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One of the Ayers twins ripping it up on the bouncy castle slide at Egmont Day June 4.

(Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Standing up for the cyclists



Brian Lee

Despite more motor vehicle traffic on the Coast in recent years, I haven't noticed a similar uptick in cyclists.

Who can blame them?

At one time, the Sunshine Coast Circle route was touted as the great coastal road trip and was popular with cyclists travelling through the Coast before returning to the Lower Mainland through Comox and Nanaimo.

Now, the concept is laughable in the face of Earls Cove and Comox ferry schedules that seem designed to discourage travel to the island from here.

Cycling our highway is more dangerous too.

Crumbling and debris filled shoulders are a danger to pedestrians let alone someone trying to navigate the road edge on two inch tires.

And, despite only modest numbers of cyclists on our roads, I sense there's more animosity towards them.

As someone who has spent some time on road bikes here and the Lower Mainland, I have plenty of personal experiences of run-ins with drivers who resent the presence of bikes.

I traded my road bike for a mountain bike years ago in favour of quiet trails over busy highways but I still speak up when I hear other drivers complain about roadies.

Despite the anxiety they sometimes create, cyclists share the same rights and responsibilities as a driver of a motor vehicle.

According to BC's Motor Vehicle Act, cyclists must ride as near as practicable to the right side of the highway and must not ride abreast of another cyclist on the roadway.

Also, like a motorist, if an accident occurs, a cyclist is required to remain at the scene and provide their

name and address to "anyone sustaining loss or injury, and to any peace officer who is present."

If you think a cyclist is at fault (because jerks ride bikes too), don't try to intimidate them with your truck.

Consider they're virtually naked riding a 20 pound piece of carbon that can easily hit 40-plus kilometres an hour downhill.

At that speed, it's virtually impossible to move onto the shoulder safely and a crash could be fatal.

The MVA recommends drivers keep at least one metre of space when passing a cyclist.

Since 2016, the B.C. Cycling Coalition has been calling for the province to enact a law that would make it mandatory for drivers to give cyclists at least 1.5 metres of passing space.

I've had drivers needlessly, and dangerously, brush by me to prove some point of highway hierarchy.

Or toss things, or yell something.

Ironically though, it's not the psychotics that cause me the most frustration, it's the hesitant types who come up behind and freeze because they're not comfortable passing in the space available.

In these cases, the cyclist has likely already moved over as far as they safely can while anxiously navigating through road debris.

If you've never ridden a bike on Hwy. 101, understand how inconsistently maintained it is and nowhere is this more evident than its fringes.

If there is a shoulder, it's often mined with pavement chunks, glass, nails and rocks — any one of which might cause a crash or a flat.

Every cyclist you encounter will prefer to be on a quieter road — but they don't exist anymore.

So, give the cyclists some respect this summer — they're just fitter versions of you.

33RD ANNUAL MALASPINA REGATTA: Saturday, July 2, 10:30 A.M.

The Garden Bay Sailing Club's biggest event of the year, the Malaspina Regatta course takes competitors out into the Strait of Georgia before returning to finish at the mouth of Pender Harbour. A barbecue follows the race at the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112.

P. H. READING CENTRE'S STRONG START SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Friday, July 5 to Aug. 9

The Pender Harbour Reading Centre has announced the reintroduction of School District 46's summer reading program for families with children. The Strong Start Summer Reading Program will run each Tuesday (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) from July 5 through Aug. 9 this summer. Newborns to five-year-olds are invited for a read-aloud story-time at the P. H. Reading Centre. Kids 12 and under can stop by the visiting WonderWheels Bookmobile to browse a kid-centric lending library and enjoy a free freezie. No registration required, and drop-ins are welcome.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE: Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.

July's Pender Harbour Music Society Coffee House at the School of Music will run on Friday, July 8. Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$10 to be paid at the door. Three fantastic acts will be taking the stage including local singer/songwriter, Mark Petersen, "Enns of the Earth" featuring father and son duo Ryan and Oscar Enns and Katrina Bishop's a capella group "WAG."

GUNBOAT BAY DOCK CONCERT: Saturday, July 23, 5 p.m. (rain or shine)

Gunboat Bay Blues: The Dock Project Returns. A free blues concert in Gunboat Bay with Peter van Deursen and his band. On the Mellquist family's dock dock on the north shore of Gunboat Bay. All are welcome to join from your own dock or on your boat anchored in the Bay. Enjoy, and please be responsible. Questions? Contact ken@mellquist.ca.



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Volunteer fire department works to fill role of longtime chief

Though the death of Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department fire chief Don Murray in late May left a big hole in the organization, his replacement, acting fire chief Jim Cameron told the *Harbour Spiel* that much of the work Murray accomplished during his time there has made the transition as seamless as possible.

"Don kept us up with the times," said Cameron.

"The world has got a lot more complicated since I started here but Don made sure we were on top of everything — it's what he did."

