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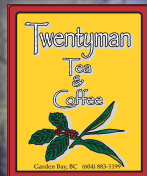
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editorial

Free trade hits the Harbour

By Brian Lee



In April 2007, I attended a chamber of commerce breakfast at the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

The guest speaker was then Liberal minister of economic development Colin Hansen.

He announced \$315,000 in funding for the Pender Harbour Lions field but it wasn't why he was there.

Hansen was touring the province to sell the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement that came into effect a couple of weeks earlier.

TILMA is an agreement between Alberta and BC expanding on the 1995 Agreement on Internal Trade which is essentially a provincial free trade agreement.

TILMA took the AIT a step further by removing more obstacles between the two provinces to create one economic region.

Hansen was convinced TILMA was a critical tool needed to boost cross-border trade.

I'm wary when government says it's beneficial to loosen restrictions on corporate interests, but it did seem to make sense.

Under TILMA, tradespeople or professionals like architects or nurses, could move to Alberta from British Columbia or vice versa and have their certification recognized.

It freed up businesses to move back and forth in order to promote expansion to other provinces.

And, according to TILMA's website, it created "more opportunities for businesses to bid on public contracts at dollar levels where small and medium-sized enterprises are able to compete."

Since then, TILMA has expanded into a 2010 agreement called the New

West Partnership Trade Agreement which saw Saskatchewan added to our "economic region."

I rarely wasted a thought pondering how these trade agreements might affect our community.

That is, until recently, when I learned Pender Harbour Transportation, which has run our school bus service for the past 40 years, was outbid by a multinational with a Canadian outpost in Burlington, Ont.

Business is business and I accept the tender process is necessary for awarding government contracts.

But, like many, I'm having a hard time finding a community benefit in this example.

I don't need to list the contributions the Curtiss family has made to the community, and there's not enough space here anyway.

And though it doesn't seem SD46 placed enough value on those intangibles when they chose to start mailing cheques to Burlington, it's hard to fault a chronically underfunded school district for their decision.

I'm told the owners of Sechelt School Bus, servicing Sechelt and Gibsons, are a family with two kids and everything invested in it.

Like P. H. Transportation, they will sell their buses and their drivers will accept whatever terms the new company offers if they want to work.

To be fair, there's no reason to believe First Student won't provide excellent service and care and, hopefully, drivers like Wendy Haddock who worked for PHT for 33 years, will find a place in the new outfit.

But as we learn 170-plus people are laid off from Howe Sound Pulp and Paper, can we afford to pass over local business and risk losing more students?

I don't think so but because of AIT, we may not have a choice.

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PENDER HARBOUR SHOW AND SHINE: August 9

Don't miss the 12th annual Pender Harbour Show & Shine in downtown Garden Bay, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9.

The Pender Harbour Show and Shine is hosted by the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour with the Garden Bay Pub. Enter your vehicle one of three ways: go to the Show & Shine page at www.penderharbour.org to download a registration form, call Garden Bay Pub at (604) 883-2674 or show up a little early on show day to register onsite. Gates open at 10 a.m. and voting ends at 4 p.m.

PENDER HARBOUR CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: August 13-16

There may still yet be the odd ticket floating around but you'd better hurry, this festival almost always sells out. The festival runs for four days at the Pender Harbour School of Music in Madeira Park.

For tickets and program information visit www.phmusic.ca.

PENDER HARBOUR LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT: August 22

An annual nine-hole modified Texas scramble public tournament held at the Pender Harbour Golf Course, with a banquet to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion 112. Call the Legion to sign up. Tees book from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Register early to avoid disappointment — the entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 19.

photojournal



Lori Rymes

Over 80 people packed into the Pender Harbour School of Music on June 24 when the Pender Harbour Reading Centre hosted an 'old-fashioned garden party' to thank Howard and Mary White (front) for 40 years of donated Harbour Publishing books to the reading centre's stacks. Doug Davis catered the event and musician/MLA Nicholas Simons performed with his cello.

John Henry's Marina deal finalized

After months of speculation, John Henry's Marina has been sold.

Allyson Nelson took over the Garden Bay landmark on July 27.

The store has had many owners since it was first established by Al Lloyd in 1947.

It is the only source for groceries in Garden Bay and the last remaining fuel dock in Pender Harbour.

Nelson takes over from Wayne and Lucy Archbold who have owned the business since 1995.

Nelson also recently purchased the adjacent Fisherman's Resort and Marina property.

That sale closed May 1.

Nelson says the three months between the two purchases has been a welcome break to "get our feet wet."

She said she doesn't have any plans to combine the two businesses but expects to take advantage of efficiencies offered by having them so close together.

"Part of it is being able to try to use the staff," says Nelson.

"So, we're keeping all the staff and we will cross-train people to work between the two properties."

Though there are no renovation plans in the works, Nelson doesn't rule out some changes for the future.



Brian Lee

John Henry's store, marina and gas dock has changed hands.

"We have to get through the summer and then have a look at it," says Nelson.

"But gutting it would be really expensive."

That's not to say Nelson doesn't intend to make immediate changes — starting the day she takes over.

She promises new food items on July 27 and a restructuring of certain facets of the business.

"I'm going to institute a much more disciplined pricing structure," says Nelson.

Nelson says she will institute volume-based pricing for fuel purchases similar to Sidney's Van Isle Marina.

After a clearance sale starting July 31, Nelson will review the product selection in the store.

Nelson owns Vancouver-based company Mad About Food Inc., which produces and wholesales approximately 30 different products under three brands.

John Henry's will carry many of her products which include ethnic cooking sauces but she also expects to bring in other specialty foods.

She says she's also interested in expanding the liquor store footprint to include more BC wine.

Such changes are not in the plans for Fisherman's Resort but Nelson says they will offer accommodations later into the winter season.

Nelson named Stephen Beagle full-time manager for both Fisherman's Resort and John Henry's Marina.

Hardy Islander requests split from SCRD

At least one Hardy Island resident wants to split from the SCRD.

Hardy Island resident Ron Woznow sent a letter to the June 25 SCRD corporate and administrative services committee meeting.

In it, Woznow requested the SCRD consider initiating a process that would allow the approximately 80 parcels on Hardy Island to be managed by the Powell River Regional District.

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Woznow wrote:

"As a landowner on Hardy Island since 1995, I have heard from many different parties that since the owners of property and the residents of Hardy almost exclusively use community services provided for or in the PRRD, it would make sense that Hardy fall within the PRRD."

