of one third of director pay is an inappropriate "reduction" in take home pay.

I spoke in support of an increase to offset that reduction in pay.

I also spoke against any increase in remuneration that is more than a normal cost of living adjustment as the SCRD is currently one of the Top 2 of the 18 regional districts which were compared in the report.

Our CAS committee voted to discuss the issue further with the following recommendation:

"That a report be provided no

later than June 2018 which includes an analysis of the following factors:

- Number and composition of directors (First Nations, municipal and rural);
 - Number of meetings (board and standing committee);
 - Remuneration for conferences;
 - Stipend model or flat rate;
 - Benefits (paid or not paid);
 - Travel time (paid or not paid);
 - Lifts for chair, vice chair and committee chairs;
 - Other special meetings such as public hearings or workshops;
 - Regional districts of comparative size (population);
 - Percentage of annual budget (taxpayer's affordability factor);
 - Verification of the average electoral area directors remuneration values versus the average municipal directors remuneration values;
 - Account for other time required outside of meetings;
 - Compensation for advisory committees and liaison meetings, and
 - Gross-up to offset the loss of tax exemption on 1/3 of elected official remuneration
- "And further that a policy on remuneration be developed."

We will be discussing the topic again in June.

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15th Pender Harbour Blues fest kicks off this Friday — June 1

The blues festival kicks off this weekend and celebrates its 15th anniversary with what may be its best lineup of musicians ever.

Most of the following are ticketed events or require dinner reservations, so plan early:

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Simon Paradis
with **Gut Bucket Thunder**
4 to 8 p.m.
Harbour Spirit Centre

Brandon Isaak (4)
6 p.m. & 8 p.m. (two seatings)
The Restaurant at Painted Boat

Luci Herder
6 to 9 p.m.
The Cafe at John Henry's

Brent Parkin
with the **Grand Koolios***
8 to 11:30 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Blue Line Trio (free show)
Noon to 4 p.m.
John Henry's General Store

Blues in the Park (free show)
with **Brent Parkin, Brandon Isaak (4), Al Foreman (3), Jim Foster, Steve Hinton, Simon Paradis, Tim Hearsey (1), Peter vanDeursen.**
Noon to 4 p.m.
P. H. Community Hall

Poppa Greg & The Chillin Dylans
4 to 8 p.m.
Harbour Spirit Centre

Brandon Isaak (4)
6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (two seatings)
The Restaurant at Painted Boat

Al Foreman (3) with the Grand Koolios & Karen Graves
8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne (7)
8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
P. H. Community Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Joshua Wood with Bonar & Ted
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mad Park Bistro

Sunday Gospel: Jim Byrnes (5) with the Grand Koolios
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Pender Harbour School of Music



Tim Hearsey's (1) All-Star Jam
w/ special guests: **Brent Parkin,**
Jim Byrnes (5), Brandon Isaak (4),
Al Foreman (3) and Steve Kozak (2).

2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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David Gogo (6) with the Grand
Koolios

8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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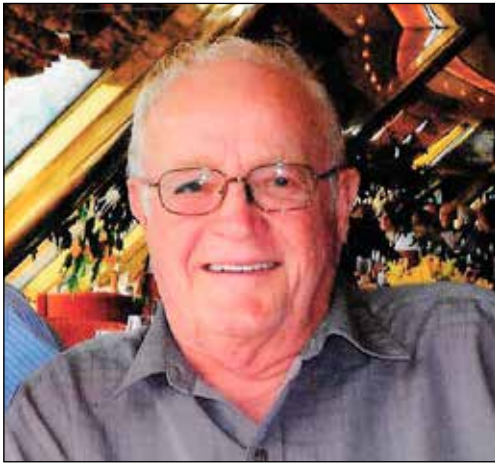
Tickets are available online at www.penderharbourbluesfestival.com or at Strait Music (Sechelt), Java Docks and Royal Canadian Legion (both in Madeira Park).

**The Grand Koolios is the festival's house band consisting of Chris Nordquist, Tim Hearsey, Dennis Marcenko, Darryl Havers and Jerry Cook.*



Kenneth Gordon McDonald

MAY 26, 1923 – APRIL 27, 2018



Ken was born in Vancouver and lived on a farm on Sea Island for 35 years before farming in Surrey for 20 years.

He retired to Pender Harbour in 1981 where he enjoyed fishing and wintering in Cabo San Lucas.

He is survived by Sue, his wife of 35 years, and his five children: Ellen (Bill Riley), Gordon (Sandra), Duncan (Laura), Ian (Arlene) and Don.

Ken is also survived by sisters

Patricia Swenson and Norval-Mae Rhodes and brother Ronald, 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family thanks LMH2 North nursing staff, Drs. Scott Cowie and Bruce Robinson.

At Ken's request, no service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 in Madeira Park.

Helga Meta Pehab

FEBRUARY 24, 1936 – APRIL 8, 2018



A longtime resident of Pender Harbour, Helga Pehab passed away peacefully at Shorncliffe care residence in the early morning hours of April 8.

Helga came to Pender Harbour with her husband Joe in the 1960s.

They built their house and moved here permanently in the 1970s.