Murray joined the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department in 1985 and assumed the role of chief in 1995.

Cameron said Murray had a deep working knowledge of the municipal act and how various levels of government worked together.

Prior to taking over the role of PHVFD fire chief, Murray had a career in the RCMP and was also the Area A director for the SCRD for a few years and held the position of SCRD chair for part of that time.

"He had the contacts too," said Cameron.

"He could just pick up the phone and knew who to call."

Within the PHVFD chain of command, a fire chief and an assistant fire chief oversee the organization.

Two deputy fire chiefs run their respective fire halls in Garden Bay (Bruno Pepin) and Madeira Park (Bill Gilkes).

Prior to Murray's death, Cameron held the role of assistant chief since 2015 and is now the acting fire chief of the organization until he is officially confirmed by the P. H. Fire Protection District.

Immediately after Murray's

death, Cameron assumed the position and took over the duty phone — the main contact line during emergencies.

Cameron said the role of assistant chief has yet to be filled and they'll be tackling that once he officially takes over.

"I think Don left a very good model for the fire department and we're just going to carry on."

Cameron said Murray was in his late seventies and is a good example of how the average age of the volunteers is creeping up, highlighting the need for new members.

"You got a bunch of guys here in their fifties and sixties that are doing it now," said Cameron.

"Who is going to fill their roles in 10 years?"

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the PHVFD, they can contact Cameron at (604) 740-5449 or drop by the Madeira Park fire hall during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Brian Lee

Don Murray in a 2016 *Harbour Spiel* file photo.

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- ☐ b. Garden Bay Lake
- ☐ c. Ruby Lake
- ☐ d. Sakinaw Lake



- ☐ a. Madeira Park
- ☐ b. Irvines Landing
- ☐ c. Egmont
- ☐ d. Secret Cove



- ☐ a. Sechelt
- ☐ b. Texada Island
- ☐ c. Egmont
- ☐ d. Kleindale



- ☐ a. Garden Bay
- ☐ b. Egmont
- ☐ c. Kleindale
- ☐ d. Earls Cove



- ☐ a. Mixal Lake
- ☐ b. Ruby Lake
- ☐ c. Hotel Lake
- ☐ d. Sakinaw Lake



- ☐ a. Hardy Island
- ☐ b. Nelson Island
- ☐ c. Jedediah Island
- ☐ d. Thormanby Island

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

DONUT HEIST

On May 31, a suspect gained entry to a business in the 5600 block of Sunshine Coast Hwy, Sechelt, and stole approximately 400 donuts.

The suspect was captured on security camera.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact RCMP, reference police file 2022-3719.

BIKE STOLEN FROM CAR ON FERRY

Sunshine Coast RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen Norco mountain bike.

On June 8, the bike was stolen off of a bike rack attached to a grey Tesla on deck two of the BC Ferry travelling from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale at 12:10 p.m.

The RCMP will be reviewing surveillance video from the BC Ferries.

The bike is a black 2021 Norco Fluid HT2 with distinct bright orange pedals.

If you have any information please call Sunshine Coast RCMP at (604) 885-2266 or email SCRCMPinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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On May 28, P. H. Secondary School student Benjamin Ellerton received the Chief Scout's Award — the highest honour awarded to a scout in Canada. Ellerton is a member of the 6th Roberts Creek Scout Group of which his dad Tony is also a scout leader. He recently completed his 'Capstone Project,' a community service effort to achieve the final requirement for the award. In April, Ellerton organized a 'trunk sale' in the Pender Harbour Legion parking lot to raise funds for the P. H. Community School and to provide an opportunity for local families to acquire and exchange low-cost used items while diverting them from the landfill. Ellerton is now working towards attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

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Choquette is survived by his wife, four sons and eight grandchildren who loved him dearly.

A firefighter for 30 years with Vancouver Fire Rescue and a member of IAFF Local 18, he retired and moved full time to Madeira Park in 1996.

Choquette was an avid motorcyclist for most of his life and he loved the open road.

He was active in the Royal Canadian Legion, his church, his faith, and numerous other community organizations.

He helped and touched many and will be missed by all who loved him.

There will be no service, at his request.

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

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SCRD: Not all waste is garbage

Though it's been hinted at for some time now, the SCRD recently announced that by Oct. 1, paper and food waste can no longer go in the garbage.

The Sechelt Landfill is nearing capacity and without an immediate alternative for waste disposal, the Sunshine Coast Regional District hopes the new regulations will prolong the life of the landfill.

From an SCRD press release:

"Starting Oct. 1, 2022, if you live, work or visit the Sunshine Coast it will be mandatory to keep all food waste, compostable food soiled paper and recyclable paper out of your regular garbage."

With only three years of landfill life left, the SCRD's main concern is to help to ensure that the landfill can continue to fulfil the communities' needs for the near future.