Woznow indicated in the letter he had already been in contact with the PRRD and the Ministry of Community

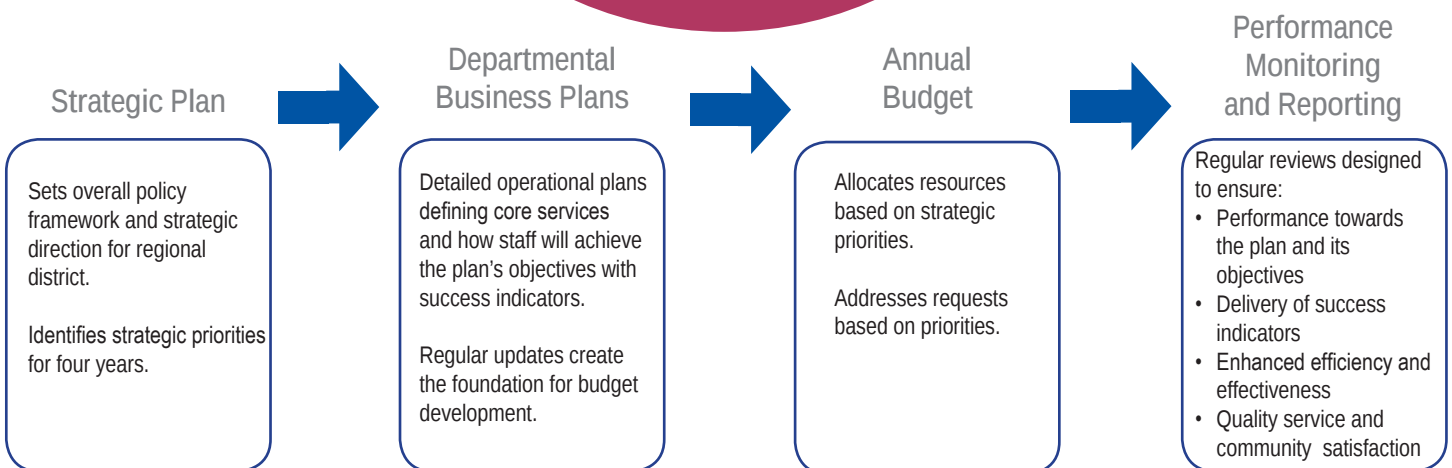
Sport and Culture.

Area A director Frank Mauro said that since the SCRD is still investigating the request, he didn't have an opinion on what it might mean to Area A's tax base or governance responsibilities should Hardy Island leave Area A.

Mauro said the process would likely take some time to complete and that "it doesn't happen very often."

Strategic Plan 2015-2018

The Sunshine Coast Regional District's strategic plan outlines why we exist, what we are trying to accomplish and how we will achieve it. Our mission is to provide leadership and quality services to our community through effective and responsive government. The seven key areas where we will focus our efforts are below.



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P. H. Transportation outbid for local school bus contract

After 43 years, the Curtiss family is out of the school bus business.

Pender Harbour Transportation was outbid for the next five-year term to provide bus service to Pender Harbour and Egmont.

School District 46 secretary treasurer Nicholas Weswick wouldn't divulge the name of their replacement citing ongoing contract negotiations with the "preferred proponent."

Representatives of Burlington, Ont.-based First Student met with drivers on July 22 to discuss rehiring.

Owner of P. H. Transportation, Andy Curtiss, confirmed First Student successfully bid to provide school bus service for the entire Sunshine Coast.

The contract was listed through BC Bid, the provincially managed hub for public sector tenders, and bidding was open to all Canadian companies.

First Student is owned by U.K. parent FirstGroup, the "leading transport operator in the U.K. and North America, with revenues of around £6 billion (approximately C\$12 billion) in 2014/15."

According to their website, First Student is "the largest provider of student transportation in North America – over twice the size of the next largest competitor."

Mark Myers brought school bus service to Pender Harbour in 1963.

Curtiss's dad, Larry, started driving for Mark Myers in 1972 and purchased Pender Harbour Transportation a few years later.

"It's very sad. It's been a long ride and a good ride," said Larry.

"We're disappointed for our kids because they hoped to be the Larry and Linda of the two schools here with their kids growing up through the school system as they go."

Three years ago, Larry and Linda



Brian Lee

Andrew Curtiss says they will soon put their fleet of six school buses up for sale.

Curtiss sold the business to Andy and wife Andrea.

Unlike his counterpart at Sechelt School Bus, Randy Gould, who lost his contract to provide service from Halfmoon Bay to Langdale, Curtiss owns another business to fall back on.

"You never want to lose something like that but we can't do it for free," said Curtiss.

"A couple of the buses are from 1991 — that's a 24-year old bus. In most places in North America, they can't be any older than 12 years."

In a press release issued July 9, SD46 secretary treasurer Nicholas Weswick outlined new requirements for awarding contracts:

"School districts are required to publicly tender the supply of goods and services valued in excess of \$75,000.

"The applicable laws are the

Federal Agreement on Internal Trade and the New West Partnership Trade Agreement between BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

"These laws prevent the discrimination of suppliers based on their location within Canada."

In an email, Weswick told the *Harbour Spiel*, "We definitely considered more than lowest price when evaluating transportation proposals."

Both Andy and Larry say they knew they might face stiffer competition this time around.

"We just ducked in under the wire six years ago but we knew this time, tenders would be going out all over," said Larry.

As for bidding on the contract the next time it comes up, Andy says no.

"I don't think we can — a new bus is \$150,000," said Curtiss.

"We're done."



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9. SAFETY

	2011	2012	2013
Crimes against person	660	606	541
Crimes against property	1,524	1,186	1,228
Drug Offences	290	220	253
Motor vehicles - fatal	0	4	0
Motor vehicles - injury	90	93	90
Motor vehicles - damage	224	272	260
Youth crimes	11	4	5
Domestic violence	90	68	59

Crime Rates on the Sunshine Coast

Of over **600** calls to the Sechelt, Gibsons, Roberts Creek and Pender Harbour volunteer fire departments in 2013, only **114** were for fires — **209** calls were for motor vehicle accidents or medical assistance.

In 2013, the three local Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue stations responded to 70 incidents at sea, assisting **37** people and preserving **\$2.5 million** worth of property.

Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue responded to more than **14** incidents and assisted **18** people.

The Sunshine Coast continues to be a very safe community. Based on 2009-2011 data, the Sunshine Coast ranked fifth best out of 26 regional districts, with very low rates of serious violent crime, serious property crime, motor vehicle thefts, and non-cannabis drug offences.

Our volunteer safety organizations are strong, but the increased level of training required of firefighters makes it more challenging to recruit new volunteers.



32.8%

Percentage the Sunshine Coast sits below the provincial crime rate.

51.1%

Percentage of decrease in the crime rate on the Sunshine Coast since 1998.

5,830

Number of calls in 2013 answered by the three paramedic stations on the Sunshine Coast.

39

Average age of a volunteer firefighter in the Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department.

PHSS adopts new timetable model for 2015/16 school year

Paul Bishop, principal at Pender Harbour Secondary School, hopes he has a solution to problems posed by a drop in the number of students.

"We recognize with declining enrolment we still have something pretty special at this school," said Bishop.

"So we want to be able to make sure we're offering the best programs we can."

Pender Harbour's only secondary school had 95 students last year but with a graduating class of 27, Bishop says he expects only 75 students to start in September.

