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Egmont Day on June 16.
(Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Spying on Red Top

Brian Lee



On a recent trip through my photo archives I learned that I have taken over 100,000 images since getting tricked into this job.

Over a span of close to 20 years, I've documented rock slides, car crashes, forest fires, cute pets, sporting events, two pub fires — I even have a shot of former MLA Nick Simons milking a phony cow.

But I found very few examples in which I returned to the same spot each year at the same time and snapped a photo of the same thing.

Except for one — for almost every year I've attended Egmont Day in early June, I've found myself up on the playground where the horse rides and animal petting zoo take place.

For anyone unfamiliar with the topography of downtown Egmont, this spot sits at the top of Egmont Park on the footprint of the old school and provides a perfectly framed viewpoint of Mt. Drew, a.k.a Red Top.

So, each year, I snapped a photo.

There's no climatological evidence to be gleaned here — just entertainment for those who lack something more worthwhile to ponder.

This year we had a warm spring and a later than usual Egmont Day, producing this by June 13:



Contrast that with June 3, 2023:



The 1,887 metre peak is barely visible through heavy cloud cover on Egmont Day 2022 (June 4):



Then, this, on June 4, 2016:



On June 7, 2014, the mountain looks identical to 2016 and 2023:



Contrast that with June 4, 2011 when, according to the Washington State climate office, the season was dominated by one of the strongest La Niña events of the 21st century resulting in a cool winter followed by an extremely wet, snow-heavy spring:



While compiling these shots, I also came across many familiar local faces caught in various states of unflattering candidness from the past couple of decades.

I'm now considering how best to parlay them into a lucrative post-retirement career in blackmail.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE (STATION 61) BEER AND BURGER FUNDRAISER: Thursday, July 2, 5 p.m.

This beer and burger fundraiser will raise funds to benefit the local Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 61 in Pender Harbour.

Come out to the Madeira Park Legion between 5 and 9 p.m. on Thursday July 2 to enjoy a meal with these local volunteers while helping raise money for much needed rescue equipment.

Tickets are \$35, available from members of the station or by emailing aorcmsar61@icloud.com.

There will also be a silent auction with items and services donated by local artists and businesses.

MADEIRA TUESDAY MARKET:

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 1 to 6 p.m.

Come out to the Royal Canadian Legion 112 every Tuesday this month for the popular Madeira Tuesday Market. It runs from 1 to 6 p.m. and features handmade crafts, local artisanal products, fresh snacks, and a welcoming community atmosphere with hot food available

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE:

Saturday, July 10, 7 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, July 10. Performing will be Them Ordinary Things with Simon Paradis. A Pender Harbour favourite, they offer toe-tapping, dance-in-the-aisles music influenced by folk, country, Americana and blues.

Doors (Pender Harbour School of Music) open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

BLUES ON THE DOCK (GUNBOAT BAY):

Saturday, July 11, 4 p.m.

In what is now the fifth annual event, drop your anchor at the water access-only "Blues Concert in Gunboat Bay" with Peter van Deursen and his band on Saturday, July 11.

The show starts at approximately 4 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Mellquist family dock on the north shore of Gunboat Bay. All are welcome to join from their own dock or on a boat anchored in the bay. Enjoy, and please be responsible.

Questions, or if you are interested in contributing to tip for the band or donating to local Pender Harbour charities, contact ken@mellquist.ca.

Celebrating PODS as it enters construction phase

Calling it a “milestone event,” the Loon Foundation invited members of the community to help celebrate the next stage of the Pacific Ocean Discovery Station, formerly the Pender Ocean Discovery Station, on June 16.

“We are now transitioning from planning to execution,” said Mike McDermid, Loon Foundation board member, to an audience of approximately 25 people gathered at the foundation’s showroom in Madeira Park.

Described as a “vibrant hub for research, education, culture, and community resilience,” the PODS project in Irvines Landing has all permitting in place to begin construction and is currently undergoing site preparation.

“What you are creating at PODS as a research centre of excellence, as a place to gather as a community, and welcome visitors in to learn about our community, this is a game changer not only for the Sunshine Coast, but for the entire province,” said Randene Neill, MLA Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

From a Loon Foundation statement:

“Phase 2 of the project includes the construction of the cutting-edge mass-timber facility that will serve as a hub for climate and ocean research, education, Indigenous knowledge-sharing, cultural programming and community engagement.”

The news comes after 11 years of fundraising and planning.

“It’s estimated to be a two-year timeline but it’s funding dependent,” said Lana Brandt, executive director of the Loon Foundation, of the construction ahead.

Brandt said the foundation has spent \$10 million up to this stage and the current board is focused on managing ongoing cost challenges includ-



Brian Lee

Attending a media tour at the PODS site prior to the community celebration are (l-r): Brendan Glauser, Loon Foundation board, Lana Brandt, executive director of the Loon Foundation, Randene Neill, MLA Powell River-Sunshine Coast, Mike McDermid, Loon Foundation board and Andy Koberwitz, PODS construction committee.



Brian Lee

Lana Brandt (l) and Mike McDermid (r) field questions at the PODS ‘Milestone Event’ held at the Loon Foundation’s Tranquillity Gardens in Madeira Park June 16.

ing recently reducing the construction budget by \$9 million.

With a \$25 million construction budget (including a \$2 million contingency), the project still has a “funding gap” of \$7 million.

Brandt said that figure does not include a further \$7 million required to build a theatre and exhibits.

McDermid confirmed they have enough funding in place to take the project to lock up and will be moving ahead as construction continues.

Brandt said the project will provide approximately 90 jobs during the construction phase and “a couple of dozen” during operation.

Questions from the crowd included concerns about whether there will be docks installed on the foreshore.

Andy Koberwitz, construction committee member, assured the audience that the project will include two docks — one for water taxis and another attached to the pier.

It will also include at least three laboratories, a restaurant, performance area, exhibits and amphitheatre but Brandt said they have built in some flexibility to the project.

“What does the community need?” Brandt asked.

“We are open to ideas as the project continues to develop.”



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Thanks also to all of our May Day committee volunteers and so many others who volunteered their time!

See you next year!

news briefs

PENDER HARBOUR/EGMONT REMAIN ON STAGE 1 WATER

While Pender Harbour and Egmont remain on Stage 1 water restrictions after a rainy June, those down south aren't so fortunate.

On June 5, water users on the Chapman water system were placed on Stage 2 water restrictions.

“Water is about to stop flowing over the Chapman Lake dam, and with continued warm, dry weather, the SCR D needs to move to Stage 2 water conservation regulations,” said the Sunshine Coast Regional District in a June 2 statement.