The SCRD also claims that keeping the Coast's food waste out of the landfill will reduce methane, a contributing factor to climate change.

"Food waste and food-soiled paper must be composted as we look to feed the earth and not the landfill."

This further push towards encouraging recycling is also hoped to ensure future packaging is made from existing resources.

"We are asking our community to get systems in place in the coming months to sort garbage, recycling and organic waste," said Darnelda Siegers, SCRD board chair.

"As our landfill nears capacity, we need your support to ensure that only the material that should be put in the landfill, goes in the landfill."

WHO IS AFFECTED?

The disposal regulations will be applied to everyone throughout the

Sunshine Coast.

In Area A, the following cannot be mixed in with garbage after Oct. 1:

- Food waste — all cooked and uncooked food from food preparation or uneaten plate scrapings;
- Food-soiled paper like paper napkins, paper towels, and
- Paper — printed paper and paper boxes that we use for packaging.

Visit www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste for more information.

HOW CAN I MAKE THIS WORK?

The purpose of these disposal regulations is to prevent as much compostable and recyclable waste from going to the garbage as possible.

The SCRD website indicates that, for Area A, they are "in the process of procuring a local food waste processing option that will provide residents and businesses an opportunity to compost what they are not able to compost at home."

TIPS AND ADVICE

The SCRD acknowledges that "this change may be confusing, particularly when figuring out what materials should go in what bin."

For help with these changes to our waste stream, the SCRD directs folks to www.scrd.ca/reduce-waste.

Questions can be directed to infrastructure@scrd.ca or by calling (604) 885-6806.



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Upcoming landfill bans and the short term rental season



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

LANDFILL BANS

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Area A residents can take food waste to Salish Soils (Sechelt), without charge, in a five-gallon or smaller bucket, or be charged to drop it at the transfer station.

All loads of municipal solid waste containing non-separated, controlled waste or recyclable materials will be charged double the regular fee of the most expensive material in the load.

For more information, visit www.scrd.ca/Organics-Diversion-Strategy.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL SEASON

With summer comes a resurgence of short-term rental, previously known as bed and breakfast, operations and an economic benefit to the community in increased revenue for homeowners and local businesses including tour/charter operations, restaurants, grocery stores, and bars.

The down side is disruption of neighbourhoods from increased traffic and noise when accommodations are rented to large groups of loud and disrespectful parties.

Air B&B and similar internet businesses took advantage of the original B&B land-use regulations but drastically changed the landscape, with many homes being converted

to commercial ventures operating in residential neighborhoods.

While some were well managed, others generated problems with garbage, parking and excessive noise, with nightmarish results for neighbors.

To mitigate the problem, the SCRD recently adopted these zoning bylaw amendments:

- An STR/B&B requires an on-site, resident owner or manager;
- The number of occupants is limited, and
- Penalties for infractions are increased.

A bylaw complaint must be submitted to the SCRD to initiate action, using the online form at www.scrd.ca/Bylaw-Compliance.

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July 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

July 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services

July 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

July 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

July 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Hospital District

July 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board

July 28 at 2:00 p.m.

SCRD Board and Committee meetings are held in person and electronically on Zoom and video streamed live to YouTube. You can also watch the live-stream recording on the SCRD's YouTube channel.

For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca/agendas.



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WASTEWATER JUST GOT REAL

Because wastewater plants don't last forever, costs increase with age, and eventually the plants need upgrading or replacement.

Historically, user rates and capital reserves were determined without detailed condition assessments or approved "plant-specific" asset management plans, or even a detailed overall asset management policy.

This resulted in insufficient maintenance and replacement budgeting, which prevented effective maintenance programs, thus shortening the life of the plant.

A real-life learning experience occurred recently when a wastewater plant, built in 1982, had its disposal system fail in 2018.

It should have been easy to predict as the projected 40-year lifespan approached, but maintenance costs increased, inflation was not considered, and there had been no fee increases for many years, thus all operations and capital reserves were depleted in keeping the plant operational.

By 2019, a 79-per-cent federal grant was approved and the remainder borrowed, so the system was replaced and upgraded.

However, from when the problem was detected in 2015 until 2022 when it was resolved, utility fee increases of 22.71 per cent, 17.57 per cent, 107.74 per cent, 1.21 per cent and finally 18 per cent were necessary, representing a 260 per cent increase in 2022 fees compared to 2015.

This is an extreme example as it was one of our older plants, and past boards appear to have simply ignored the problem.

We were late to the table for some of our wastewater services as they were already in failure, but we learned from these, and we will be better prepared for next time.

The SCRCD has since made substantial progress in understanding and resolving the funding deficit.

By 2020, the SCRCD implemented gradual, and hopefully more affordable, annual increases to mitigate the extreme jump in fees a predictable plant failure can cause.