Bishop said they knew this was coming so he and his staff have spent the last two years looking around the province at different schools and different ways to provide education for students.

"Next year we'll be starting with a different timetable and a slightly different model," he said.

"We're going to go from four blocks a day to five blocks a day.

"Classes are going to meet twice a week in a university model with two lectures a week but multiple seminar classes where students sit down, meet with the teacher and then work through the material."

Grades 7, 8 and 9 will have a slightly different schedule where they have math, English, science, socials and physical education every day.

Bishop said students worked

within a four 75-minute block rotation last year.

That has been typical of all the high schools on the Coast as well as most in the province.

"We're also looking at more project-based learning — more hands-on and students enabled to choose some pathways and maybe declare some independent directed studies they'd like to do through the year," Bishop said.

"They still have to take the full curriculum but we're able to offer everything from math 12 to chemistry 11 and 12 and band 8 to 12 all on one timetable, which has been hard.

"By having five blocks a day it gives us more opportunity to have classes."

It is hoped the schedule will provide flexibility to help students work on weak areas or, for those students looking for more, will allow them to delve into elective options.

From an administration perspective, Bishop says the new block rotation will also allow him to accommodate smaller class size.

He predicts there will be 40 students from Grades 10 to 12 this year and of those, only four or five students intend to take math 12 and chemistry 12.

Bishop says he expects the school to plateau around 75-78 students for the next few years but hopes that number will go up once the word



Brian Lee

PHSS principal Paul Bishop.

gets out about the new programming schedule.

"Already I have students coming up from Sechelt because they know they can get small class size and more individual attention and also support from the community for things like bursaries are huge."

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DINE AND DASH

On June 27, a dine and dash was reported in the 15400-block of Highway 101(Ruby Lake Resort).

The suspect and his party fled after consuming a large amount of food and alcohol at a fundraising event.

The suspect provided a credit card number to reserve tickets to the event but when the restaurant tried to charge the credit card, the transaction was declined.

When the restaurant contacted the credit card company, they were advised that the credit card had been cancelled just hours earlier.

The file is under investigation.

GARDEN BAY MVA

On July 2, RCMP attended a single-vehicle incident in the 5600-block of Garden Bay Road.

RCMP received an anonymous report of two injured parties standing outside a vehicle in the ditch.

Police found a heavily damaged vehicle and evidence that the occupants were injured but neither the driver nor passenger were on scene.

Police located the driver at her residence and she advised she'd swerved to avoid a deer, lost control and ended up in the ditch.

She and her passenger declined medical assistance for their minor injuries.

ATTEMPTED B&E AT IGA

On July 2 between 1:30 a.m. and 2:20 a.m., two masked suspects were caught on surveillance video using a grinder to cut through locks on a deep freezer and shipping container in the 12800 block of Madeira Park Road.

The suspects, who left in two separate vehicles, do not appear to have stolen anything.

The file is still under investigation and anyone who heard or saw anything suspicious is asked to contact the Sunshine Coast RCMP.

RUBY LAKE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

On July 5, sports equipment was found on a beach at Ruby Lake.

It was apparently abandoned as there were no signs of any boats or other personal belongings in the area.

The owner may contact the Sunshine Coasts RCMP with a detailed description to claim the equipment, reference file 15-4562.

DOGS IN VEHICLES

RCMP have received numerous complaints this summer regarding distressed dogs being left in vehicles.

Pet owners should be aware that even parked in shade with windows partially open, the interior of a car can heat up to dangerous temperatures within 30 minutes.

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- Visitor Information Centre
- Sunnycrest Motel
- Cedars Inn
- Garden Inn Hotel
- Sunshine Coast Museum



Brian Lee

Forest fires caused dramatic smoky sunsets last month. This photo was taken from the water off the West Coast Wilderness Lodge, a full week after heavy smoke descended on the area.



Ken Walters

Artist Ken Walters used his camera and a sharp eye for irony to capture this humorous signage on a door in Sechelt.

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Gusts hit 25 knots at the 26th Malaspina Regatta

David Twentyman

The annual Pender Harbour sailing tradition drew 22 boats this year, ranging from 26 feet up to 48 feet in length.

The 10-nautical-mile triangular course starts between Martin and Pearson Islands and has turning marks at Hospital Reef and northwest of Acland Rock.

When the skippers went down to their boats before the race, the forecast was 15-20 knot NW winds with gusts to 25 knots.

It promised to be a great race.

But by the time they reached the start, the wind was very fickle and light at two to five knots from the southeast.

To add to the skippers' challenges, the start line was skewed to be almost parallel with the first leg instead of being set at right angles to it.

This resulted in a very ragged start but eventually everyone crossed the line and the race was on.

Almost immediately there was a split in the fleet with the majority heading directly out to Hospital Reef while a few headed due north up Malaspina Strait.

The latter group fared better as the wind swung slowly round from the northwest as forecast, and they reached this stronger wind ahead of the others who went through a pe-



David Twentyman photos

Photos show the Pearson Island start of the Garden Bay Sailing Club's 26th Malaspina Regatta

riod of variable wind before the NW settled in.

The first three boats to the mark at Hospital Reef were *Peregrine IV* with Stephen Beagle at the helm, closely followed by *No Name* skippered by Sean McAllister and a little further back *Pretender* (Claus Sjogren).

The second leg, which is about

three miles long, saw the fleet split into three groups with five in the lead, four in the middle and the balance scattered further back.

As the boats approached Nelson Island, the wind gradually increased with a few gusts of 25 knots hitting the fleet.

Many of the boats were heeled over far enough to have water washing along their decks.

By the time the Acland mark was rounded the lead had changed, and *No Name* was showing the way.

The final leg was downwind and by comparison, felt very relaxed with most boats opting to run wing-on-wing while only two skippers decided to fly their spinnakers.

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Pearson Island they were given a special treat when two orcas swam up through the fleet, passing close by many of the boats to the delight of the skippers and crew.

In the evening the traditional barbecue was held at Fisherman's Resort and Marina in Garden Bay, where those with any energy left took part in dinghy races.

These were followed by the barbecue dinner, and the handing out of many door prizes, generously donated by local businesses.

The evening ended with the awarding of the race trophies.

The winners were:

Division A:

Stephen Beagle in *Peregrine IV*.

Division B:

Charlie Park in *Frendy*.

Division C:

Diana Valiela in *Yippee-Ki-Yae*.

The Legion Cup for first across the line went to Sean McAllister in *No Name*.

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The P. H. Power Squadron trophy for first overall on corrected time was given to Stephen Beagle in *Peregrine IV*.

Each year a member of the GBSC who has contributed the most to the club is awarded the race committee's special trophy

This year it was given to David Hoens in recognition of his enthusiasm and involvement in many of the club activities.

This year was rated by most of the competitors as the best in the 26-year history of the race.