Helga worked for many years at Sechelt hospital and after retirement, she volunteered at the Madeira Park

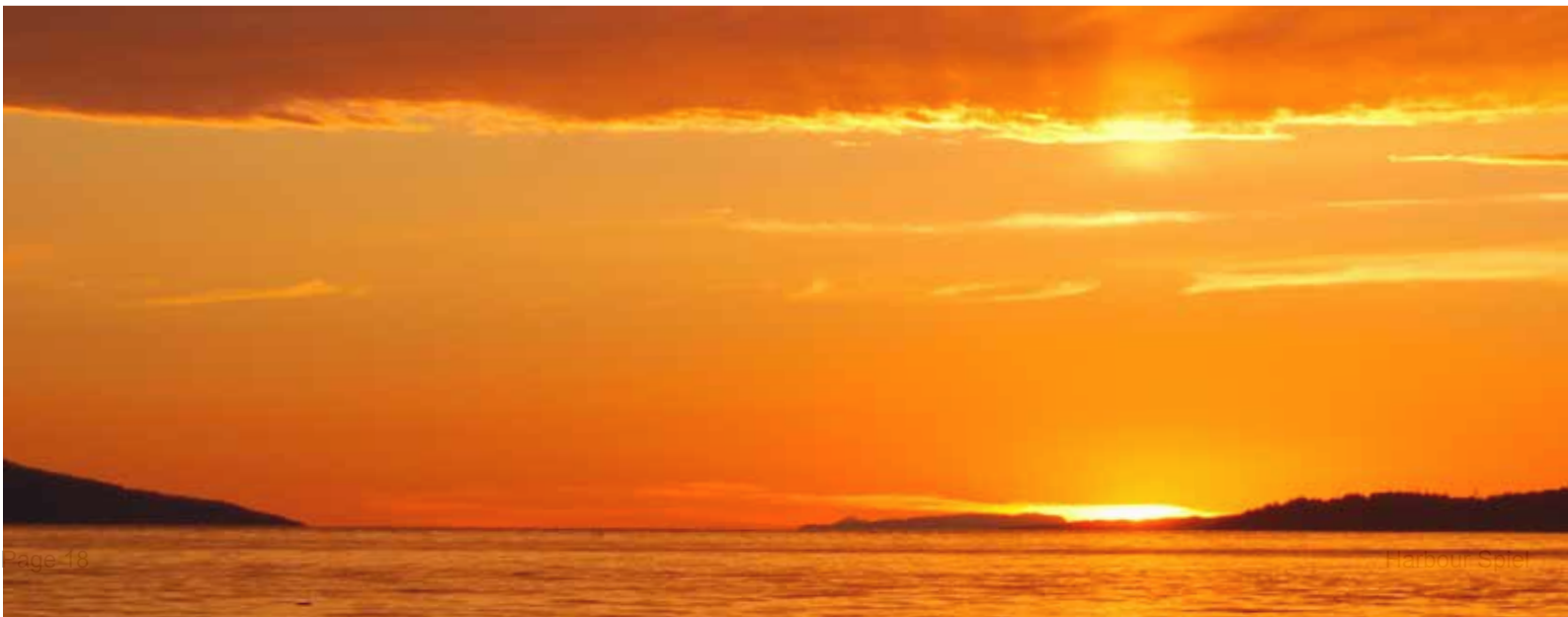
Bargain Barn and the Pender Harbour Reading Room.

She was a generous, caring person who loved to laugh.

Her favourite pastime was sitting in the sun on her deck, surrounded by nature, with her cat Coco.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Shorncliffe who cared for a Helga in her last year.

She will be missed very much by all she touched.



Ann Ketty Rasmussen

APRIL 30, 1967 – APRIL 30, 2018



Known as Ann, Annie, or Annabelle, Ann passed away on her 51st birthday from pancreatic cancer.

Her partner Greg Gray and their three children Amelia, Charlotte and James were by her side.

She is survived by her mother Linda, sisters Alice and Amy and

stepson Jarvis.

Ann grew up in Vancouver and graduated from Prince of Wales High School in 1985.

She went on to UBC, spending summers as a sub-lieutenant in the Canadian Naval Reserve out of Halifax.

In 1989, she graduated from UBC with a degree in microbiology.

She then took a job at a fish farm in Jervis Inlet and met Greg.

They started their family, farmed oysters and lived on a float house in the inlet before moving to Earls Cove so the kids could go to school.

She worked at the Earls Cove ferry terminal for the last several years.

Her childhood summers were spent on Gambier Island and she continued to spend summers there with her children and relatives.

She will be remembered for

her involvement in the Egmont and Pender Harbour communities, her big smile and the cards and jam she gave with love.

She could devour a book in one day and loved every animal that crossed her path.

Her hugs had the power to make anyone feel like they were home.

Ann brought kindness and comfort to so many people and she will be deeply missed.

Her family would like to thank everyone in Ann's life for the outpouring of love and support during this time.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Sunshine Coast Hospice Society would be greatly appreciated.

A potluck celebration of life will be held at the Egmont Community Hall on Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Bring your happy memories to share.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries free (for local residents) as a longstanding effort to recognize those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely and include the date of birth and date of death. The editor will edit for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.



Strange New Country: The Fraser River Salmon Strikes of 1900 to

by Geoff Meggs

Excerpted from
Strange New Country
(Harbour Publishing)

In early June 1900, Ned DeBeck stood on the dock of Steveston's Scottish Canadian Cannery, scanning the Fraser River's main channel for the Indigenous fishermen and cannery workers expected to arrive at any moment from the north.

Finally, he spotted sails out at Sand Heads light, the 50-foot hexagonal wooden lighthouse on stilts that sat where the Fraser's silt-laden flow merged with the blue water of the Strait of Georgia.

"Here they came on a flood tide," he wrote later, "bowling along ahead of a westerly wind, great canoes 50-feet and over, spread to an eight-foot beam, each with four sails wing on wing.

"Some came all the way from the Skeena, but more were Kwakiutl."

The children poured ashore first, desperate to stretch after a ride that had brought them from Cape Mudge, at the south end of Johnstone Strait, to the Sand Heads — a distance of 210 kilometres — in just 24 hours.

Beds, bedding and tents were

quickly passed ashore, fires were lit and within hours the camp was established "as though it had existed for months, with fires burning and dogs barking and fowls cackling and [an] ancient fish-like smell asserting its supremacy."