While we have used wastewater services as a model to investigate and implement corrected asset management practices, there are multiple other services like recreation facilities, water systems, and solid waste facilities, that need attention.

The current debate recognizes that increasing utility fees and reserves so current users are actually funding 100 per cent of costs not expected for another 40 to 80 years is inherently unfair, as is the scenario where current users deliberately underpay so future home owners will have to borrow 100 per cent of the money if a grant isn't available.

We'll probably land somewhere between these two extremes for all of our essential services, as has already been done for our wastewater services — future major upgrades and replacements currently plan for a combina-

tion of reserves, grants and borrowing to fund.

In the meantime, wastewater fees have been adjusted so that homeowners on most plants will be charged only for cost-of-living increases.

SCRCD ELECTIONS

The upcoming election of SCRCD directors and school trustees, held every four years, is on Saturday Oct. 15, with advance voting on Oct. 5 and 12.

Nomination papers must be filed between Aug. 30 and Sept. 9, with details available at www.scrd.ca/Elections.

CONTACT ME

The Lee Side helps me effectively represent you by informing you of local issues and inviting you to contact me with questions and comments about what matters to you within the scope of the SCRCD.

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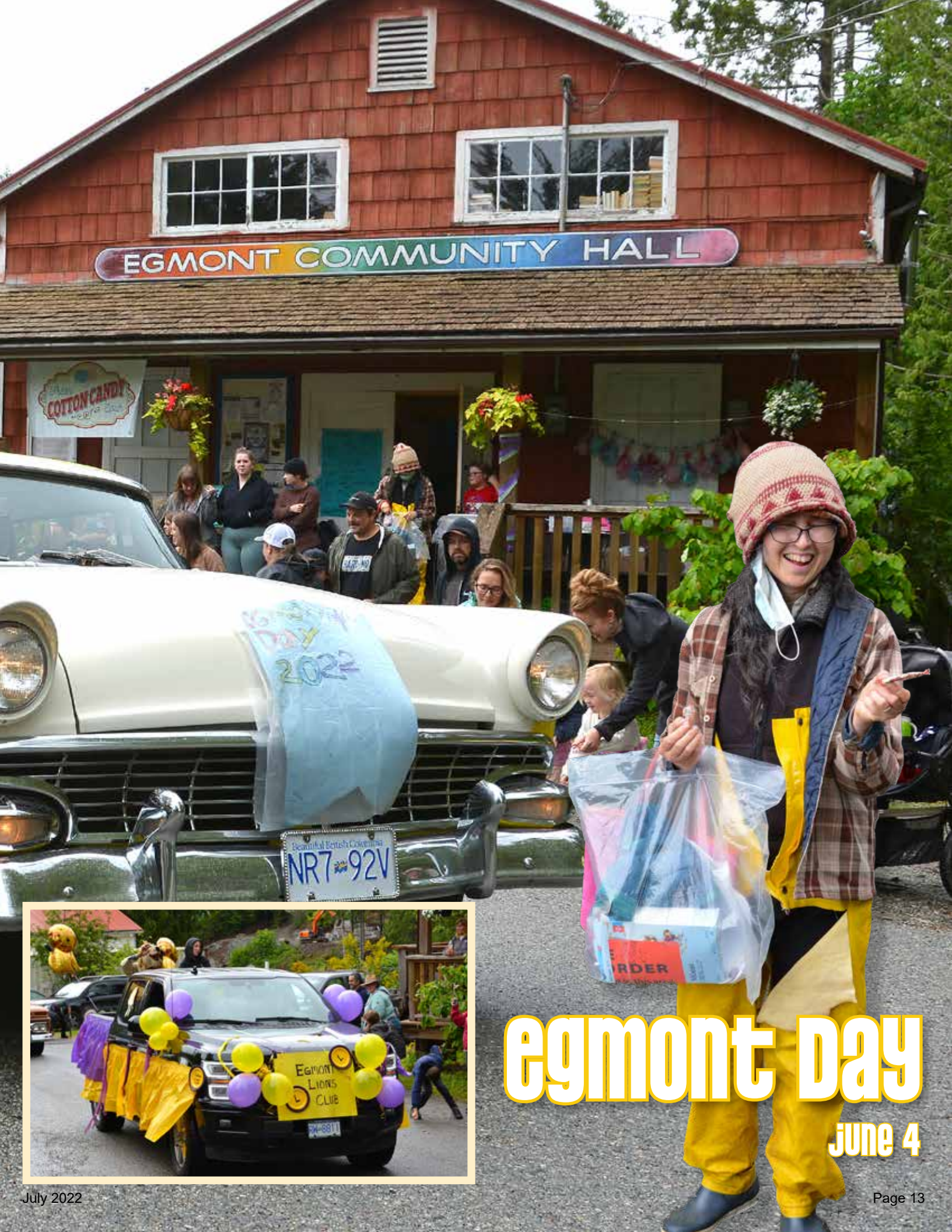


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Special book excerpt: Grant Lawrence's *Return to Solitude*

By Grant Lawrence

Partial excerpt from "Strange Attractor," Return to Solitude: More Desolation Sound Adventures with the Cougar Lady, Russell the Hermit, the Spaghetti Bandit and Others by Grant Lawrence (2022) with permission of Harbour Publishing.