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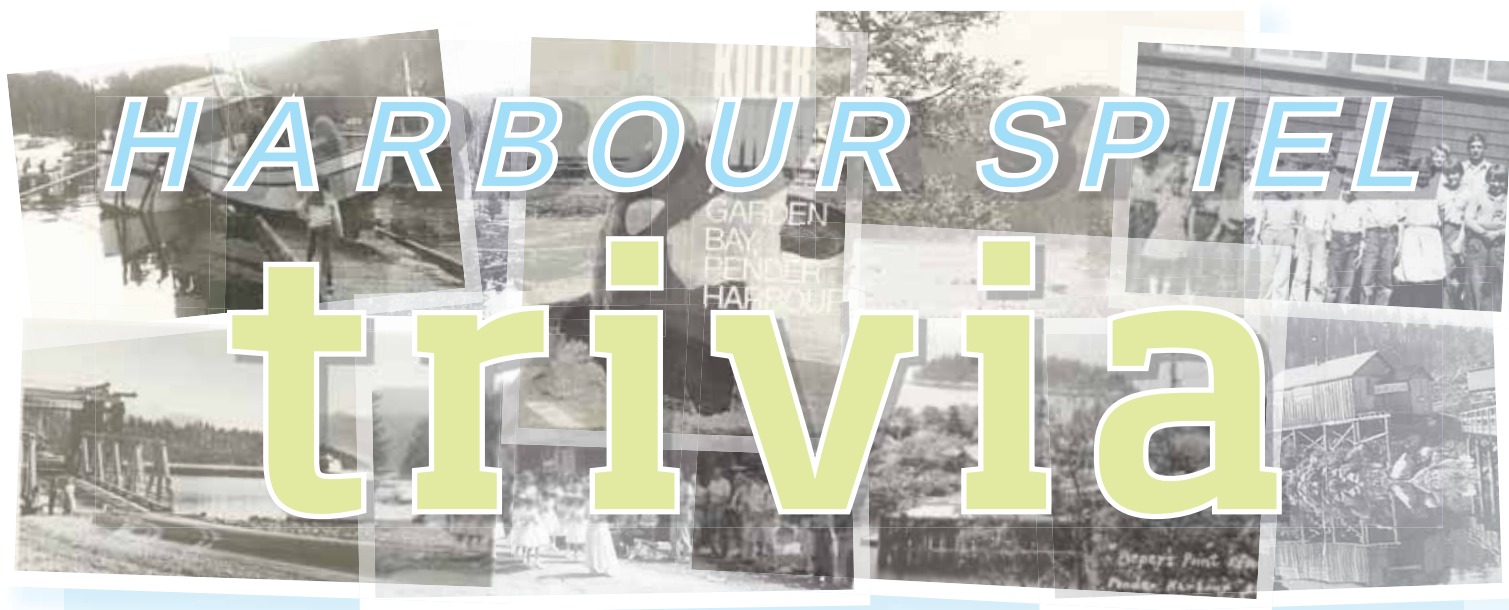
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- ☐ b. zooplankton
- ☐ c. jellyfish
- ☐ d. cephalopods

2. Huge Azorean black man who worked at Irvines Landing Hotel in early 1900s.

- ☐ a. Joe Gonzalves
- ☐ b. Joe Perry
- ☐ c. Joe Silva
- ☐ d. Joe Dames

3. In what year was the Pender Hill forest fire?

- ☐ a. 2008
- ☐ b. 2010
- ☐ c. 2012
- ☐ d. 2014

4. Which early 1980s CBC adventure series was filmed in Egmont?

- ☐ a. Danger Bay
- ☐ b. Pilot One
- ☐ c. Spirit Bay
- ☐ d. Ritter's Cove

5. Straight road bisecting Francis Peninsula named after a local settler family.

- ☐ a. Cameron
- ☐ b. Donley
- ☐ c. Warnock
- ☐ d. Murdoch

6. Which marine bird was the focus of efforts to halt old-growth logging in the Caren Range?

- ☐ a. Blue Grouse
- ☐ b. Marbled Murrelet
- ☐ c. Northern Flicker
- ☐ d. Bushtit

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Margaret Paine

APRIL 14, 1924 — JULY 13, 2015



Margaret Paine (née Beecroft) was born in Sheffield, England where she met the love of her life, Charles, her husband for 69 years.

They immigrated to Canada with their young family in 1952, settling in Calgary and then Vancouver in 1965.

Just after moving to Vancouver, Margaret and Charles visited and fell in love with Pender Harbour where they built a home in the early 1970s.

They retired there in 1985.

Margaret was always actively involved in the communities in which she lived.

She had been a teacher in England and enjoyed working with girls' youth groups and for many years was a Canadian Girls in Training leader.

She was a very caring person and volunteered her time working with a group of special needs young women, teaching them how to knit, create crafts and providing opportunities for them to socialize and go on outings together.

Margaret volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross Society and in Pender Harbour, she was involved with the Canadian Cancer Society, visiting people in their homes to assess what support they needed.

She was also a member of the P. H. Women's Connection, volunteered at the P. H. Reading Room and was a supporter of both the P. H. Chamber Music Festival and the P. H. Health Centre.

She was the outspoken conscience and moral matriarch of the family and will be sadly missed by her husband Charles, two children — Jackie (Ian) and Jonathan (Sue); five grandchildren — Farran (David), Sean (Laura), Kyla (Tony), Andrew (Nancy) and Jesse (Nicole); and eight great-grandchildren — Braeden, Ella, Declan, Parker, Jasper, Miki, Aurora and Mackaela.

They will miss her guiding hand.

There will be an open house at 5011 Panorama Drive in Garden Bay in remembrance of Margaret on Oct. 17 from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

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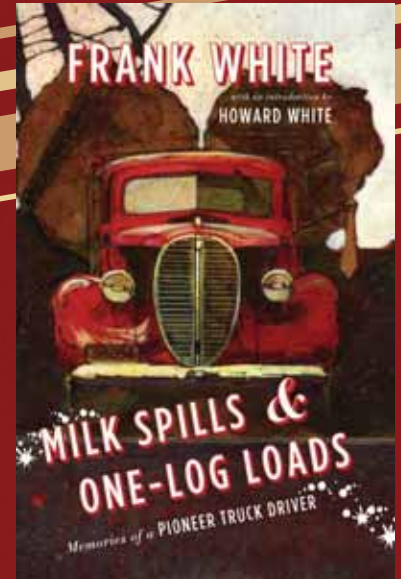


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WATER USAGE

We have all been enjoying the driest, sunniest, warmest spring and early summer in memory.

We have all read about and heard on the news that, unfortunately with the great weather, many areas in the province, including the southern part of the SCRD, have lower than normal water levels in reservoirs and watering restrictions are being imposed.

Area A has been fortunate not to have been affected by such restrictions and we remain on normal summer usage guidelines.

This does not mean that we should be complacent since forecasts

show no significant rain in sight and there is a lot of summer left.

Although the guidelines focus on outdoor water use, everyone should be careful to minimize their water use wherever possible in order to maintain reservoir levels.