Stage 2 restrictions prohibit the watering of lawns but allow watering of trees, shrubs or flowers twice a week for a two-hour period.

Visit www.scrd.ca/water-regulations for full water conservation regulations.

SCR D LAUNCHES UPDATED PROPERTY VIEWER

The Sunshine Coast Regional District has launched a new version of its public web map “property viewer.”

The mapping tool is one of the most visited pages on the SCR D website, averaging over 200 visits per day.

According to the SCR D, the updated version will continue to provide property information and mapping tools “while offering a refreshed look, and responsive design for viewing on tablets and mobile.”

New features include a more flexible search tool, the ability to share direct links to map views and property reports and a new elevation profile tool enabling users to explore terrain and slope across the landscape.

The SCR D’s mapping services can be accessed at www.scrd.ca/mapping/.

photojournal



Steve Willgoose

A truck hauling a partial load of prawns collided with a power pole, closing the highway and killing power to local residents for a short time on May 18. According to one witness, no one was hurt in the accident and no prawns met pavement. This is the second accident involving a prawn truck overturning in this neighbourhood in recent years. In July 2020, a day’s work for four local prawn fishermen was lost to the ditch (and local scavengers) after a fully-loaded truck failed to make a corner south of RONA. No one was reported injured in that accident either.

Researchers probe Hotel Lake's temperature

No lake on the Sunshine Coast is better studied than Hotel Lake.

That's a direct result of local volunteers and the Hotel Lake Advisory Association's work to study and document its natural history.

The HLAA's June newsletter provided results of work by UBC Professor Evgeny Pakhomov and student Dana Haley.

The two visited Hotel Lake on May 29 to deliver testing equipment to the group and to recover automatic water temperature probes at various locations and depths in the lake.

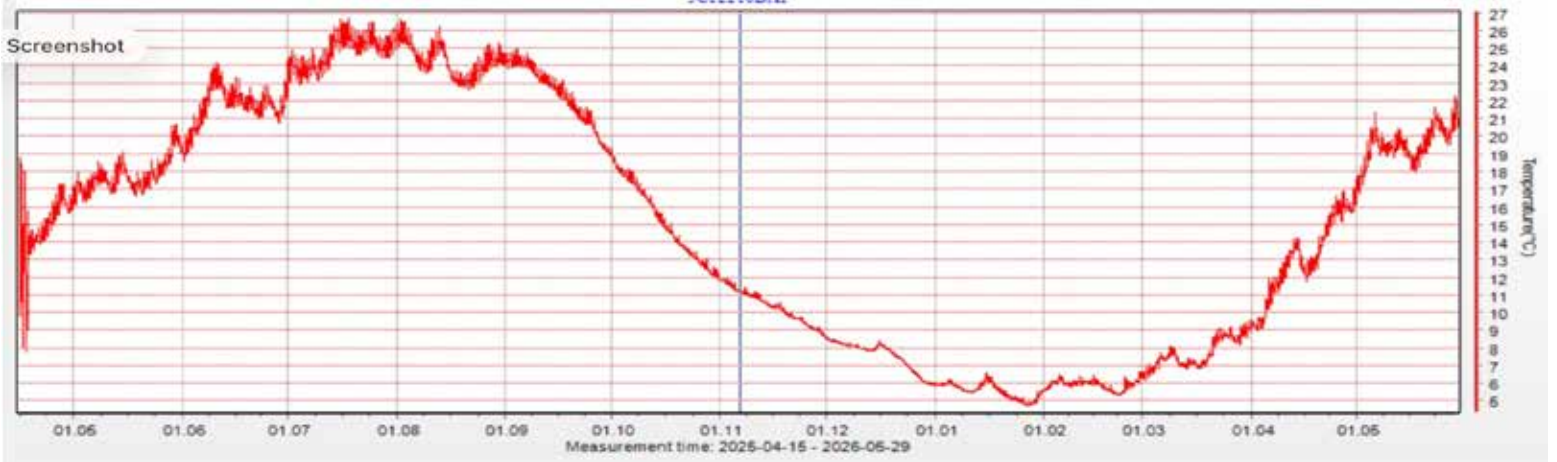
Hotel Lake temperature data for Hotel Lake is shown below for the past 13 months.

For more information Hotel Lake's natural history, visit www.hotellakeadvisory.com.



Hotel Lake Advisory Association

UBC professor Evgeny Pakhomov (r) and student Dana Haley go over temperature data collected in Hotel Lake over the past 13 months.



Hotel Lake Advisory Association

The past 13 months of temperature data collected for Hotel Lake by a UBC team shows the range of lake temperature throughout the year.

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WOODEN BOAT SHOW

PENDER HARBOUR DAYS SCHEDULE

Friday, August 7

5pm: Community Boat Parade, all welcome. Fly your Canadian flag and muster off Madeira Park Government Wharf. We tour Pender Harbour starting at 5:30pm.

Saturday, August 8

8am: Breakfast sandwiches! In support of Lions' Park.

10am - 3pm: Heritage boats on display. Free!

10am - 3pm: Historic exhibits, hands-on displays, salmon raffle, vendor tables and more.

11am - 3pm: Drop in, all ages crafting with Mad Park Art.

11am - 3pm: **MUSIC ON THE LAWN** featuring local artists Sean Peters and Los Dos.

11am: **SPEAKER SERIES** Graeme Menzies on his BC best seller, *Trading Fate: How a Little Known Company Stopped British Columbia from Becoming an American State*.

11am - 3pm: Kids' mini-boat making in the amphitheatre.

Sunday, August 9

8am: Breakfast sandwiches! In support of Lions' Park.

10am - 1pm: Marine Tailgate Sale. \$10/ car. Set up 9:30am.

10am - 2pm: Heritage boats and displays, music and local vendors.

11am - 3pm: **MUSIC ON THE LAWN** featuring local artists Stephan Lacasse and Rick Raymond.

11am: **SPEAKER SERIES** Eden Murray discusses their recent work on restoring *China Cloud* — the late Alan and Sharie Farrell's Chinese rig junk sailboat.

11am to 3pm: Drop in, all ages crafting with Mad Park Art.

12pm: Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society Canoe Raffle Draw for *Kingfisher* — tickets at the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society website until Aug. 9 or in person at the show. Only 500 tickets!

When you're done at the Wooden Boat Show, check out the Pender Harbour Rotary Club's 21st Annual Show and Shine at the Legion, Sunday only.

Three days celebrating boats and Pender Harbour's maritime tradition.