No matter the weather forecast in the 1970s, my adventuresome father considered Desolation Sound a mystical oceanic paradise of islands and saltwater inlets, coves and lagoons, the rocky coastline backed by steep mountains carpeted in evergreen trees.

On our first trip before the cabin was built, we camped out on a moss-encrusted rock in a dank canvas tent.

The place scared the hell out of me.

Captain George Vancouver had sailed his two ships into the area in the stormy summer of 1792, surveying the inner coast while searching for the Northwest Passage.

He and his men were forced to enter every dead-end inlet while attempting to chart what would later be realized as one of the most complicated coastlines in the world.

It drove Vancouver mad, and he dismissively christened the area

"Desolation Sound."

It was meant to be an insult, since he famously noted in his log-book that the now world-class destination held "not a single prospect that was pleasing to the eye."

Ironically, the area then was far from desolate.

For many centuries it was, and remains today, the traditional shared territories of the Tla'amin, Klahoose and Homalco First Nations.

The people built their villages in the most desirable areas of the sound, where they created elaborate and effective low- and mid-tide clam gardens and fish traps.

The terraced rock gardens fed communities of hundreds, sometimes thousands.

The villages in Desolation Sound are gone, but if you know where to look, many of the human-built clam gardens and fish-trap weirs remain—and still work.

Desolation Sound is located beyond the very northern tip of the Sunshine Coast, near the small hamlet of Lund.

With a hotel, a general store and a few other charming shops—most notably Nancy's Bakery, a 30-year-plus-landmark famous for its cinnamon buns—Lund lies at the terminus of one of the world's longest stretches of blacktop: the Pacific Coast Highway.

The road stretches all the way

from Chile to Canada, broken only by the swampy and impassable Darien Gap in Panama, and Howe Sound and Jervis Inlet in BC, where passage is connected by ferries.

Before its original residents were run off the place in the late 1800s to

make way for European settlers, the village, then known as Klah ah men, was a major hub in the north Salish Sea for thousands of years before colonization.

The Tla'amin First Nation have re-entered the picture in Lund in a major way, owning the hotel, pub, restaurant, gas dock and general store, and have reintroduced the village's original name.

Other developments, like the introduction of metered parking, have annoyed some locals and tourists to such a degree that an expensive new parking-ticket dispenser near the hotel was torched.

The classic hotel general store, with prices scribbled on sale items in Jiffy marker, has been shuttered and relocated to a much larger standalone building: a dimly lit booze emporium and general store called The Stock Pile.

We figured they kept the lights low so it was harder to read the prices.

These days, some of our cabin neighbours refer to the saltchuck that separates the sound from the rest of the world as "the moat."

In 1973, the provincial government created the Desolation Sound Marine Park, 14,000 acres of boat-access-only wilderness, noting at the



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time that parts of the sound boast the warmest ocean water north of the Gulf of Mexico.

One-tenth of the land within the park remains privately owned.

After establishing the park's borders, the government of the day attempted to buy up all the old homesteads that were either in receivership or for sale.

Some they managed to obtain, some they didn't.

One owner who had refused the province's original offer decided he wanted to sell after all, but with a change in government, the offer was off the table.

The owner listed the property instead.

My dad happened to spot that ad in the Vancouver Sun in 1976: 180 acres of coastal wilderness for \$155,000.

After scraping up the money to make the purchase, he divided the property into thirty-eight oceanfront lots to sell to individual owners, in hopes of turning that jagged coastline into a haven where average people could carve out their own chunk of paradise, something he originally marketed as "A Heritage By The Sea . . . Malaspina Bay."



Return to Solitude: More Desolation Sound Adventures with the Cougar Lady, Russell the Hermit, the Spaghetti Bandit and Others

By Grant Lawrence (Harbour Publishing)
288 pages, \$26.95 CAD, Paperback 6" x 9"
ISBN: 978-1550179712

Grant Lawrence is an award-winning author and renowned broadcaster. He is the author of three best-selling books for adults — *Adventures in Solitude* (2010), *The Lonely End of the Rink* (2013) and *Dirty Windshields* (2017). *Bailey the Bat and the Tangled Moose*, his first children's picture book, was released in 2021. Grant Lawrence is the first author in the history of the BC Book Prizes to win the Bill Duthie Booksellers Choice twice. Lawrence is also the lead singer of The Smugglers and a Canadian screen award winner. He is also a goalie for the Vancouver Flying Vees beer league hockey team. Grant Lawrence is married to musician Jill Barber and they live in Vancouver with their two children.