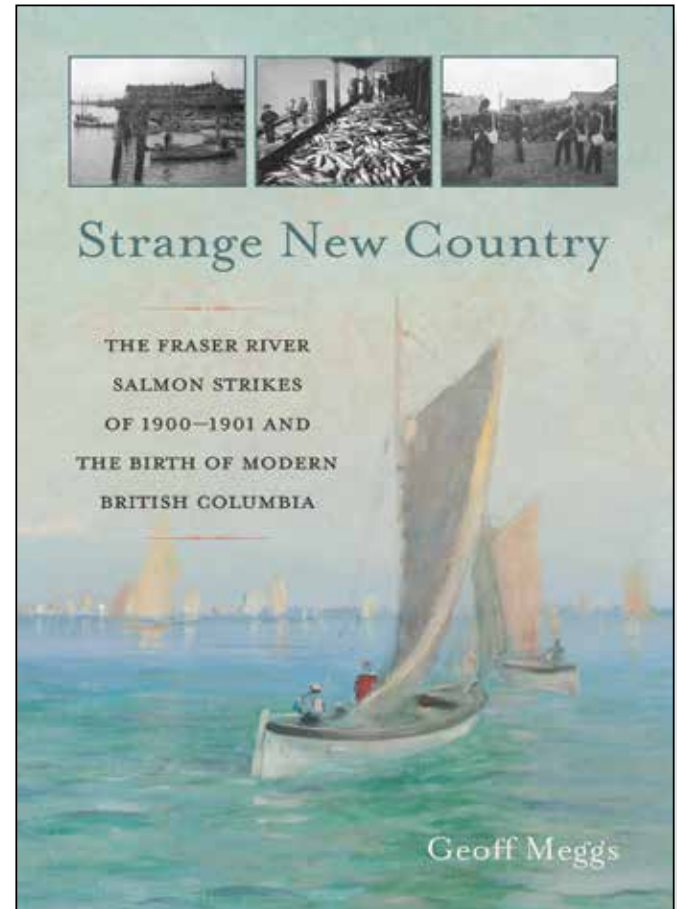
The Scottish Canadian Cannery stood at Steveston's Garry Point, the former site of a Musqueam village that had constantly been undermined by the Fraser's shifting sands.

The point itself, a sandspit pointing seaward where the Fraser emptied through broad sandbanks into the Strait of Georgia, was dominated for many years by a single tall pine, the centrepiece of a vast amphitheatre bounded by the mountains to the south, north and east, and the Strait on the west.

From his vantage point on the dock, DeBeck could see the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island's Mount

Arrowsmith to the west, and on a sunny day, the distant peaks of the Olympic Peninsula running out to the Pacific.

To the southeast, Mount Baker's



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1901 and the birth of modern British Columbia

volcanic summit rose far above its neighbours and to the east, DeBeck could pick out Cheam Peak and Mount Slesse at the end of the Fraser Valley, where the Fraser met the mountains and turned north.

Housing was organized strictly along racial lines: Japanese bunkhouses for the Nikkei; “China houses” for the cannery crews; “Indian houses” for the Indigenous people unable or unwilling to sleep on the beach (in reality these “houses” were more like barracks).

Apart from the Steveston Opera House, which seated up to 400, and a few establishments like the newly built Sockeye Hotel, the canneries dominated the riverfront with their long, high-pitched roofs, brick chimneys and L-shaped wharves, built to accommodate the square-riggers that arrived every fall to ship the pack to England and Australia.

Once the families landing at Scottish Canadian had settled in, there was much to do.

Most of them had been contracted through a middleman, often a chief himself, who advanced food, clothing and cash in return for a season-long commitment.

A good run and a higher fish price would mean much greater take-home pay, but poor runs and low prices could spell disaster.

These arrangements would need finalizing, but in 1900 even more important discussions were underway.

Negotiations among the canners, the BC Fishermen’s Union and the Nikkei over the price of salmon had already begun.

The First Nations fishers, who had seen their own attempted strike in 1899 broken by the Nikkei, were anxious to engage.



Courtesy of the Royal BC Museum and Archives (image B-08416)

The Fraser gillnetters were strictly work boats, with no concession whatsoever to crew comfort and safety. The Nikkei fishermen delivering this heavy load could only manoeuvre against wind and tide with long oars, a back-breaking job.

Strange New Country: The Fraser River Salmon Strikes of 1900-1901 and the birth of modern British Columbia

By Geoff Meggs
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6 x 9, paperback
224 pages, 30 B&W photos
\$22.95

Geoff Meggs is currently the chief of staff to BC Premier John Horgan. He has been a journalist, Vancouver city councillor and executive director of the BC Federation of Labour. He is the author of several books, including *Salmon: The Decline of the B.C. Fishery* (Douglas & McIntyre, 1991), which won the Lieutenant-Governor’s Medal for Historical Writing. He lives in Victoria, BC.