Water restrictions are implemented only when necessary and it would be a great accomplishment to get through the season without them.

MOTOR RESTRICTIONS McNEILL AND HARRIS LAKES

The following lakes within the Sunshine Coast Regional District currently have restrictions on the use of non-electric motorized craft:

- Chapman Creek
- Garden Bay Lake
- Hotel Lake
- Klein Lake

- Mixal Lake
- Trout Lake
- Waugh Lake

Missing from this list of smaller lakes are McNeill and Harris lakes which are the water source for approximately 1,000 connections in the South Pender Water System.

In order to place a new motorized craft restriction, including floatplanes, on a water surface, there is a mandated application process which includes public consultation.

The proposed communication plan consists of an open house in Pender Harbour as well as online engagement including Facebook ads and website information.

If no significant concern is raised during the open house phase, we may need to hold a facilitated meeting for

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seaplane operators and/or conduct a survey.

The open house held in Madeira Park on July 20 was very lightly attended and no concerns were raised.

Preliminary discussions with seaplane operators also raised no concerns so the application may be submitted this fall.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The effort to establish a region-wide economic development entity has progressed and a charter for the entity has been approved in principle by the three municipal councils and the regional district.

Each council and the SCRD board have appointed representatives to a temporary steering committee.

Its mandate will be to finalize the work needed to establish the regional economic development body.

This will involve more detailed exploration of possible organizational structures including the option for an existing group to fill the role on a contract basis.

The steering committee will expire immediately upon the establishment of the regional entity.

There is still an important role for independent economic development initiatives and groups such as chambers of commerce and others.

The charter contemplates the

new entity working together with such groups.

The intent is to complement work already being done.

One such interesting independent economic initiative is a new volunteer group, "This is The Coast."

It operates an innovative website (www.thisisthecoast.ca) based on social media links, descriptions of Coast life and information exchange opportunities.

The group maintains a mentorship/referral agency attempting to attract residents and businesses of all types to the Coast.

They are looking for more "Coastie" volunteers who are willing to be paired with people interested in relocating to the Coast in order to provide them with one-to-one communication and information.

A large pool of people is seriously considering relocating from larger cities looking for the type of lifestyle and cost of living that we can offer.

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The SCRd does not hold Board or Committee meetings in August.

Please check back with us in September.

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Ruby Lake forest fire, 1956



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This fire on the hills above Ruby Lake in May 1956 was likely started by a passing motorist's discarded cigarette butt.

Brian Lee

With only five millimetres (0.2 inches) of precipitation, May 2015 was the driest May on the south Coast since record-keeping began in 1937.

According to the *Coast News* (June 7, 1956) the Sunshine Coast received 0.56 inches of rain that May.

That made it the driest ever and made conditions ripe for a nasty forest fire on the slopes above Ruby Lake.

It's thought the May 1956 Ruby Lake forest fire started when someone tossed a cigarette butt out the window after departing the Earls Cove ferry.

In those days, men were required by law to fight fires if conscripted by forestry officials and at that time, the wage was 75 cents an hour.

The next month, the paper reported two other, smaller fires in Jervis and Sechelt Inlets.

Surprisingly, there isn't much information in the *Coast News* about

the fire itself but like the recent fire in Sechelt, there was plenty of blame levelled at officials for not getting it out sooner.

The following is an excerpt from the *Coast News* (May 24, 1956):

Considerable criticism can be heard in Pender Harbour area and from others who were involved, in the manner in which the Ruby Lake forest fire was allowed to get out of control when, according to those directly involved, it could have been contained the first night of the fire.

Some facts as gathered by The Coast News show that when the fire started, Hume and Rumble (logging company) men managed to keep the fire in check.

They reported to the forester at Madeira Park who went with them to see the blaze.

He is then reported to have told the men to go home as the Forestry

branch men would come and work on it in the morning after having received authority from Victoria.

There are also complaints after the fire was taken over officially that the men received no inkling as to shift work and no effort was made to provide food after long hours of work.

What incenses most people in the Ruby Lake area and the men who worked on the fire in its early stages was that it could have been kept under control quite easily with a little more work at the start.

This information is supplied by people who actually fought the fire and did all they could until they were told to go home.

One logger in the district is reported to have suffered a loss of approximately \$15,000 because the fire was allowed to get out of control.

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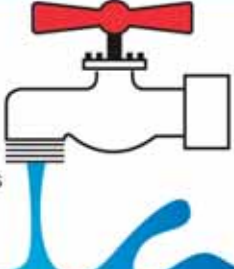
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Happy 29th to the PHGC



Jan Watson

June marked the Pender Harbour Golf Club's 29th birthday and the ladies' club celebrated the event by inviting the men's club to join them in a "money ball" tournament.

Nine mixed teams participated and the winning team after a count-back was Kathy Bergman, Glen Bondrud and Reni Ducich with 91.

MEN'S CLUB

The men completed a sweep of all their interclub matches by beating Myrtle Point home and away.

Their total score was 35 to Myrtle Point's 13.

On June 30, the low net stroke play event was won by Bruce Forbes with 63 (sounds like a bit of a sand-bagger to me!).

Runner up was Harry Friesen with 67 followed closely by Terry Cowan with 68.

KP for 0-18 handicaps on No. 3 and No. 6 was Bruce Forbes while the 19-plus handicaps for No. 3 was Jamie Tufford and No. 6, Garry Noble.

July 7 was Blind Partners and the winners were George Brown and Rusty Ellis with 137 followed by Lorne Campbell and Glen Bondrud with 140. KP on No. 3 was Brian Disney and Bob Alexander and on No. 6, Lorne Campbell and Ian Grant.

A skins tournament on July 14 was won by Ron Needham and Garry Noble with five skins.

KP on No. 3 was George Brown and No. 6, Bruce Forbes.

LADIES' CLUB

The Dorothy Franklin tournament on June 25 is an annual event to raise money for junior girls golf in BC and was won by Lorna Lycan.

Hidden three-man teams was the play on July 2.

Winners were Mary Carlsen, Stephie Garner and Wendy Simmonds with 217.

The low gross score in the July 9 Criers Tourney (worst hole reverted to par) was Reni Ducich with 92 and second was Jan Watson with 93.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES

On June 22, 36 players came out and the winning team was made up of Josh, Ryan, Peter and Brian, visiting prawn fishermen who play with us each year.

They shot a score of 34 while

THE 19th HOLE

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second with 35 was Tom Blockberger, Doug Bell and Dan.

KP on No. 3 was Harry Friesen and Stephie Garner while on No. 6 it was Peter Engelund and Jan Watson.

There were 28 players out on July 6 with winners Rob Metcalfe, Bob Ducich, Lorna Lycan and Pat Hallborg scoring 34.

Four teams tied with 37 and, after count-back, second place went to the team of Todd Cooper, Gary Williams, Terry Powroznik and Jim Davey.