Grant Lawrence

Grant Lawrence and his wife Jill Barber at the family cabin in Desolation Sound

Dad spent many days exploring the four kilometres of shoreline with its bays, lagoons, coves and beaches, each lot affording a totally different perspective of the view and surrounding terrain.

After much deliberation and mind-changing, he chose a unique rocky outcrop for our cabin, partly because of its proximity to fresh water, a rarity in the rest of the strata.

It was buttressed against a sunken little cove covered with flotsam and jetsam.

The beach in the cove was lay-

ered in oysters below the tideline and cut down the middle by a babbling creek that flowed out of a dense forest.

Our post-and-beam cabin reached completion in the early 1980s, and it has always remained off-grid.

A cedar-shake roof covers an open-plan living room, dining area and kitchen.

Up three stairs are the bedrooms and a shared Brady Bunch-style bathroom with a flush toilet and shower.

A propane tank the size of a Mini Cooper fuels the lights, the fridge, the stovetop and the hot water heater, and our fresh water is piped in from a well in the forest.

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JULY ASTROLOGY



CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22

Those born under the sign of the crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities. This month, your life is literally going to start turning around. Let the new moon on July 28, mark the starting point of your best life. In the coming months, you will be rewarded for your pain and suffering with plentiful astrological favours. For some, this will mean family; for others wealth. Take a brave step forward and the stars will reward you. Your pet holds the answer.



LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. This month Venus, the ruling lord of the 10th house, will stay in the same house. You might say, "whatever," but ignoring this gift will surely mean lost opportunities. Career benefits lie waiting but they won't find you, you must grovel and kiss up. Lotto numbers for Leos strongly favour the number 7 until July 24. After that, the stars favour twos.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending June 18

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

1. **Return to Solitude: More Desolation Sound Adventures with the Cougar Lady, Russell the Hermit, the Spaghetti Bandit and Others** by Grant Lawrence (Harbour Publishing)
2. **Mushrooms of BC** by Andy MacKinnon & Kem Luther (Royal BC Museum)
3. **Be a Good Ancestor** by Leona Prince & Gabrielle Prince (Orca Book Publishers)
4. **Best Hikes and Nature Walks with Kids in and Around SW BC** by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
5. **Framed in Fire: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
6. **Ben the Sea Lion** by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
7. **Whitewater Cooks Together Again** by Shelley Adams (Alicon Holdings)
8. **Richard Wagamese Selected: What Comes from Spirit** by Richard Wagamese (Douglas & McIntyre)
9. **The Rooming House: The West Coast in the Seventies** by Michael Kluckner (Midtown Press)
10. **Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines** by Luschiim Arvid Charlie & Nancy J. Turner (Harbour Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC



2020 SECHLT & GIBSONS HOMELESS COUNT

84

Number of people identified as experiencing homelessness in the 2020 count (compared to 57 in 2018).

54%

The percentage of individuals who were "unsheltered" on the night of the count.

29%

The percentage of unsheltered respondents who overnighted in a makeshift shelter or tent.

23%

Percentage of those experiencing homelessness who were over the age of 55.

32%

Percentage of respondents who were women.

24%

Percentage of respondents who were Indigenous.

57%

Percentage of respondents who reported a mental health issue.

61%

The majority of respondents had been homeless for a year or more.

47%

Almost half of respondents had been in the community for 10 years or more.

~ 2020-21 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C.

(The 2020 Point in Time homeless count occurred in Sechelt and Gibsons on the evening of March 5 and the day of March 6 to help provide an overall snapshot of homelessness in the community.)

JULY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average daily high temperature is 21° C and low is 14.3° C giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7° C. The highest July temperature recorded is 29.5° C (2015) 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.

SKOOKUMCHUCK 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. 12:34 PM -XL, 8:18 PM +XL
2. 6:23 AM +S, 1:05 PM -XL
3. 7:08 AM +S, 1:42 PM -L
4. 8:02 AM +S, 2:25 PM -L
5. 9:19 AM +S, 3:16 PM -L
6. 10:59 AM +S, 4:18 PM -M
7. 12:15 PM +M, 5:38 PM -M
8. 1:30 PM +M, 7:13 PM -S
9. 2:45 PM +L, 8:36 PM -S
10. 7:09 AM -XL, 3:54 PM +L
11. 8:16 AM -XL, 4:56 PM +XL
12. 9:41 AM -XL, 5:46 PM +XL
13. 10:45 AM -XL, 6:40 PM +XL
14. 11:39 AM -XL, 7:25 PM +XL
15. 12:31 AM -XL, 8:05 PM +XL
16. 1:25 PM -XL, 8:41 PM +XL
17. 7:26 AM +M, 2:20 PM -XL
18. 8:43 AM +M, 3:01 PM -L
19. 10:10 AM +M, 3:53 PM -L
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21. 12:44 PM +L, 6:09 PM -S
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24. 9:46 AM -XL, 4:07 PM +XL
25. 10:31 AM -XL, 4:57 PM +XL
26. 11:12 AM -XL, 5:41 PM +XL
27. 11:44 AM -XL, 6:21 PM +XL
28. 11:48 AM -XL, 6:56 PM +XL
29. 11:55 AM -XL, 7:25 PM +XL
30. 12:19 PM -XL, 7:49 PM +XL
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Hold the wound under running water or fill a tub with cool water and pour it from a cup over the wound.