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Sun	17	13.2	11.7	10.9	10.8	11.4	12.3	13.2	13.5	12.9	11.4	9.1	6.6	4.3	2.7	2.0	2.4	4.0	6.6	9.6	12.5	14.9	16.3	16.5	15.7
Mon	18	14.4	12.8	11.3	10.4	10.3	10.8	11.6	12.4	12.7	12.3	11.0	9.1	7.0	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.9	5.5	7.9	10.7	13.3	15.3	16.3	16.2
Tue	19	15.4	13.9	12.2	10.7	9.7	9.5	9.9	10.7	11.5	11.9	11.8	10.9	9.4	7.7	6.2	5.1	4.8	5.5	7.1	9.3	11.7	14.0	15.5	16.2
Wed	20	15.9	14.9	13.3	11.5	9.9	8.9	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.5	11.2	11.4	10.9	10.0	8.7	7.5	6.7	6.5	7.2	8.6	10.6	12.7	14.5	15.7
Thu	21	16.0	15.5	14.2	12.5	10.6	8.9	7.8	7.4	7.7	8.6	9.6	10.6	11.2	11.2	10.7	9.9	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.7	9.9	11.6	13.3	14.8
Fri	22	15.6	15.7	14.9	13.4	11.4	9.4	7.7	6.5	6.2	6.6	7.6	8.9	10.3	11.3	11.8	11.7	11.1	10.3	9.7	9.4	9.8	10.9	12.3	13.7
Sat	23	14.9	15.4	15.2	14.1	12.3	10.2	8.0	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.8	7.1	8.7	10.4	11.8	12.6	12.7	12.2	11.5	10.7	10.4	10.7	11.5	12.7
Sun	24	13.9	14.8	15.0	14.5	13.0	11.0	8.7	6.6	5.0	4.2	4.4	5.4	7.0	8.9	10.9	12.5	13.4	13.6	13.1	12.3	11.4	11.0	11.2	11.9
Mon	25	13.0	13.9	14.5	14.5	13.6	11.8	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.9	3.5	4.0	5.4	7.4	9.6	11.7	13.4	14.2	14.2	13.6	12.7	11.8	11.3	11.5
Tue	26	12.1	13.0	13.8	14.2	13.8	12.5	10.5	8.2	5.9	4.1	3.2	3.1	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.6	12.7	14.2	14.8	14.6	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.4
Wed	27	11.6	12.2	13.1	13.7	13.8	13.0	11.4	9.2	6.9	4.8	3.3	2.7	3.2	4.6	6.7	9.2	11.6	13.7	14.9	15.1	14.6	13.7	12.5	11.7
Thu	28	11.4	11.6	12.3	13.0	13.4	13.2	12.1	10.3	8.0	5.8	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.6	5.4	7.8	10.4	12.7	14.5	15.3	15.2	14.4	13.3	12.1
Fri	29	11.4	11.3	11.6	12.3	12.9	13.1	12.6	11.2	9.2	7.0	4.9	3.4	2.7	3.0	4.3	6.4	9.0	11.5	13.7	15.1	15.4	15.0	14.0	12.8
Sat	30	11.7	11.1	11.1	11.6	12.2	12.7	12.7	11.9	10.4	8.3	6.2	4.4	3.3	3.0	3.7	5.4	7.7	10.3	12.7	14.5	15.4	15.3	14.6	13.4

Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)

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 and wind conditions etc.

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School of Music Coffeehouse — June 8

The June School of Music Coffee House will run Friday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

This month's lineup features:

- Back Porch Reunion, a Cajun band made up of local musicians;
- Roger Maidens, a vocalist and songwriter, and
- Matt Richards, a vocalist/guitarist who will perform cover songs and originals.

The School of Music Coffeehouse has been running monthly since 2012.

Acts are booked two or more months in advance and each show is a mix of seasoned and emerging artists.

The three or four acts are given a sound check before being showcased in a cabaret setting.

Admission is by suggested donation of \$10 at the door and the proceeds are shared among the performers.

For information, visit www.penderharbourmusic.ca and to book a performance, call Joanne at (604) 883-9749.



harbour seals



Note your approval or **disapproval**.

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Harbour Seals of Approval to all **my coworkers, customers, friends and well-wishers** who gave me such lovely gifts, dropped by for farewells and hugs or phoned me to say goodbye on my retirement. Also, thank you to all the endearing responses on Facebook (sneaky Janine!).

Suzanne Snell

A Rainbow Seal of Approval to **Ted Taylor of Madeira Park Legion**, for giving the Pender Harbour Gallery artists the opportunity to display our work. Thanks, Ted.

Alex Pernat

A soccer net full of Seals to the **S. C. Credit Union, West Coast Wilderness Lodge, Backeddy Marina, Madeira Marina, P. H. Automotive, P. H. Diesel and Grasshopper Pub** for sponsoring the champion Pender Harbour Banana Peppers women's soccer team this year.

Brent Sheppard
PHBP (coach)

A forest full of Harbour Seals to **everyone who takes care** with their fires, cigarette butts and other flame producing activities this summer.

June McIntyre

Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to **the three members of the BC Ambulance Service — Cheryl Jensen, Christie Bliss and Yvonne Lewis** — for running two CPR and AED courses at the Legion during May.

John King,

Royal Canadian Legion No. 112

A Longboard Seal of Approval to **Bricin Lyons** for years of dedication to the ADB longboard race, to the **ADB and Team Irene volunteers**. Congratulations to Team Irene and Team Green for sweeping the podium.

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Swallow and bat populations need our help

Michelle Evelyn

Swallows and bats grace our skies during the days and the nights, entertaining us with their aerial acrobatics as they hunt for flying insects.

But, sadly, these two wildlife groups are among the most threatened.

Both have been severely impacted by changes in insect populations, along with habitat loss, environmental contamination, and accidental and deliberate human disturbance.

Once one of world's most widespread and common birds, the barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) has experienced devastating population reductions, declining by more than 90 per cent across North America in the past 40 years.

Other local swallow species, including tree swallows and violet-green swallows are more stable but face similar threats.

By the late 1970s, our largest swallow, the purple martin, had almost completely disappeared from the Pacific Northwest.

A tremendously successful nest



Darron Birgenheier

A barn swallow feeding her young.

box program has aided recovery efforts for this species.

Half of BC's bats are species at risk, and the recent arrival of white nose syndrome on the West Coast has dramatically increased the threat level.

This devastating fungal disease affects bats during winter hibernation, causing near 100 per cent mortality in some affected colonies.