KP on No. 3 was Reni Ducich and Terry Powroznik and on No. 6, Lorraine Wareham.

Eight teams played July 13 and winners with a three under par score of 33 were Rob Metcalfe, Moni Langham and Mickey McMillan.

Runners up were Grant and Pat Hallborg, Keith and Mary Meade (visiting from Salt Lake City, Utah) with 34.

KP on No. 3 for the ladies was Stephie Garner and Keith Meade took both No. 3 and No. 6 for the men.

WEDNESDAY NINE & WINE

Dustin Ouelette took the June 24 low gross event with a score of 50.

On July 8, a low putt competition was won by Lorraine Wareham who only needed 14 putts for nine holes.

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“Over 20 local working and historical boats participated and nine handmade or historical rowboats also came into the show,” said principal organizer Mike Ryan.

“The Friday evening boat parade was viewed by many people who had come down to wharfs and docks around the Harbour for a better look.”

Despite poor weather, Ryan said crowds were very steady at the government wharf in Madeira Park and the Sarah Wray Hall had a lineup before opening as a temporary museum.

The Royal Canadian Legion displayed recent research on local veterans of both world wars.

The weekend included musical entertainment at Millennium Park, a craft fair in Madeira Park and Ruby Lake Lagoon Society displays at the Earth Fair Store to help people forget about the downturn in weather.

“We’d like to thank all the organizations and individuals who stepped up to assemble and run this event,” said Ryan.

“After a break we’ll start working for next year.”



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Visitors had a rare chance to look over nine handmade wooden rowboats at the Madeira Park government wharf during Pender Harbour Days weekend.



Bob Fielding fires up the late Ryan Campbell's 1936 Easthope under the watchful eye of Len Lee.



Mike Ryan photos

A Sunday performance by the Traditional Celtic Big Band at the outdoor classroom in Madeira Park was well attended.

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 Aug. 20: **Jim Barnet, June Reeder, Glen Spencer, Helga Thiele** and **Rachel Wilson**.
 Aug. 21: **Joyce Fowler, Kory Francis, Shelley Clay** and **Klisala Harrison**.
 Aug. 22: **Buzzard Edwardson**.
 Aug. 23: **Kelly Reid**.
 Aug. 25: **Rory Percival**.
 Aug. 27: **Warne Clay** and **Kailee Yablonski**.
 Aug. 28: **Wilma Thompson, Mike Ough** and **Brent Metcalfe**.
 Aug. 29: **Steve Adamson** and **Karen O'Leary**.
 Aug. 30: **Ruth King, Donna Hobson, Megan Bathgate** and **Barbara Loftén**.
 Aug. 31: **Eric English, Bryce Higgins, Corinne Gamble** and **Lillea Hohn**.

AUGUST ASTROLOGY

LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 23



Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. Mercury will play the role of the "celestial leader" of the fire trigon. Surely you remember what happened the last time this happened. So, this is the time to work on your career ambitions. Someone will have conflicting interests and will try to stop you. You will crush them.

VIRGO: AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23



Virgos value knowledge highly. They make good teachers and advisers while avoiding positions of high power. This month, Venus, usually responsible for the fall of the Virgo sign, will change the modality of its energy flow due to interstellar shenanigans. Because of the tumult this will cause, Virgo pets may experience behavioural issues and should be monitored closely. Some personal relationships will flourish during this time — those which do not should be abandoned immediately.

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OF AUGUST

JAPANESE KNOTWEED INVASION

Japanese Knotweed
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Capable of growing through house foundations and cement, Japanese knotweed possesses stout reddishbrown stems, rough heart-shaped leaves and seasonal greenish-white flowers.

It favours roadsides, waste sites, wooded areas and waterways.

Roots extend three metres deep, 20 metres laterally and can grow up to three metres (10 feet) in a year.

It can spread into new territories simply with root fragments, clogging waterways and harming native plant-communities.

In the UK, some homeowners have been denied property insurance or mortgages on properties with knotweed.



DO NOT: Cut, weed whack or mow knotweed. Knotweed is spread largely by small plant fragments so this turns one plant into thousands.

DO NOT: Dig out large infestations. The most effective method to remove knotweed involves injecting glyphophosphate into each stem.

DO NOT: Put knotweed parts in your home composter. Knotweed cannot be reliably "cooked" by your home composter.

JULY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average August daily high temperature is 21 C and our average daily low is 14.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7 C. August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

August averages seven days with rainfall and a total of 38.1 mm for the month (the lowest of the year). The highest daily rainfall recorded in August was 42.4 mm (Aug. 4, 1962). August has an average of 275.3 hours of bright sunshine. mm.



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2. 12:56pm -XL, 7:38pm +XL
3. 7:11am +L, 1:38pm -XL
4. 8:14am +L, 2:34pm -L
5. 9:22am +L, 3:32pm -L
6. 10:34am +L, 4:33pm -L
7. 11:50am +L, 5:39pm -M
8. 1:09pm +L, 6:53pm -M
9. 8:07am -XL, 2:24pm +L
10. 9:13am -XL, 3:25pm +XL
11. 10:10am -XL, 4:30pm +XL
12. 11:00am -XL, 5:20pm +XL
13. 11:44am -XL, 5:59pm +XL
14. 11:43am -XL, 6:30pm +XL
15. 12:15pm -XL, 6:55am +XL
16. 12:46pm -L, 7:12pm +XL
17. 1:17pm -L, 7:31pm +XL
18. 7:40am +M, 1:52pm -L
19. 8:32am +M, 2:34pm -M
20. 9:27am +M, 3:25pm -M
21. 10:28am +M, 4:35pm -M
22. 11:37am +L, 5:38pm -S
23. 12:51pm +L, 6:45pm -S
24. 1:54pm +L
25. 7:08am -L, 3:11pm +L
26. 8:16am -XL, 4:00pm +XL
27. 9:16am -XL, 4:46pm +XL
28. 10:19am -XL, 5:25pm +XL
29. 11:09am -XL, 5:55pm +XL
30. 11:57am -XL, 6:25pm +XL
31. 12:43pm -XL, 6:52pm +XL

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

• Blues Society	883-2642
• Bridge Club	883-2633
• Chamber of Commerce, P. H. & Egmont	883-2561
• Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61	883-2572
• Community Policing.....	883-2026
• Egmont Community Club	883-1379
• Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department	883-2555
• GRIPS (Recycling Society)	883-1165
• Garden Bay Sailing Club	883-2689
• Guides, Brownies, etc.	883-2819
• Harbour Artists	883-2807
• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	885-1365
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary (Last Monday, 1p.m.).....	883-9957
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
• Lions Club, Egmont.....	883-9463
• Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....	883-1361
• Men's Cancer Support Group.....	883-2393
• P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....	885-6866
• P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday).....	883-9248
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• P. H. Community School Society	883-2826
• P. H. Garden Club.....	883-2595
• P. H. Golf Club	883-9541
• P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.).....	883-2930
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• Reading Centre Society	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
• Ruby Lake Lagoon Society	883-9201
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....	883-9994
• St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.)	883-2563
• Seniors' Housing Society	883-2819
• Serendipity Child Care Centre.....	883-2316
• Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....	989-6171
• Sunshine Coast SHROOM.....	883-3678
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).....	740-1509
• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS).....	883-9853
• Women's Cancer Support	883-9708
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-3663
• Women's Outreach Services.....	741-5246

organizations

SCHOOL OF MUSIC COFFEE HOUSE

August's SoM Coffee House is a week early due to the P. H. Chamber Music Festival.