The show kicks off with a Boat Parade Friday night. Saturday and Sunday feature a variety of music, food, heritage boats, exhibits and the popular speaker's series featuring author Graeme Menzies and Eden Murray's efforts restoring *China Cloud*.



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Locally built rowboat takes on field at the Seventy48 in Washington

Local small boat builder Rick Crook of Oyster Bay Boats was recently honoured by having one of his handmade wooden rowboats complete the Seventy48 race in Washington state on May 29.

This human powered, open water race takes competitors 70 miles from Tacoma to Port Townsend, Wash.

Competitors have 48 hours to complete the route and the rules of the are simple, “No motors, no support, and no wind.”

Crook’s Salish Coastal rowboat is an 18-foot strip-built cedar rower weighing 69 pounds.

With a beam of 34 inches, the sleek craft is also self-bailing, a feature that proves crucial during an open water race like the Seventy 48.

The Salish is often seen rowed by Crook in Garden Bay Lake or Pender Harbour at any time of the year.

“I’ve thought that my Salish coastal rowboat would be perfect for this event but I also realize that I never was,” said Crook.

“So, in order to prove my theory,



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Lyon Terry scarfing a donut about five hours from the finish of the 70-mile race.

I had to find someone interested in rowing my boat.”

Crook said he joined the Seventy48 racers forum and found Lyon Terry, a Seattle middle school principal and previous competitor.

Crook delivered the boat to Terry on the Canadian side of the border and he set about training with it weeks before the race.

On May 29, at 7 p.m., Terry pulled away from Tacoma’s Foss Waterway Seaport with 133 other teams taking part.

The race hosts only four classes of teams defined as “standing up,” “by yourself,” “facing forward” and “facing backward.”

The winning team finished in under 10 hours paddling a three-person surfski (a long, narrow, lightweight sit-on-top kayak).

Terry’s “Salish Cruiser” team finished 41st overall, crossing the line at 2:20 p.m. — 19 hours and 20 minutes after setting off.

Terry finished in 16th place among rowers (the “facing backwards”) class.

For more information about Oyster Bay Boats, visit www.oyster-bayboats.weebly.com.



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Terry at the finish of the race after rowing for over 19 hours.

Transfer station transition



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

The SCRD included \$1,408,409 in this year's budget to transition our Pender Harbour Transfer

Station from contracted to in-house operations to provide long-term cost-savings, increased control over inflationary costs, strengthened staff capabilities and the hands-on experience to support ongoing process improvements.

To have in-house operations in place by January 2027, we agreed to spend up to \$485,000 (excluding GST) on a 2027 Freightliner hook lift container truck with a salt spreader and belly plow to move roll-off bins, haul material to Sechelt Landfill, and

conduct snow removal.

We will spend \$420,000 (excluding GST) to buy a 2026 Cat excavator from Finning to load bins and complete site maintenance.

Already purchased or easily obtained are four, 40- to 50- cubic yard containers to haul solid waste, smaller containers for roofing and aggregate, and a water pump and tank.

We approved the most cost-effective maintenance choice, which is having routine work done by SCRD fleet services and major repairs completed by contracted services.

We will hire an additional staff member to operate heavy equipment and drive Class 3 vehicles.

My objective has always been for SCRD staff to live and work in our area, and I hope this will be one more reason for that to happen.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION UNIT ON ITS WAY

A structure protection unit came up from Sechelt to help in the 2019 Cecil Hill fire, and now the Coast's second SPU is on its way for the 2026 wildfire season, thanks to a \$106,060 donation from the BC and Yukon Freemasons through their Community Charities fund.

This one, a Type 3 model supplied by WASP Manufacturing Ltd. of Kelowna, is a 20-foot, self-contained trailer loaded with pumps, hoses, sprinklers, and gear needed for a crew to defend up to 15 homes from a wildland urban interface fire.

An SPU, often called a "sprinkler trailer," allows firefighters to strategically place sprinklers to raise the humidity around a building, reducing the likelihood of embers and burning



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole
July 9 at 9:30 a.m.

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July 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee
July 16 at 9:30 a.m.

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July 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
July 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Our meetings are held in person in the SCRD Boardroom, online via Zoom, and live-streamed to the SCRD YouTube channel.

Visit www.scrd.ca/agendas for links and agendas

Islands Clean Up In Pender Harbour

Registration is now open for the 2026 Islands Clean Up. To register visit, <https://letstalk.scrd.ca/islands-cleanup>.

We are collecting on **Sunday, July 12**. Registration is required for all flag stops at **Nelson and Hardy Islands**, starting at Fearney Point and travelling clockwise toward Vanguard.

Accepted materials:

- Garbage
- Scrap metal
- Household recycling and books
- Special item: fridges and freezers

Where possible, coordinate with neighbouring docks to combine stops into group events and reduce the number of visits. There is a one cubic metre limit for garbage and scrap metal per household at flag stops and land events

Did you know that during drought conditions, the average person should aim to use **just 200 litres of water per day**? Understanding your daily water use is the first step toward using water more efficiently. Stay informed and take control of your consumption by signing up to receive **your monthly water use report** at www.scrd.ca/water-use.

debris igniting combustible materials on or near the building.

If a fire gets dangerously close to a home, our fire department will deploy fire engines, water tenders and other assets.

FIRE FLOW FINESSE

Fire flow is the volume and pressure of water available for firefighting, usually from a hydrant, and recently upgraded standards specify 22 pounds per square inch of pressure to give flows of up to 225 litres per second for two hours.

Local governments adopt fire-flow standards from the Fire Underwriters Survey and the master municipal construction document manual into their bylaws, thus giving them legal status.

Fire flow is also used in the Fire Underwriter Survey to rate fire departments and it's used by insurance companies to calculate home policy rates.

Our fire-flow finagle started out innocently enough, with a 2023 update to the water master plan, a 10-year outline of water infrastructure updates and replacements needed to meet engineering standards.

But, step one of our master plan update, a modeling system (the first for North and South Pender Harbour water systems), revealed that fire flows in a substantial part of SCRD water systems failed to meet standards.

This raised a few issues, not the least of which was the large amount of money needed for infrastructure upgrades.

We wondered how to address ongoing, long delays in subdivision approvals because we can't meet the new standards, what are the legal ramifications of approving a subdivision without providing the flow to service it and would our permit to July 2026

practice issued by the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC be revoked.

However, even without changes to how fire flow is provided in our water service areas, fire departments can deal with low pressure by pumping water from a hydrant rather than relying on static pressure to draw it, having tanker trucks deliver water from other locations and bringing more trucks in from adjacent areas.