WNS has already been implicated in the deaths of millions of bats in eastern North America and has led

to the emergency listing of the once-common little brown bat as federally endangered.

Currently, there are no treatments for white nose syndrome.

However, mitigating other threats and preserving and restoring habitat may provide bat populations with the resilience to rebound.

Both swallows and bats often live close to humans.

Barn swallows nest on houses, barns, garages, and sheds upon which they build cup-shaped nests of mud and grass.

Violet-green and tree swallows naturally nest in tree cavities but will also readily use man-made nest boxes.

Many bats have adapted to live in human structures, and maternity colonies may be found in the summer under roofing or siding, or in attics, barns, or other buildings.

The Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project is asking for the community's help to save these special creatures.

Residents are asked to call (604) 989-1007 or email coastwildlife@gmail.com to report known swallow nests and bat roosts.



SCWP

A California myotis bat (*Myotis californicus*) in its building roost.

The SCWP also invites all residents to participate in province-wide monitoring efforts, including the annual BC Bat Count which begins on June 1.

Those wishing to increase available habitat are encouraged to install bat houses and swallow nest boxes, and barn swallow nest shelves, and nest cups.

Coastal residents can help purple martins by installing nest boxes on pilings in bays, estuaries, and marinas.

SCWP biologists can provide free site visits, resource materials, and guidance about how to coexist with these animals, or options for safe exclusion, if desired.

Helping swallows and bats is to all our benefit.

As predators of flying insects, they play a vital role in control of agricultural and forest pests.

If swallows and bats disappear, insect populations could explode, causing significant harm to crops, trees, and whole ecosystems.

Swallow and bat stewardship efforts on the Sunshine Coast are generously supported by Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Gencon Foundation, Sunshine Coast Community Foundation, and the Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk.

For more information, please visit www.coastwildlife.ca.



Purple martin boxes installed on piling in Pender Harbour.

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JUNE

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1. 12:40 PM -L, **8:18 PM +XL**
2. 6:44 AM +S, 1:12 PM -L
3. 7:27 AM +S, 1:50 PM -L
4. 8:19 AM +S, 2:36 PM -L
5. 3:18 PM -L
6. 11:21 AM +S, 4:29 PM -L
7. 12:35 PM +S, 5:36 PM -M
8. 1:32 PM +M, 6:49 PM -M
9. 2:25 PM +L, 8:08 PM -M
10. 8:48 AM -L, 3:29 PM +L
11. **9:14 AM -XL, 4:24 PM +XL**
12. **10:02 PM -XL, 5:18 PM +XL**
13. **10:51 AM -XL, 6:09 PM +XL**
14. **11:38 AM -XL, 6:58 PM +XL**
15. **12:27 PM -XL, 7:45 PM +XL**
16. **6:13 AM +M, 1:19 PM -XL**
17. **7:07 AM +M, 2:16 PM -XL**
18. **8:09 AM +M, 3:16 PM -XL**
19. 9:32 AM +S, 4:03 PM -L
20. 11:13 AM +S, 5:15 PM -L
21. 12:31 PM +M, 6:21 PM -M
22. 7:38 AM -L, 1:53 PM +M
23. **8:29 AM -XL, 3:02 PM +L**
24. **10:11 AM -XL, 4:03 PM +L**
25. **10:56 AM -XL, 4:55 PM +XL**
26. **11:36 AM -XL, 5:42 PM +XL**
27. **12:08 PM -XL, 6:23 PM +XL**
28. **11:42 AM -XL, 7:00 PM +XL**
29. **11:59 AM -XL, 7:33 PM +XL**
30. **5:50 AM +M, 12:27 PM -XL**

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.



BOOZE

\$9.2 billion

Sales of beer in Canada, the alcohol of choice for Canadians, accounting for 41.5% of total alcohol sales in 2016.

229.5

Bottles of beer (per capita sales) each Canadian over the legal drinking age consumed in 2016.

3.5%

Growth in Canadian alcohol sales in 2016.

\$11.5 billion

Net income and other government revenue derived from the control and sale of alcoholic beverages in 2016.

\$7 billion

Sales of Canadian wine (2016).

3.4%

The growth in sales of Canadian wine in 2016. Domestic wines sales slightly outpaced that of imported wine (+3.3%).

54.5%

Red's percentage of total Canadian wine sales in 2016. Followed by white wines (32%) and sparkling wines (5.2%).

39.6%

Spirits' market share in the Northwest Territories, the highest in Canada. Spirits' smallest market share was in Quebec (13.1%).

~ Statistics Canada (all figures for fiscal year ending March 31, 2016)

JUNE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C. The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

June averages 10 days with rainfall and a 46.9 mm total. June has an average of 230.1 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in June is 41.9 mm (June 10, 1972).

JUNE ASTROLOGY

**GEMINI: MAY 21 – JUNE 20**

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Planetary power is moving from the northern sector to the southern sector of the horoscope this month. This brings your career growth into focus and you will finally accept that it is time to move on. Quit your job before June 17 and you are assured of finding new work immediately. Mercury's retrograde ensures your prospects will be in decline after June 29.

**CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22**

Those born under the sign of the crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities. Like Gemini, you will also be impacted as planetary strength moves from the northern sector of the horoscope to the southern sector later this month. While this will deliver fresh opportunity for many other signs, for Cancerians, it may deliver chaos. Don't risk business deal or home purchase completions until late June. After that, resume your confident charge.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending May 19, 2018

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.