On Friday, Aug. 7 at the Pender Harbour School of Music at 7:30 p.m., the lineup is:

Gen Katagiri, a singer-songwriter with guitar and piano.

Cameron Peters (guitar and voice) will be joined by Chris Peters on flute.

David J Taylor, a singer and composer who plays piano and guitar.

P. H. ROTARY SHOW AND SHINE

If the seductive line of a finely turned fender and the engineering marvels of a vintage internal-combustion engine makes you grin like a fool in appreciation, don't miss the 12th annual Pender Harbour Show and Shine in downtown Garden Bay on Sunday, Aug. 9. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On a private, waterfront estate next door to the Garden Bay Pub, you'll stroll across spacious, manicured lawns while admiring hot cars and cool classics. Mark your ballot to choose winners in seven automobile and two motorcycle categories, plus an overall "best of show."

Little kids love free rides in Texada Island "hillbuggies," powered by Skinny Jimmy and his son, Eldor Dougan. The hillbuggies are Dougan's lovingly and meticulously handcrafted, all-wood interpretations of the classic soap-box racer.

Local artists and artisans display wares for sale on-site, at the Alley of the Arts. Artists, crafters and vendors are invited to set up in the Alley of the Arts, all day, for only \$10. Call Myrtle at (604) 883-0010 to reserve your spot, and please note that you must supply your own table and display fixtures..

And, of course, there's food. Rotary club members serve up grilled delights at their barbecue, and classic pub grub, bevies and table service is right next door at Garden Bay Pub, both inside and on the deck. The Nigel Mack Band provides live music from 2 to 6 p.m.

Enter your vehicle one of three ways: go to the Show & Shine page at Pender Harbour Online (www.PenderHarbour.org) to download a registration form, call Garden Bay Pub at (604) 883-2674, or show up a little early on show day to register onsite. Gates open at 10 a.m. and voting ends at 4 p.m.

Admission is free, and all proceeds are donated to local projects and youth programs.

harbour seals



Note your (dis)approval.

Send to: editor@harbourspiel.com.
Include full name and telephone number for confirmation.
(Editor reserves the right to edit for length.)

Harbour Seal of Disapproval to **the stupid woman who burned her stupid garbage in a stupid outdoor barrel** on Porter's Road. Not just that burning garbage is nasty, but in extreme fire hazard conditions, when you're surrounded by dead, parched weeds and big old dry trees, with 400 hectares in flames this side of Sechelt... well, like I said, stupid.

We are all very fortunate that a neighbour spotted it and called 911. Finally, heartfelt thanks to our **local volunteer firefighters** who responded quickly and put the (stupid) fire out.

Myrtle Winchester

A huge seal of approval to **Dr. Rick Smalley** for helping us say goodbye to our lovely girl, Pogo, and for all his expertise and kind attention during her lifetime. You're the best. Also a warm hug and seal of approval to **Jan Smalley**... your gentle presence helped us through it.

Peggy Collins

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Plumb Bob** for fixing the stained glass at Sarah Wray Hall.

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Sue Campbell** for her donation of the Easthope engine which was displayed at Pender Harbour Days.

A Harbour Seal of Approval to all **the volunteers** who made Pender Harbour Days such a success.

Elaine Park

P. H. Living Heritage Society

A huge thank you to **Mary and Howard White of Harbour Publishing**, **Doug Davis of Comfort Food Catering** and the **many volunteers** for ensuring our inaugural Books in the Harbour author series event was a resounding success.

Thank you to the community of Pender Harbour for your enthusiastic support.

Lori Rymes

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Gratitude and heartfelt thanks!

To everyone who made my retirement party so fun!

To the musicians — the music was terrific and enjoyed by all!

The food was amazing — many thanks to those who worked so hard in the kitchen as well as the I.G.A., and the Oak Tree Market.

Special thanks to my treasured friend Devorah Rosen for her hard work organizing the party and managing to keep it a surprise!

To my talented daughter Kristal for her amazing art work and beautiful photos. They were truly amazing!

From the bottom of my heart, thanks to everyone!

Joyce Garbers

Last year he said he was 42.

This year he says he's 43.

Which is it Justin?





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FAQ: Children and vaccines

Sandra McLean, RN BscN

As both a public health nurse and a mother of a medically vulnerable child, I would like to share information on vaccines and questions I frequently receive from parents on the topic of immunizations and vaccine safety.

WILL MULTIPLE INJECTIONS OVERWHELM MY BABY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM?

No.

Babies' immune systems are amazing — they have thousands of antibodies ready to fight millions of germs from the time they are born.

In fact, babies have the capacity to produce up to one billion antibodies.

Vaccines never use up all your body's immune system because the body is constantly making more immune cells all the time.

However, babies do not have mature B cells, which produce antibodies necessary to fight off infections.

So, they are very susceptible to pathogenic organisms that cause diseases such as meningitis and pneumonia.

These diseases can harm or kill a baby, especially in the first two years of life.

Particularly vulnerable are children born prematurely or having a condition (or treatment) that causes a vulnerable immune system.

Such is our case, where our child has a chronic, life-limiting condition called cystic fibrosis.

Your perspective on the topic drastically changes when confronted with communicable diseases and vulnerable infants who are close to you.



VACCINE VS DISEASE: IS NATURAL IMMUNITY BETTER THAN THE VACCINE ITSELF?

No. Natural infections from certain preventable diseases can kill or seriously harm a child before his or her immune system even has a chance to respond effectively.

An immunization triggers the child's own immune system to provide protection against the disease without the risk of the actual disease.

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIMEROSAL AND AUTISM?

No. Thimerosal, a preservative used in vaccines, is no longer present in childhood vaccines.

It was not removed for safety concerns but as a result of public perception.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE STOP IMMUNIZING? WILL THE DISEASES GO AWAY?

No. History has proven that if we stop immunizing, the diseases will come back and in some cases the diseases are just a plane ride or roller-coaster ride away.

DO VACCINES WORK?

Yes, vaccines work.

All vaccines used for routine immunization are very effective in preventing disease.

Most of the diseases that vaccines protect against are considered rare and many of the times only found in unvaccinated people.

In the last 50-plus years, immunization has saved more lives than any other health intervention.

Killer whales make appearance at Pender Harbour Days

At least four killer whales made an appearance inside Pender Harbour for the inaugural Pender Harbour Days weekend on July 12.