In July, we expect the board to initiate flow standard amendments to SCRD Subdivision Servicing Bylaw 320 and plan to evaluate flow requirements based on travel distance from fire halls and fire department response times, including potential bylaw and board of variance amendments.

A draft 2026 fire flow action plan will be referred to the District of Sechelt, the shishálh Nation Government District, advisory planning commissions and the Sechelt and Pender Harbour fire improvement districts.

Recommendations for Area A include \$7,372,000 to replace the Dog-

wood Reservoir and upgrade mains to address low fire flows in Madeira Park and \$5,061,000 to connect North and South Pender Water systems.

We will share fire-flow storage between the North and South Pender systems through connected systems rather than having a separate reservoir in each system and South Pender could be supplied from Garden Bay Lake when required.



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Alain Catteau

Work began last month renovating and rebuilding the roof of the Pender Harbour Community Hall. The project received its final building permit on June 3 and work began immediately removing existing fixtures, ceiling and insulation. The target completion date is Nov. 16. Photos taken June 16 of the main hall and demolished kitchen area. Alain Catteau, project manager, told the *Harbour Spiel* that the Pender Harbour Community Club is still looking for additional funding and donations 'to achieve the complete modernization of the hall — additional donations will directly support our final goal, installing a high-efficiency heating and cooling system and securing our project contingency.'

RANDENE NEILL

MLA - POWELL RIVER - SUNSHINE COAST



Congratulations to Bricin "Striker" Lyons on 25 legendary years of Attack of Danger Bay! This event launched two world champions, put Pender Harbour on the map, united the community, and raised the global bar for longboarding.

We appreciate you!

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Stephanie Van Dyk
PHSS PAC

Many, many heartfelt Harbour Seals of Approval to all **the amazing people who showed up and contributed to Dave's celebration of life.**

He would have been so very touched.

Cathy Gibson and
the Gibson family

Lowther: More BC Ferries woes

Editor,

On April 15, I reserved the 11 a.m. ferry from Langdale.

That sailing was cancelled because the ferry broke down.

My time-sensitive overnight trip now ruined, I left the terminal and drove home to Madeira Park.

I contacted BC Ferries for a refund.

The CSR apologized, said things were hectic but I'd receive an email confirmation within two weeks.

Twelve days later, I received an email from BC Ferries that said:

"Customers are required to check-out with a ticket agent before leaving the terminal for safety and security reasons, and in order to obtain a refund for their unused fares.

"We are limited in our ability to verify whether a customer has travelled after the fact...

"We can look at the possibility of providing a refund this one time; however, we require proof of alternate travel, i.e. receipt for travel on a later time or date, or documentation showing you did not leave Langdale as intended, i.e. gas receipt, meal receipt, etc. paid for by the same credit card."

In other words, "Please prove your innocence because we can't prove your guilt."

Shaking my little fist in the air, I banged out a response that I had no documentation, but could provide three phone numbers of people I had to advise I was no longer coming and the long-term care home number of my ailing mother who I couldn't visit.

I also wondered how far from the terminal I would've had to park to safely return to the ticket booth to check out with an agent.

And I mentioned that I was on the sailing last year that drifted around Howe Sound for three hours before being pushed in by a tugboat.

I suggested that if ferry issues must be accepted, then so too must refunds, and I left it up to the CSR.

A follow-up came the next day: "Upon further review of your booking, it appears the reservation fee was fully refunded by our service recovery team on April 17, 2026."

I was left with two thoughts — imagine trying to return to the Horse-

shoe Bay toll booth to check out with an agent and, given BC Ferries' limited ability to verify a customer's travel, could I have checked out with the Langdale agent then waited around and taken the next sailing anyway?

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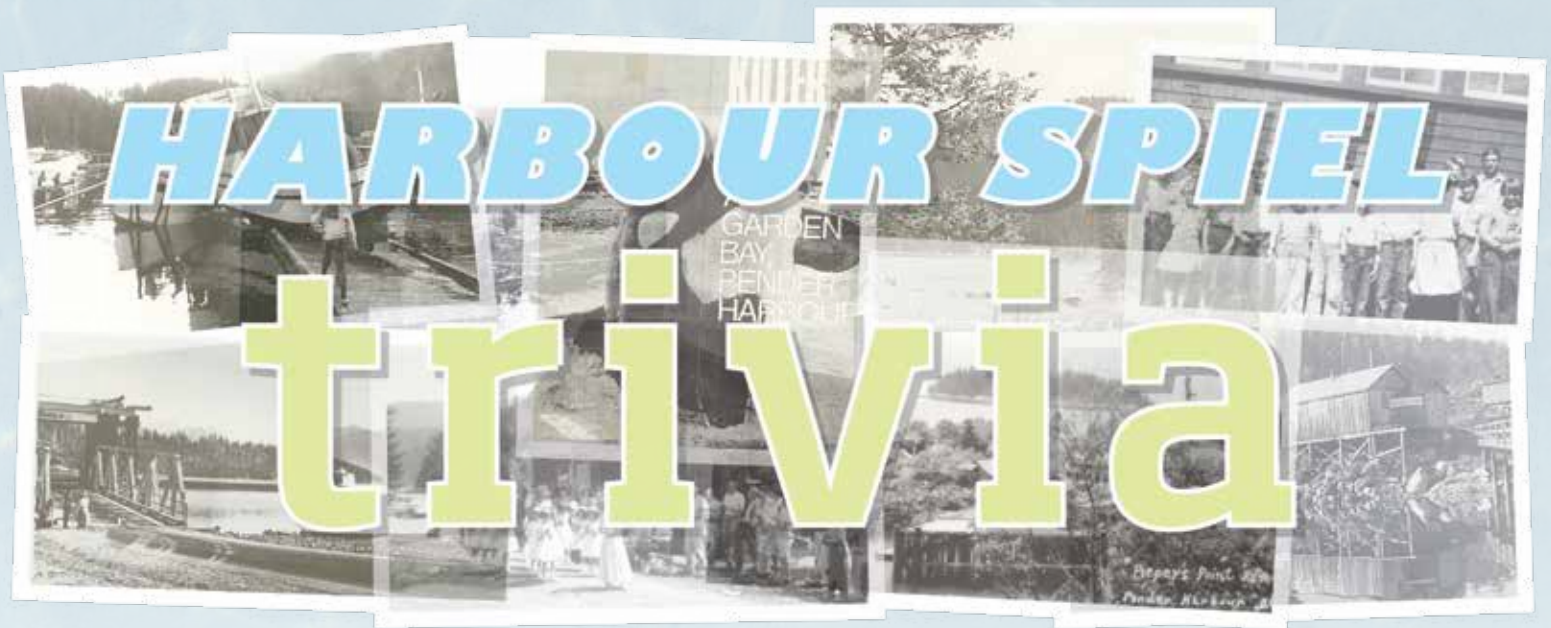
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1. Which local dining establishment once carried the nickname, "The Tiki Hut."