- 1. Whitewater Cooks: More Beautiful Food** by Shelley Adams (Alicon Holdings Ltd)
- 2. 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act** by Bob Joseph (Page Two Strategies)
- 3. One Eagle Soaring** by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd (Harbour Publishing)
- 4. A Matter of Confidence: The Inside Story of the Political Battle for BC** by Rob Shaw & Richard Zussman (Heritage House Publishing)
- 5. Grizzlies, Gales, and Giant Salmon** by Pat Ardley (Harbour Publishing)
- 6. The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief, and Compassion** by Peter Wohlleben (Greystone Books)
- 7. Depression the Comedy: A Tale of Perseverance** by Jessica Holmes (Page Two Strategies)
- 8. On the Line: A History of the British Columbia Labour Movement** by Rod Mickleburgh (Harbour Publishing)
- 9. It Begins in Betrayal: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- 10. Listening to the Bees** by Mark L. Winston and Renée Sarojini Saklikar (Nightwood Editions)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 ~ **June Percival** and **Uriah Mees**.
 June 2 ~ **Glenn Higgins** and **Ivan Fisher**.
 June 3 ~ **Ron Fearn** and **Jordan Krause**.
 June 4 ~ **Lilah Donnahee** and **Dale Klassen**.
 June 5 ~ **Joel Field** and **Autumn LaFrance**.
 June 6 ~ **Hugh Skinner**, **June Malaka** and **Holly Seabrook**.
 June 7 ~ **Irene Pratchett**, **Russell Silvey**, **Ron Cymbalist**, **Marlene Cymbalist** and **Marie Hill**.
 June 9 ~ **Dennis Gaudet** and **Bill Cochet**.
 June 10 ~ **Bram Christiaanse**, **Darren Vickers** and **Rob Hoehn**.
 June 11 ~ **Kathy MacGreggor**.
 June 12 ~ **Ken Walters**, **Kim Cabral**, **John Griffith** and **Tai Logtenberg**.
 June 13 ~ **Brooklyn Krause**, **Doug Silvey**, **Pat McQueen** and **Amber McKeeman**.
 June 14 ~ **Mack Duncan** and **Rick Shymanski**.
 June 15 ~ **Marie Malcolm**, **Kay Robinson**, **Hannah Stewart** and **John Schroeder**.
 June 16 ~ **Sonny Reid**, **Rod Cummings**, **Paula Vickers**, **Britney Carswell** and **Derek Youngs**.
 June 17 ~ **Peggy Blumenthal** and **Harry Luck**.
 June 19 ~ **Darlene Yablonski**, **Luke Petraschuk** and **Leah Bernier**.
 June 20 ~ **Tamara Mackie** and **Stan Crowell**.
 June 21 ~ **Willa Schroeder** and **Terri Honeybourne**.
 June 22 ~ **Pat Walsh**.
 June 23 ~ **Dave McKeeman** and **Julia Massullo**.
 June 24 ~ **Alex Phillips** and **Mike Gaudet**.
 June 25 ~ **Aisha Chalk**.
 June 26 ~ **Gerry Krantz**, **Tammy Holt** and **Brieanne Gilkes**.
 June 27 ~ **Barrie Wilbee**, **Aleezah Charboneau**, **Kelsey Clay**, **Jack Donnahee** and **Neville Lincoln**.
 June 29 ~ **Lorna Edwardson**, **Fred Hunsche**, **Ambrose Mees** and **Mark Mills**.
 June 30 ~ **Hanna Stoutenburg**.



Rees' Piece, June 2008: Study to review incorporation

By John Rees
(former Area A
SCRD director)

Last month I promised to give readers some insight into this process, and the reasons this application is being made now.

First the reasons.

Up until the 2006 budget, I was reasonably satisfied with the Area A cost share of SCRD services.

Our portions have always been slightly more than we would wish but

are based on property values which I cannot control.

In 2006 we had a substantial assessment increase — more than other areas — and we had a 14.3-per-cent increase in local taxes.

The other areas had a whopping increase as well but it was attributed to their initial taxation costs for the recreational projects like the Sechelt Pool and Gibsons Ice Arena.

For Area A, the increase did not reflect any service increase but was lost in the overall huge increases.

In 2007 it flattened out a little with assessments affecting the whole Coast more evenly.

Our year-to-year increase was 6.3 per cent, generally about average with the rest of the Coast.

This year once again saw a huge assessment increase for our area resulting in a 23-per-cent net local tax increase.

This adds up to a three year collective increase of 43 per cent (which also has a compounding effect) and is simply too much to accept, particularly without any noticeable service benefit improvements.

Although a portion of that was

due to growth, the vast majority was due to higher assessments.

Obviously, this trend cannot continue, and to that end, I have made a number of proposals to the SCRD board which, if adopted, would offer relief to this community.

For instance, on some basic essential people services like 911 and emergency programs, I've proposed a parcel tax approach in which every household would pay the same.

At the moment, Area A is overpaying the averaged user value of these and other services to the benefit of other areas.

My argument has been that we are now heavily overtaxed on a per capita basis.

The argument from the rest of the directors at the SCRD is that Area A is not such a small community in population as the census shows.

That is correct. We have a substantial absentee land owner population; more than anywhere else on the Coast.

That is exactly why I have suggested a parcel tax approach, which would compensate for that situation.

Time will tell how these pro-



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posals are dealt with but discussions should start at the end of May.

Altogether I have requested equity reviews for nine functions and withdrawal applications for a further three functions.

In the meantime, I have a request (awaiting board acceptance) to the provincial minister of community services for a phase one study grant for this area which would enable the community to review and debate the possibility of incorporation.

These economic realities combined with a number of other factors are the reasons why this application has been made.

Unprecedented growth is another reason and the responsibilities for one director with the applications that are being made is a very heavy burden.

Also, as a result of growth, our various communities need to improve some of the infrastructure, namely roads, sidewalks (which are non-existent) and sewage systems.

For a number of reasons, this can only be accomplished if we consider incorporation.

When we had the last referendum on incorporation in 1999, the tax base (or total property value) in Area A was \$500 million.