Use soap and a soft washcloth to clean the skin around the wound.

Try to keep soap out of the wound itself because it may irritate it.

Use tweezers cleansed with rubbing alcohol to remove any dirt that remains after washing.

Even though it may seem that you should use a stronger cleansing solution, such as hydrogen peroxide or iodine, these things may irritate wounds and damage new cell growth.

Ask your family doctor if you feel you must use something other than water.

WHAT ABOUT BLEEDING?

Bleeding helps clean out wounds. Most small cuts or scrapes will stop bleeding in a short time. Wounds on the face, head or mouth will sometimes bleed a lot because these areas are rich in blood vessels.

To stop the bleeding, apply firm but gentle pressure on the cut with a clean cloth, tissue or gauze.

If the blood soaks through the gauze, don't remove it, just apply more gauze or cloth and continue to apply pressure for 20 to 30 minutes.

If your wound is on an arm or leg, raising it above your heart will also help slow the bleeding.

SHOULD I USE A BANDAGE?

Leaving a wound uncovered helps it stay dry and helps it heal.

If the wound isn't in an area that
July 2022

will get dirty or be rubbed by clothing, you don't have to cover it.

If it's in an area that will, cover it with an appropriate dressing.

Change the bandage each day to keep the wound clean and dry.

Certain wounds, such as scrapes that cover a large area of the body, should be kept moist and clean to help reduce scarring and speed healing.

Bandages used for this purpose are called occlusive or semi-occlusive bandages.

You can purchase them without a prescription from your local drug store but it is best to discuss this with your family doctor first.

SHOULD I USE AN ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT?

Antibiotic ointments aid healing by keeping out infection and by keeping the wound clean and moist.

If you have stitches, your doctor will tell you whether they want you to use it or not.

Most minor cuts and scrapes will heal just fine without antibiotic ointment but it can help the wound close up and reduce scarring.

WHAT ABOUT SCABS ?

Nothing. Scabs are the body's way of bandaging itself.

They form to protect wounds from dirt.

Leave them alone, don't pick at

them and they will fall off by themselves when the time is right.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL MY DOCTOR ?

If the wound is deep, if you can't get the edges to stay together or if the edges are jagged, you may need to be assessed at your local health centre as stitches or skin adhesives may be needed.

You can also close small cuts with butterfly tape or steri-strips.

If the wound becomes tender, inflamed, is draining thick discharge, has an odour or you notice red streaking near the wound then you should also seek medical attention.

TAKING CARE OF STITCHES

Keeping your stitched wound clean and dry is the most important thing to remember.

If you notice clear yellow fluid draining from your wound, don't worry — this is normal.

You may need to cover it up but you do not want excessive drainage sitting against the wound for too long so make sure to change the bandage regularly or it could harbour bacteria and allow infection to set in.

Stitches are usually removed in three to 14 days depending on the size and location of the laceration.

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Heather Field

After two years of pandemic hiatus, the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society happily gathered again for their annual picnic at the Iris and Billy Griffith Nature Centre on June 14. The event also marked the retirement of long standing board members Anne Clemence and Dree Borderick. The P. H. Wildlife Society will resume their monthly wildlife related presentations in the fall. For more information about the club, visit www.penderharbourwildlife.com. The current board of directors of the PHWS (l-r): Ray Kostaschuk, Dale Jackson, John Dickin, Anne Clemence, Carole Logtenberg, Dree Broderick, Cindy Prescott, Janet Dickin and Rose Leong.

seals



Note your seal of approval or **disapproval**.

By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

Rainbows full of Harbour Seals to **Katie and all the May Day organizing team, all parade and dunk tank participants, all volunteers and attendees** who made May Day 2022 such a huge success and memorable occasion.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
P. H. Rotary

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Bobbi & Kelly K.** for spending their whole May Day selling a record number of 50/50 tickets!

And to **Jodee Young** for all your behind the scenes help!

Katherine Struthers
P. H. May Day committee

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **my neighbour and good friend Tammy** who gave me and my family and friends so many beautiful tomato plants and pepper plants and so much more for us to watch grow in our gardens which will help so much especially with the price of veggies right now.

Terri Honeybourne and family

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Alain Catteau** for joining our team without even knowing he had to, and being so gracious and patient with everything we threw at you!