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2. How do you spell the name of this provincial park in the Caren Range?

- a. Spipiyus
- b. Spiyus
- c. Spippyus
- d. Spipipyus

3. Who is the mayor of Sechart?

- a. Darren Inkster
- b. Darnelda Siegers
- c. John Henderson
- d. Warren Paull

4. What is the name of the cluster of islands near Freil Falls?

- a. Comity Islands
- b. Tranquillity Islands
- c. Serenity Islands
- d. Harmony Islands

5. How many parsecs (a unit of distance) did it take for Han Solo to complete the Kessel Run?

- a. 5
- b. 7
- c. 10
- d. 12

6. Which of these fish does not have white meat?

- a. Pacific halibut
- b. Sockeye salmon
- c. ling cod
- d. Spiny dogfish

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

George Montgomery (Monty) Rolston

JULY 13, 1943 — MAY 31, 2026



Monty Rolston was born in Vancouver on July 13, 1943 and he grew up in Steveston with his parents and three sisters.

He met the love of his life, Gail, while working at National Cash Register and they married on June 8, 1968.

Fond memories from that time included playing and partying with the Richmond Rugby team and building a cabin with his wife at Indian Arm.

They got all materials and furnishings up there by boat and spent many weekends enjoying the peace away from the city and later taking their two kids up to the cabin.

The Rolstons moved from Delta to Pender Harbour in 1974 when he became a part owner of Coho Marina until 1979.

From 1979-2004, the couple owned and ran Protech Office Electronics in Sechelt.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge to recognize and record those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date of birth and date of death and be submitted in a digital format. All submissions will be edited for length and adherence to Canadian Press style and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

They serviced customers from Port Mellon to Lund and helped many people along the Coast, even after hours, as he was a truly reliable person.

Rolston was very involved in the community shortly after arriving in the Harbour.

This included serving the Pender Harbour Fire Department for 50 years, working with the Pender Harbour Golf Club, the Pender Harbour Music Society, playing trumpet with the Harbour Lights Dance Band, organizing the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival (1997 to 2007), and helping whenever asked for a hand.

Among the time he spent within the community, he enjoyed playing darts, fishing and hunting.

He also loved cheering on his favorite team, the BC Lions, and was a season ticket holder for 43 years. He enjoyed traveling the world (while

owning Protech) and across Canada twice (during his retirement years) with Gail; with more recent trips including road trips out to Alberta to see his four grandchildren.

Rolston died peacefully on a road trip back home from Calgary after seeing his grandkids and watching the oldest granddaughter graduate from high school.

He was at peace as he held his wife's hand and dozed off in the mountains, full of happiness and ready to finish his fight with myoplasty leukemia.

He is survived by his devoted wife Gail, his daughter Tara (Chris), his grandchildren Annalisa, Addison, Autumn and Anderson and his son Steve (Sabina).

Please join his family, in celebrating Monty Rolston's life on Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion no. 112.

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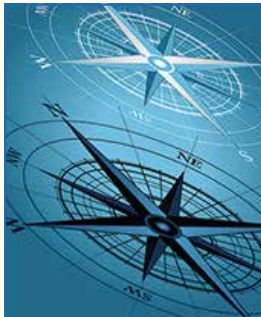
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Since 1976, the Pender Harbour & District Health Centre Auxiliary has donated over \$1.3 million, with nearly half of that donated in the past 10 years. In our last fiscal year ending this past March, we donated \$115,000.

A remarkable result considering our main source of fund raising, the Bargain Barn, started 50 years ago with a dirt floor!

Our fundraising efforts include the Bargain Barn, our January Fashion Exchange Wine & Cheese, annual fashion shows, our annual raffle, plus items crafted by our volunteers.

We also run an eBay store and hold china, art and craft sales, and this year an Easter chocolate sale.

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While doing so, they make friends, have fun and contribute so much to our community.

Come join us to make our next 50 years even more remarkable.

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The Pender Harbour Health Centre, along with our Board of Directors, staff, and patients, extends heartfelt thanks to the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre Auxiliary, its volunteer board and the many volunteers who generously support community health and wellness.

We also gratefully acknowledge the community members who donate items to the Bargain Barn, shop there, and purchase raffle tickets.

pender harbour tides ~ july 2026

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

Canoe Pass:



July	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Wed 01	11.9	11.6	11.8	12.3	12.7	12.8	12.2	10.8	8.9	6.7	4.7	3.2	2.5	2.6	3.8	5.8	8.4	11.0	13.2	14.8	15.4	15.1	14.3	13.2
Thu 02	12.1	11.4	11.3	11.6	12.1	12.5	12.5	11.7	10.2	8.2	6.1	4.3	3.1	2.8	3.4	5.0	7.2	9.8	12.3	14.3	15.3	15.4	14.8	13.7
Fri 03	12.4	11.4	10.8	10.9	11.3	11.9	12.3	12.1	11.2	9.6	7.7	5.8	4.3	3.4	3.5	4.5	6.4	8.8	11.3	13.5	15.0	15.6	15.2	14.2
Sat 04	12.9	11.6	10.6	10.2	10.4	11.0	11.6	11.9	11.7	10.8	9.3	7.5	5.9	4.7	4.2	4.6	6.0	8.0	10.4	12.7	14.5	15.5	15.5	14.7
Sun 05	13.5	11.9	10.5	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.4	11.1	11.5	11.4	10.6	9.2	7.7	6.4	5.6	5.4	6.1	7.7	9.8	12.0	13.9	15.2	15.6	15.1
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Sun 12	14.3	14.8	14.7	13.6	11.7	9.2	6.4	3.9	1.9	0.9	0.8	1.9	3.9	6.5	9.4	12.1	14.1	15.3	15.4	14.9	14.0	13.2	12.8	12.9
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Fri 17	11.6	10.4	10.0	10.4	11.4	12.4	13.1	13.1	12.2	10.4	8.1	5.8	4.0	3.0	3.1	4.3	6.6	9.4	12.2	14.5	16.0	16.2	15.5	14.0
Sat 18	12.2	10.5	9.4	9.1	9.6	10.5	11.6	12.4	12.5	11.8	10.3	8.4	6.6	5.2	4.6	4.9	6.4	8.6	11.1	13.5	15.3	16.1	15.8	14.7
Sun 19	13.0	11.1	9.4	8.3	8.1	8.6	9.7	10.8	11.7	11.9	11.5	10.4	9.0	7.6	6.7	6.4	7.0	8.5	10.5	12.6	14.4	15.5	15.8	15.1
Mon 20	13.7	11.8	9.9	8.3	7.3	7.2	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.0	11.6	11.4	10.8	9.9	9.0	8.4	8.3	9.0	10.3	12.0	13.6	14.8	15.4	15.1
Tue 21	14.1	12.5	10.6	8.7	7.2	6.4	6.4	7.0	8.0	9.3	10.5	11.4	11.7	11.5	11.0	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.7	11.7	12.9	14.0	14.7	14.8
Wed 22	14.3	13.0	11.3	9.3	7.6	6.2	5.5	5.6	6.2	7.3	8.7	10.1	11.3	12.0	12.3	12.1	11.8	11.5	11.5	11.9	12.5	13.3	13.9	14.3
Thu 23	14.1	13.3	11.8	10.0	8.2	6.5	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.7	6.9	8.5	10.1	11.5	12.6	13.2	13.2	12.9	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.8	13.3	13.6
Fri 24	13.8	13.4	12.3	10.8	8.9	7.1	5.6	4.5	4.2	4.5	5.5	6.9	8.7	10.5	12.1	13.3	13.9	13.9	13.6	13.1	12.7	12.6	12.7	13.0
Sat 25	13.3	13.3	12.7	11.5	9.9	8.0	6.2	4.8	3.9	3.7	4.2	5.4	7.1	9.1	11.1	12.8	14.0	14.4	14.3	13.8	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5
Sun 26	12.8	13.1	13.0	12.3	11.0	9.2	7.2	5.4	4.1	3.3	3.3	4.1	5.6	7.6	9.8	11.9	13.5	14.5	14.7	14.3	13.5	12.8	12.2	12.0
Mon 27	12.3	12.7	12.9	12.8	12.0	10.5	8.6	6.5	4.7	3.4	2.9	3.2	4.3	6.2	8.4	10.8	12.8	14.2	14.8	14.6	13.9	13.0	12.1	11.7
Tue 28	11.7	12.1	12.6	12.9	12.7	11.7	10.0	7.9	5.8	4.1	3.0	2.7	3.4	4.9	7.1	9.5	11.8	13.7	14.7	14.8	14.2	13.2	12.2	11.4
Wed 29	11.2	11.4	12.0	12.6	12.9	12.6	11.3	9.4	7.3	5.2	3.6	2.7	2.8	3.9	5.9	8.3	10.8	13.0	14.4	14.9	14.6	13.6	12.4	11.3
Thu 30	10.7	10.7	11.2	12.0	12.7	12.9	12.3	10.9	8.8	6.6	4.7	3.3	2.9	3.4	5.0	7.3	9.9	12.3	14.1	15.0	14.9	14.1	12.8	11.4
Fri 31	10.4	10.0	10.3	11.0	11.9	12.6	12.7	11.9	10.4	8.3	6.2	4.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	6.5	9.0	11.5	13.6	14.9	15.2	14.5	13.3	11.7



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HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Lions Park Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

July 2 – "Hiking in European Mountains" with Sharon Mackay

July 9 – Garden Tour at GeoPia's Gallery followed by lunch at the Cove Restaurant

July 16 – Bingo for all those that are missing our weekly session.

July 23 – Show & Tell about something that you made or were given.

July 30 – Music with Joan & Ted Woodard.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29

At the Lions Park Hall from 1 to 3pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, July 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31

At the Lions Park Hall 11am to 12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

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Nude pickleball: Break free from prudish textiled sports

Moe Colton



Do you know what the fastest growing sport in North America is right now?

Yes, it's easy —

pickleball.

Many assume the surging popularity of pickleball is because it's a new sport but it was invented way back in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Some also assume that it's a game played only by seniors but, in the U.S., the average player is 34.8 years old.

According to data from Pickleball Canada, 1.8 million Canadians play pickleball and the sport is growing with a 14-per-cent year-over-year increase and an 80-per-cent surge in overall participation since 2022.

In the U.S., about 24 million people play pickleball with 7.5 million of them playing eight or more times per year.

Roughly 4.5 million new players are picking up the sport annually.

But, like in every popular sport, some will get bored and try to make it more extreme.

Enter the second fastest growing sport — nude pickleball.

Sure.

Though it's a recent trend, it's more popular than you might think.



Maggie Colton

The author bravely posing for a photograph during a recent nude pickleball trip to Palm Springs.

Understandably, the sport has taken off wherever naturists tend to gather.

From *Pickleheads.com*:

“Naturists believe that spending time naked allows us to free ourselves from materialistic hang-ups and live a freer life in harmony with nature and the environment.

“Naturism promotes a spontaneous approach to life as well as acceptance of everyone, no matter their age, race, gender, or body shape.”

The term “nudist” is often used interchangeably with the term “naturist,” but “proponents of true naturism would say that their lifestyle choice involves more than just being naked.”

Whatever you call yourself, a growing legion of fans will tell you that you haven't even played pickleball until you've played it nude.

To the newcomer, it may sound exceedingly risky to play sports with tender things swinging free, unbound from the protective comfort of Lycra and cotton.

While clothing does provide at least some protection from a ball that travels at speeds up to 50 miles per hour, once you've taken the first whack to your bare privates, it becomes part of the fun.

It also gives new meaning to keeping your eyes on the ball.

And hitting a dink.

The main hazard for any nude pickleballer is the potential for sunburn to sensitive areas.

Sunscreen should be invisible with an SPF factor of at least 30.

Seasoned naturists will tell you that high-quality transparent or oil-based formulas allow for uniform tanning without the blotchiness caused by heavy white lotions.

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your private areas.

Many sprays use alcohol and I can tell you from experience, it can sting worse than a nutshot.

For the competitive types, consider attending a nude pickleball tournament like one coming up later this month in Edmonton.

Leave your clothes in your locker at the second annual Helios Nude Pickleball Tournament on Sunday, July 26 at the Helios Nudist Association pickleball courts.

The cost for visitors is \$35 and singles are welcome to register.

I went last year and one local naturist shared his trick to beat the swarms of south Edmonton mosquitoes — mix Deep Woods Off with your sunscreen and lather it all over.