Today, that figure is \$1.5 billion, the vast majority being residential.

Interesting to note that Sechelt's residential value is \$1.9 billion and Gibsons is \$755 million.

I give these figures to show some comparative information for you to consider.

One of my duties as your elected representative is to keep you informed and, to that end, I am bringing this issue to your attention.

This is not a political statement by me on the possibility of a gover-

nance change — up until recent budgets, I have always been satisfied with services provided by the SCRD.

Any decision on change will have to be made by you, the public.

That is what the process is all about — a director can only initiate a review on your behalf for your consideration.

I have used all my space identifying reasons only and I promised a look at the process also.

I'll address that subject next month and then, if there is sufficient interest, we should organize a community meeting where we can have a question and answer discussion on this most important issue.

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Driving with diabetes



Jennifer Edwards, RN

Diabetes Canada has published their 2018 guidelines this past April.

The new guidelines state that individuals with diabetes “have a duty to report conditions that may potentially impair their ability to drive safely” and “should play an active role in assessing their own fitness to drive.”

The following are Diabetes Canada’s recommendations for safe driving for individuals treated with insulin or insulin secretagogues (typical names are Glicazide (Diamicon), Glimepiride (Amaryl), Glyburide (DiaBeta):

- Undergo a comprehensive medical examination at least every two years (to assess blood sugar control, frequency and severity of low blood sugars, symptom awareness of low blood sugar and the presence of retinopathy, nephropathy, amputation

and cardiovascular disease) to determine a patient’s fitness to operate a motor vehicle;

- Commercial drivers should take a medical examination at the time of application for a commercial licence;

- Always have blood sugar monitoring equipment in the vehicle;

- Should consider measuring blood sugar immediately before and at least every four hours while driving or wear a realtime continuous glucose monitor device;

- Should not drive if blood sugar is lower than 4 mmol/L and should not drive until at least 40 minutes after treatment of low blood sugar resulting in a level of at least 5 mmol/L;

- Must refrain from driving immediately if experiencing a low blood sugar episode and notify their family doctor or nurse practitioner within 72 hours;

- Have emergency rapidly absorbed sugar within easy reach.

- Individuals who cannot feel if they are experiencing low blood sugars or with a history of severe low blood sugar in the last 12 months must measure their blood sugar immediately before driving and at least every two hours while driving or wear a continuous glucose monitor;

- Individuals should not drive if they have had an episode of severe low blood sugar when driving within the past 12 months and consult their family doctor and/or nurse practitioner;

- Individuals treated with insulin or insulin secretagogues must maintain a log of their blood sugars (using the memory in their glucometer or written log book) and these blood sugar logs should be verifiable on request.

If you have any questions about driving and diabetes, contact Jennifer Edwards, RN at the Pender Harbour Health Clinic, (604) 883-2764.

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DOG OBEDIENCE: Thursdays, May 31-July 5, 5:30-6:30pm

On the Madeira Park Elementary School field, \$75. Instructor: Aurelia Cardiff

STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR C: June 11 & 12, 9am-5pm

Monday June 11 & Tuesday June 12, 9am-5pm, \$175 @ the P. H. Community School

KIDS COOKING CLASS: Tuesday, June 12, 3-4:30pm

At Mad Park Bistro. Grades 4-6, \$10 pre-registration is required.

EGMONT DAY: Saturday, June 2

Fun for the whole family! Games, fishing derby, prizes, food, parade, petting zoo and lots more!

YOUTH NIGHT @ THE HALL: Saturday, June 2

It's the last one until September! A big thank you to Tess, Sharon and their volunteers who make this happen.

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At the P. H. Community Hall from 10:30-11am. Wear runners and join us in an easy-pace special exercise program with walking-based moves. Instructor Heidi Kozlof. Drop-in \$3.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27

At the P. H. Community Hall 1-3pm Drop-in \$3. Join us for a fun game!

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES: Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

With Judy Gideon at the P. H. Community Hall. 10:30 to 11:30am. Drop-In \$3.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays

At the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30am. Lunch served at noon. \$10 drop-in.

June 7 – Keep In Touch (KIT) with RCMP Sgt. Don Newman

June 14 – Celebration for Seniors (11am start). Photo booth, activities and free lunch served at noon. Plus Chuck Bertrand will tell stories of his days as a RCMP constable.

June 21 – Egmont Community Hall: "Elder Abuse including Financial Abuses"

June 28 – "Polishing Our Listening Skills"

WOOD FIRE PIZZA: Tuesday, June 19, 11am

Call Marlene at (604) 883-9900 to reserve a seat. Cost: \$10 per person.

BUS TRIP TO LUND: Tuesday, June 26

Lunch at the Laughing Oyster Restaurant and a quick shopping trip at the mall in Powell River. Details to come. Call Marlene to reserve a seat.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS: June 7-July 26 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 11-11:30am

Come for 1 to 10 lessons depending on what skills you want to learn or improve. \$7/lesson. If these times don't work for you, call us and we may be able to add other days and times.