One large male, two smaller mature whales and a calf were seen entering the Harbour at approximately 9 a.m.

The whales stuck around for about an hour, milling around Garden Bay Estates and Mary Islet before slowly moving back out towards the mouth of the Harbour.

Dr. John Ford, head of cetacean research at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, couldn't identify the whales individually from the photos here but because of their fin shape, he believes them to be Bigg's or transient killer whales.

According to his recent book, *Marine Mammals of British Columbia* (Royal BC Museum, 2014), "Transient killer whales feed almost exclusively on marine mammals, particularly seals and porpoises."



Darlene Fowlie photos

At least four orcas entertained boaters in Pender Harbour July 12.

Transient killer whales are a distinct population from the two separate BC populations of resident orcas that feed mainly on salmon.

As their name suggests, transient killer whales roam throughout the BC coast and because of that researchers have a harder time specifying population estimates.

It's believed there are about 3,100 killer whales found between California and the Aleutian Islands.

Of these, it's estimated there are

approximately 300 inshore transient killer whales and 271 individuals in the rarely encountered offshore population in BC waters.

The BC resident population is split between the northern residents, numbering 274, and the southern residents which numbered 82 in 2013.

The diet of transient orcas consist of eight documented prey species.

According to Ford's book, of the 408 kills researchers have recorded, over half were harbour seals.



Harbour Spiel

2015 LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Pender Harbour Golf Course
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Register by Aug. 19

- Modified Texas Scramble
- Entries with entry fee only
- Register at the Legion or PH Golf Course.



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The whales repeatedly declined to be interviewed by the *Harbour Spiel* (r).

Another quarter were harbour or Dall's porpoises and the remainder was split (in order of volume) between Stellar sea lions, Pacific white-sided dolphins, common minke whales, California sea lions and northern elephant seals.

Unlike the very vocal resident killer whales which use echolocation to track their prey, transient killer whales are stealth hunters and forage in near silence.

Transients, Ford writes, "seem to

depend on passive listening to detect prey from a distance, likely cueing on the animals' vocalizations or swimming noises."

The whales visiting Pender Harbour travelled in a tight group and occasionally rolled onto their sides while flapping their pectoral fins.

All of the whales, including the juvenile, could be seen "spyhopping" in which they rise out of the water head first and remain there for a few seconds.

Killer whales have excellent vision in and out of the water and researchers believe spy hopping provides the whales a glimpse above the surface of the water.

On this day, the orcas were possibly curious about the growing number of boats following them from a respectful distance.

The whales travelled slowly, eventually making their way out the Harbour (photo left), staying close to the shore of Charles Island before heading south towards Francis Point.



community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

AUGUST

Fri. July 31.....John Henry's General Store clearance sale - John Henry's Store, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. July 31-Aug. 2.....Bradley McGillivray Blues Band (3 nights) - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Thurs. Aug. 6-8.....Nigel Mack Band (3 nights) - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 2.....Sunday Jam: Joe Stanton Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Aug. 3.....BC Day (statutory holiday)
Fri. Aug. 7.....P. H. Golf ladies' barbecue - P. H. Golf Course
Fri. Aug. 7.....SoM coffee house - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 9.....Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Garden Bay Pub, noon - 4 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 9.....Sunday Jam: Nigel Mack Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Aug. 10.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Thurs. Aug. 13-16.....11th annual Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival - P. H. School of Music
Sun. Aug. 16.....Sunday Jam: Simon Paradis and Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Thurs. Aug. 20-22.....Surveillance (3 nights) - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 22.....Pender Harbour Legion Golf Tournament - P. H. Golf Course/P. H. Legion, all day
Sun. Aug. 23.....Sunday Jam: Peter Van B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Aug. 24.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Fri. Aug. 28-29.....Cannery Row (2 nights) - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 30.....Sunday Jam: Cannery Row - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

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



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11:10 a.m. - Fri & Sat only
12:00 p.m. - Daily
§ 1:35 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - Daily except Sat
4 3:45 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - Daily except Tues & Wed
5:50 p.m. - Daily except Sat and Sept 6
6:35 p.m. - Daily except Tues & Wed
7 7:55 p.m.
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8:20 a.m. - Daily
10:35 a.m. - Daily
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2:05 p.m. - Daily
4:30 p.m. - Daily
6:40 p.m. - Daily
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§ Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun (excluding Aug 2 & Sept 6).

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Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

~ Sam Keen



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Wednesday AUG. 5

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this day

Thursday AUG. 6

1 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Harbourside Friendship
Geopia garden tour via
the Duck Bus

Tuesday AUG. 11

10:45 a.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Lunch at West Coast
Wilderness Lodge. Bus
costs \$10 (+ lunch).

Wed. AUG. 12

1 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Carpet Bowling
Cost: \$3

Thursday AUG. 13

10:30 a.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Harbourside Friendship
Evan & Friends perform
Lunch at noon - \$10

Wednesday AUG. 19

1 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Carpet Bowling
Cost: \$3

Thursday AUG. 20

10:30 a.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Harbourside Friendship
Wheel of Fortune
Lunch at noon - \$10

Tuesday AUG. 25

10:30 a.m.

KENT RD MAILBOXES
Walking
Kent Road

Wed. AUG. 26

1 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Carpet Bowling
Cost: \$3

Thursday AUG. 27

1:30 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Harbourside Friendship
Hotham Sound (\$35)
plus Backeddy dinner

Tuesday SEPT. 1

10:30 a.m.

WARNOCK RD MAILBOXES
Walking
Warnock Road

Wed. SEPT 2

1 p.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Carpet Bowling
Cost: \$3

Thursday SEPT. 3

10:30 a.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY HALL
Harbourside Friendship
TBA

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PENDER HARBOUR SHOW & SHINE

Sun. Aug. 9 - Hot cars, cool classics & classic iron plus food, music & vendors, 12th annual, noon-4 pm.

8 PM in the PUB - NO COVER CHARGE

Bradley McGillvray Blues Band

Powerhouse blues & R&B with Ruth, Sheldon, Paul & Hoto, Fri. Sat. Sun. July 31-Aug. 2.

Nigel Mack Band

Chicago blues with blistering slide guitar and killer harp, Thu. Fri. Sat. Aug. 6-8.

Steve Kozak's Westcoast Allstars

Award-winning bluesmaster Kozak and friends, Thu. Fri. Sat. Aug. 13-15.

Surveillance

Classic rock & blues from the Big Smoke, Thu. Fri. Sat. Aug. 20-22.

Cannery Row

Party Cajun-style with Gary Comeau, Tim Hearsey & Chris Nordquist, Fri. Sat. Aug. 28-29.

SUNDAY JAMS - 2 PM in the PUB

Joe Stanton Band - August 2

Nigel Mack Band - August 9

Simon Paradis & Gutbucket Thunder - Aug. 16

Peter Van B3 - August 23

Cannery Row - August 30

LIVE MUSIC in the RESTAURANT

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