Katherine Struthers
P. H. May Day committee

Harbour Seal of Approval to **Black Bill** for moving the May Day stage... four times. And only crying once because of it.

Katherine Struthers
P. H. May Day committee

Harbour Seals of Approval to the **May Day committee — Beau, Tayler, Christie, Heather, Mary, Patti, Anna, Rachael, Debbie, Dal-lis, Cheryl, Dani, Chelsea, Michelle, Merideth, Scott, Amanda, and Bill and Lynn** for all your help bringing the 77th annual May Day to this community.

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Val Ridsdale

Val Ridsdale managed to capture an excellent shot of the giraffe that watches over Misery Mile (just south of the corner at GRIPS) on June 3.

Harbour Spiel

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Tips from the SCRD's 'Good Neighbour Guidelines,' No. 5



The Sunshine Coast Regional District's "Good Neighbour Guidelines" provide thoughtful recommendations and a summary of SCRD bylaws governing neighbourhood issues intended to protect and enhance the peaceful enjoyment of our community.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding specific bylaws, visit www.scrd.ca/bylaws, or call the SCRD at (604) 885-6800. While informal communication with neighbours is the best way of addressing many neighbourhood concerns, in situations where this is not a viable option, contact the SCRD to make an inquiry, or to file a complaint for investigation.

ON AND AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING AND WASTE

The SCRD offers garbage collection to properties within the regional district's garbage collection area.

(This does not include Pender Harbour and Egmont. -ed.)

The refuse collection bylaw allows households a maximum of one container that should be placed at the end of the driveway on the day of collection by 8 a.m.

- Garbage containers should be waterproof and of heavy plastic or light weight galvanized sheeting with a close fitting lid, and a maximum capacity of 77 litres and of not more than 20 kilograms gross weight when filled with collectible garbage, and
- Devices securing the lid should be removed once the garbage container is placed out for collection.

The SCRD operates a transfer station in Pender Harbour and a landfill in Sechelt.

Tipping fees are charged for accepted materials brought to the landfill or transfer station and vary from one material to another.

For hours of operation, tipping fees and accepted materials, visit www.scrd.ca/disposal-fees.

Illegal dumping is a major concern on the Sunshine Coast.

To report an illegal dump site, please call the BC Conservation Service RAPP (Report All Poachers and

Polluters) line at 1 (877) 952-7277 or #7277 on the Telus mobility network.

For the RAPP online reporting tool, visit <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>.

Yard, garden or food waste can be dropped off at locations in Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour.

For more information on locations, restrictions or fees, visit www.scrd.ca/organics.

The SCRD provides residential recycling depot services in Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour.

Please follow sorting instructions at each depot.

For additional information or to find out what is accepted for recycling at each depot, call (604) 885-6806 or visit www.scrd.ca/recyclingdepots.

The SCRD recycling directory provides a listing of some common items and where to take them on the Sunshine Coast for recycling — visit www.scrd.ca/Recycling-Directory.

If you have an item not included in the recycling directory, contact the

BC Recycling Hotline at www.rcbc.ca.

OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Outdoor water use restrictions come into effect on May 1 annually or as guided by the SCRD's drought management plan.

The restrictions are part of the SCRD's efforts to conserve water during drought-prone summer months.

Outdoor water use restrictions are enforced and consequences range from fines to temporary shut-off of water services.

Stages may be called at different times in different communities.

For information on stages, visit www.scrd.ca/SprinklingRegulations.

The time for establishing new lawns is spring.

Permits for extra watering of a new lawn are sold only during stage 1 (normal) outdoor water use.

Permits are \$50 and are valid for one-time only, for 21 days, at the SCRD administration office.



Brian Lee

A local backroad dumpsite. If you find one, please report it to the BC Conservation Service RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) line at 1 (877) 952-7277.

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

JULY

Fri. July 1.....Canada Day

Sat. July 2.....Garden Bay Sailing Club’s 33rd Malaspina Regatta - Strait of Georgia

Sat. July 2.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.

Tues. July 5..... Strong Start summer reading program begins (Tuesdays) - P. H. Reading Centre, 10 a.m.

Thurs. July 7.....SCRD-hosted tour of McNeill Lake Dam and S. Pender treatment plant - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thurs. July 7.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. July 8.....P. H. Music School Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, doors 7 p.m., music 7:30 p.m.

Sat. July 9.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 4 p.m.

Mon. July 11.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. July 14.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 14.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 14.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Sat. July 16.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 4 p.m.

Thurs. July 21.....SCRD electoral area services meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 21.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 21.....SCRD finance committee meeting - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Sat. July 23.....Mellquist family hosts free dock concert - north shore Gunboat Bay, 5 p.m.

Sat. July 23.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 4 p.m.

Mon. July 25.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. July 28.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 28.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 28.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Sat. July 30.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 4 p.m.

Sat. July 30.....P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre closes for maintenance (until Sept. 5)

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



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