ROLL OUT: Two Sundays, June 10 and 17

A two day workshop to learn how to use foam rollers to reduce pain and tension while improving posture, overall health and performance. Instructor: Amanda Peterson
Beginner fitness level 10 – 11:30am, Intermediate fitness level 11:45am-1:15pm
Pre-registration required. \$50/2 classes

STRONG AND STEADY: Fridays June 8-July 27, 1-2pm

Balance and mobility program to improve functional mobility, increase lower body strength, improve balance and reduce fall risk. Instructor: Amanda Peterson. \$76/8classes

KIDS CLUB: Wednesdays June 13 and 20, 3:30-5:30pm

Swim lessons are over but the fun continues at the pool. \$5/class or \$8 drop in.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS: Daily, Monday to Friday

Preschool ages 3-5 years: July 2 - July 13 and July 16 - July 27, 11:30am-noon

Level 1-3: July 2 - July 13 and July 16-July 27, 12-12:30pm

Level 4-5: July 2 - July 13, 12:30-1pm

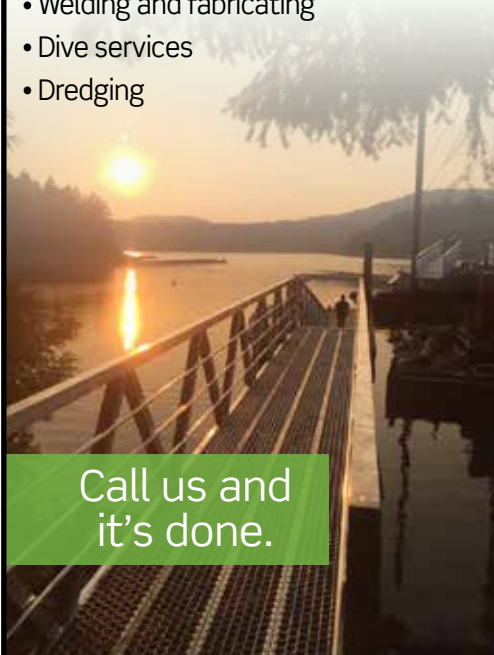
Level 6-10: July 16 - July 27, 12:30-1pm

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The Egmont Story (part 12)



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A colourized photo of Egmont, 1922. The commercial hub of Egmont was originally situated across the Chuck, on the other side from its present site.

Gladys McNutt

*This article appeared in the
Coast News, Oct. 25, 1956.*

Continued from May 2018 issue.

After World War Two, the Queen Charlotte Fishing Company became owners of the Hatashita Store with Jack Parry in charge.

Later on, George Binder ran

the store for them.

Then, they decided to sell and in fairly rapid succession came the Warmans from Vancouver and the Gills from Chemainus and then Angus Lutz bought the business.

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BA Oil, erected three large fuel oil tanks on the hill behind the store and built a pile-driven dock to replace some of the floats in front of the store.

Mr. Lutz kept up the remaining floats.

Mr. Imer Beamish still had his floating post office there and the Marine Express Company sent the *Jervis Express* with mail and freight at least once a week.

The Western Fishing Company also maintained a fish buying scow.

With the Japanese ceasing to control the fish-buying business, a Fisherman's Co-operative Association was formed in Vancouver and soon had a number of fisherman locally organized and looking for a place to locate a fish-buying scow and floats.

They found a stretch of shore, part of the old Points' property at Secret Bay, still in government hands.

This was at the head of the bay and west of the creek running from Waugh Lake.

They applied for and got about seven acres of land together with

the foreshore and soon installed a scow, floats and a cabin for the buyer on shore.

The L.M.N. (Longacre, Moore and Neufeld) Logging Company had acquired some timber in the vicinity and requested that they be allowed to place their buildings on the property.

In return for this, they promised to level off as much of the property as possible.

This was agreed to and the company stuck to the agreement although they soon found out that they could not get as much timber as expected.

Not long after, they moved across to the north side at the east end of the rapids at Earl's Creek.

They reopened the road built by John Wray in 1914 to bypass the rapids and built a dock at the west end for the *Jervis Express* to call in.

This fronted the old George Wray property bought on the death of Mrs. Wray by Bill Howard.

Mrs. Wray is buried on the property.

(continued next month.)

Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society Outreach Healthy Meal Program



Last regular day of service is June 11.

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JUNE

Fri. June 1.....15th annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival opens (3 days) - various
Sat. June 2.....Egmont Day
Sat. June 2.....Youth Night at the Hall (last one until Sept.) - P. H. Community Hall
Wed. June 6.....Wellness support for chronically ill women meetup - PH Health Centre 1:30-3 p.m.
Fri. June 8.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. June 9.....Georgia Strait Alliance presents the Festival of Ocean Films - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
Mon. June 11.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Mon. June 11.....Last day of regular service (until September) for the P. H. seniors healthy meal program
Tues. June 12.....Kids' cooking class - Mad Park Bistro, 3 p.m.
Wed. June 13Wellness support for chronically ill women meetup - PH Health Centre 1:30-3 p.m.
Sun. June 17.....Father's Day
Wed. June 20Wellness support for chronically ill women meetup - PH Health Centre 1:30-3 p.m.
Sun. June 24.....Ruby Lake Lagoon Society AGM (pot luck, bbq and live music) - Iris Griffith Centre, 2 - 8 p.m.
Mon. June 25.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Tues. June 26.....P. H. Seniors Initiative bus trip to Lund
Wed. June 27.....Wellness support for chronically ill women meetup - PH Health Centre 1:30-3 p.m.
Wed. June 27.....PHSS graduation ceremony - PHSS, 1 p.m.
Thurs. June 28.....Last day of school

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



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6:55 pm - Daily
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11:20 pm - Daily

LANGDALE

6:20 am - Daily
8:40 am - Daily
10:55 am - Daily
1:10 pm - Daily
1:50 pm - June 3, 10 & 17 only
3:30 pm - April 1 only
5:45 pm - Daily
8:00 pm - Daily
10:15 pm - Daily

EARLS COVE

6:30 am - Daily except Sun
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12:40 pm - Daily
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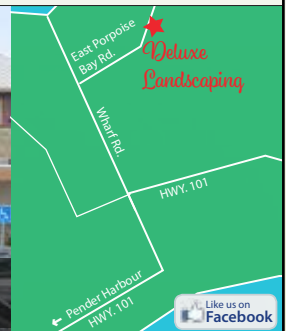
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