I can tell you it works but when I got home, Dr. Google told me that mixing mosquito repellent with sunscreen is a no-no.

“In some studies, the combination led to a more than 30 percent reduction in SPF.

“What’s more, sunscreens enhance absorption of DEET into the skin, potentially increasing toxicity — especially in children.”

Whether nude or clothed, pickleball’s general rules are the same.

In the nude tournaments I’ve taken part in, players may wear only a hat, footwear and one additional article of clothing of your choice.

“More clothing forfeits the game.”

The general rule is “shoes on, clothes off” to protect feet from debris, and it is standard etiquette to bring your own towel to sit on between matches.

Pickleheads lists over 40 resorts in the U.S. that feature nude pickleball but only one in Canada — the Sol



Garden Bay Nude Pickleball Association

Experts recommend that if you take up nude pickleball, you should buy your sunscreen by the litre. Here, a couple of locals enjoy a game on a private court in Garden Bay.

Sante Club, “a family oriented nudist club” located in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island.

But who wants to take two ferries just to get naked?

There is potential for a thriving nude pickleball community on the Sunshine Coast but the one drawback of playing pickleball naked here is the short season.

It’s strictly a warm weather sport and that’s why it thrives in places like Arizona and Florida.

That’s also why we need more indoor nude pickleball court time.

Our community offers pickleball for clothed prudes only in the Pender Harbour High School gymnasium four nights a week during the winter.

Join me in demanding they end their discrimination of nude pickleballers by making clothing optional.

HELIOS NUDIST ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

2ND ANNUAL NUDE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Helios Nudist Association

ABOUT THE EVENT	IMPORTANT DETAILS
<p>WHO: Men & Women of all abilities who like to play unencumbered for would at least like to try it out!</p> <p>WHAT: Co-Ed Pickleball Tournament, Round Robin in the morning, Double Elimination in the afternoon.</p> <p>WHERE: Helios Nudist Association Pickleball Courts.</p> <p>WHEN: Sunday, July 26th, 9:00 am Start; Gates open at 8am, come early for sign-in & tour.</p>	<p>ALL PLAYERS: All players may wear a hat, footwear, and 1 additional article of clothing* of your choice. More clothing forfeits the game.</p> <p>COST: Members \$5 & Visitors \$25 entry fee includes lunch, prizes and day fees. Each player must register, indicate your playing partner in registration or come as a single. MAX 10 TEAMS!</p> <p>BRING: Water container, Lawn or camp chair, racquet, and drinks beyond water.</p>

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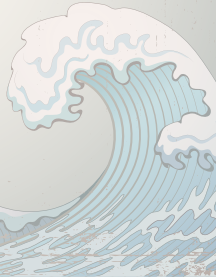
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VIEWING TIMES

JULY



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

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

1. 11:51 AM -XL, 7:52 PM +XL
2. 12:24 PM -XL, 8:17 PM +XL
3. 1:01 PM -XL, 8:39 PM +XL
4. 7:32 AM +S, 1:41 PM -XL
5. 8:37 AM +S, 2:28 PM -L
6. 10:02 AM +S, 3:24 PM -L
7. 11:19 AM +M, 4:33 PM -M
8. 12:33 PM +L, 6:02 PM -S
9. 1:49 PM +L, 7:35 PM -S
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11. 7:37 AM -XL, 4:12 PM +XL
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THE WORLD

8.3 billion

The current global population.

\$110.98 trillion

The global gross domestic product (total monetary value of all final goods and services produced) in 2024.

73.33 years

The global average life expectancy.

82.15%

Percentage of global citizens with access to at least basic sanitation services.

2.2

The global fertility rate (births per woman) in 2023. In 1963, this figure was 5.31.

88.02%

The global primary school completion rate in 2025.

76.63%

In 2024, the percentage of females (aged 15-plus) with account ownership at a financial institution.

104.31

Global mortality rate in 2019 attributed to household and ambient air pollution per 100,000 population.

27.03%

Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments in 2024.

125

Global mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants.

~ Worldbank.org, Worldometer

JULY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Sechelt)

Our average daily high temperature is 24° C and low is 13° C. The highest July temperature recorded is 34.4° C (2022) and the lowest is 9° C (July 1, 1979).

JULY PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

July averages seven days with rainfall with a total of 41.5 mm. July has an average of 283 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in July is 37.1 mm back on July 19, 1968. Total rainfall for the month averages 41.5 mm.

JULY ASTROLOGY

CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22



Those born under the sign of the crab value security and enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities. Things are changing for Cancerians

this month. Intense lunar activity and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz boosts your mood. The fog of burnout begins to lift. Taking the time to realign your priorities makes you realize what an asshole you have been. The resulting emotional vulnerability peaks at an all time high during this period.

Lotto: 4 6 10 22 32 39.

LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22



Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. This month, you meet a man who

may change your life. He will be wearing a Carhartt T-shirt. It is important that you don't blow your first impression. Also, with Saturn in your 8th house, this is not the time to stay indoors. Go outside and accept the universe's energy, unfiltered. As any ethical astrologist will tell you, the universe's energy can cause skin cancer, so wear sunscreen.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending June 13.

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

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| 1. A False and Fatal Claim
by Iona Wishaw (Touchwood Editions) | 6. The Best of Roy Henry Vickers: 80 Selected Works by Lucky Budd, Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing) |
| 2. Unceded: Understanding British Columbia's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now by George M. Abbott (UBC Press) | 7. Tess's Red Dress by Carolyn Roberts, illustrated by Kelsey Matafoote (Medicine Wheel Publishing) |
| 3. The Astronaut Children of Dunbar Street: A Memoir by Wiley Wei-Chiun Ho (Douglas & McIntyre) | 8. Real Enough: The Unlikely Story of Doug and the Slugs by Aaron Chapman (Anvil Press) |
| 4. West Coast Kitchen Garden by Sabrina Currie (Touchwood Editions) | 9. Woolly Dog Warms His Family by Andrea Fritz (Orca Book Publishers) |
| 5. Lessons From a Lifetime by David Suzuki, Ian Hanington (Greystone Books) | 10. Dead Bees Still Sting: Tales of Life at the Edge of Nature by Susan Cormier (Greystone Books) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1: **Glenn Vincent.**
 July 2: **Richard Massullo.**
 July 3: **Loy Haase and Roy LaFave.**
 July 4: **Stephanie Phillips.**
 July 5: **Ali Fraser, Wendy Lowings, Rick Marzolf and Andrew Vickers.**
 July 6: **Holly Seabrook and Bryce Viitanen.**
 July 7: **Lyn Charlton, Cypher Clerx, Shaun Georgison and Alexa Dornbierer.**
 July 9: **Silas White and Danielle Silvey.**
 July 10: **Tanner Haase, Don Johnson, Carol Logtenberg, Beau Sladey, Sage Robson, Candy Whittaker and Maureen Luck.**
 July 11: **Brittany Bouvette and Skinny Jimmy Dougan.**
 July 12: **Bill Jack.**
 July 13: **Steve Morris, Amy Coombes and Daron Petraschuk.**
 July 14: **Malcolm Ingram.**
 July 15: **Ty Campbell, Devin Hollis and Fred Baldwin.**
 July 16: **Jane McOuat, Shelly Brown, Danielle Gough and Jodee Young.**
 July 17: **Amanda Civitareale.**
 July 18: **Maxine Gilkes and Lisa Johnston.**
 July 19: **Wade Lajlar.**
 July 20: **Dwight Young.**
 July 21: **Eric Phillips, Karen Purnell and Marlayne Williams.**
 July 22: **Buck Rice, Lee Walters, Mike Zacharias, Christina Wharton, Wyatt Baldwin and Tiffany Baldwin.**
 July 23: **Owen McQuarrie and Brody Pantages.**
 July 24: **Paige Coombes, Keegan Edwardson and Renee Harper.**
 July 25: **Adam Dornbierer.**
 July 26: **Chris Schroeder.**
 July 28: **Kevin Farrell, Keith Mackie and Rick Wagner Sr.**
 July 29: **Randy Edwardson, Connie Sutherland and Tucker Pantages.**
 July 30: **Darlene Fowlie, Robert Hynd, Shane McCune and Marvin Wutzke.**
 July 31: **Hugh Baird, Parker Hohn, Dave Mackay, Bonny Shotropa and Ron Sim.**

Princess of Borneo: The Camp Leakey Orangutan Sanctuary (part II)

Lyn Charlton

(Continued from the June issue of the Harbour Spiel.)

I looked down and saw her.
Her jaws locked onto my leg.
There was no pain at first, just disbelief, then the pressure, then the realization.

Her teeth were deep, unyielding.
My leg began to swell before my eyes, the skin rising, tightening, a hematoma erupting like a volcano beneath the surface.

I remember gripping Bill's arm, holding on as if it were the only solid thing left in the world.

His face, filled with shock, fear, urgency, everything else faded.

That second photograph never happened.

Harry was beside himself, apologizing over and over, his voice breaking but the deed was already done.

The fact soil pathogens can be harboured in the jaws of orangutans



Lyn Charlton

Bill and Lyn Charlton with 'Princess' shortly before the orangutan would bite the author during a visit to Kumai Orangutan Sanctuary in Borneo on Sept. 18, 2001.

was unknown to all of us.

By the time we reached Singapore days later, I needed urgent

medical care and a course of powerful antibiotics.

The adventure had followed me,



Lyn Charlton

The Charlton's sailboat *Canik* was named after their two daughters, Candace and Nikki.

beneath the surface.

And yet, in the strangest twist, something meaningful came from it.

Harry, still burdened with guilt, had offered me a gift.

I could name Princess's baby.

The only stipulation was that its name had to begin with the letter "V."

And so, somewhere deep in the jungles of Borneo, there is an orangutan named Vicki Lyn.

It felt surreal.

This wild, painful, unforgettable encounter, woven into something lasting.

And Vicki Lyn wasn't alone.

Across the world, in distant corners we had touched along our journey, there were others:

Gay Lyn on Palmerston Island, a remote coral atoll in the South Pacific Ocean and Lyn, in the Louisiade Archipelago, Papua New Guinea.

They were two newborn baby girls I felt a central part of, however,

they are stories yet to be told.

Even now, when I think back on that fateful day in the jungles of Borneo, I can still feel it, the heat, the chaos, the rawness of it all as I stood in shock clinging to my caring, alarmed husband.

Fear, awe, pain, wonder, the unexpected, joy, discovery, challenges, rewards, that is the nature of true adventure — it gives you everything whether you're ready for it or not.

Bill and I were inspired by the words of Mark Twain:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.

"So throw off the bow lines — sail away from the safe harbour.

"Catch the trade winds in your sails.

"Explore.

"Dream.

"Discover."



Lyn Charlton

Lyn and Bill Charlton in Singapore after receiving treatment for the bite injury from Princess the orangutan.

Dr. Birute Galdikas

Canadian anthropologist and primatologist Dr. Birute Galdikas died March 24, 2026 in Los Angeles.

Galdikas was a professor at Simon Fraser University and one of the three famous "Trimates," along with Jane Goodall, who studied chimpanzees, and Diane Fossey, who studied gorillas.



In the field of primatology, Galdikas was recognized as a leading authority on orangutans. Prior to her field study of orangutans, scientists knew little about the species.

Galdikas remained in Borneo for over 40 years while becoming an outspoken advocate for orangutans and the preservation of their rainforest habitat.



Simon Fraser University

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.

JULY

Wed. July 1.....Canada Day

Thu. July 2.....Harbourside Friendships ("Hiking in Europe") - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. July 2.....RCMSAR 61 Beer and Burger fundraiser - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 5 to 9 p.m.

Fri. July 3.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. July 5.....Live music with Raspberry Jam - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Tue. July 7.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Thu. July 9.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCR D boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. July 9.....Harbourside Friendships (GeoPia Gallery Garden tour) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. July 9.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCR D boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. July 10.....P. H. School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.)

Sat. July 11.....Blues on the Dock - Gunboat Bay, 4 p.m.

Fri. July 11.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. July 12.....Islands cleanup - Nelson Island, 7:30 a.m. start (at Fearney Point)

Sun. July 12.....Live music with Magic Carpet Ride - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Mon. July 13.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.

Tue. July 14.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Thu. July 16.....Harbourside Friendships (Bingo) - Millennium Park, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. July 16.....SCRD electoral area services committee - SCR D boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. July 17.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. July 19.....Live music with Mad Cow - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Tue. July 21.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Thu. July 23.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCR D boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. July 23.....Harbourside Friendships (Show and Tell) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. July 23.....SCRD regular board - SCR D boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. July 24.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. July 27.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.

Tue. July 28.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Sun. July 29.....Live music with Matchbox Bluze - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Thu. July 30.....Harbourside Friendships (music with Tend and Joa) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. July 31.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.

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

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