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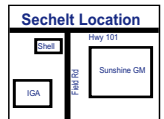
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EDITORIAL

Revisiting the feuds of 1999



By Brian Lee

Incorporation.

The word is like nails on a chalk board for many who recall the bitter feuds that took place nine years

ago when Area A faced a referendum to decide whether or not to become independent from the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

A shiver of discomfort is running down the collective spine once again as Area A Director John Rees proposes we take a look at it again in the form of a feasibility study (see page 16).

In 1999, I was just in the process of relocating here and my first impression of the division taking place in the community was one of disgust.

Since I had just moved back, I refused to take sides.

In part this was because I had only passively followed the politics here for the 10 years previous and wasn't confident I understood the details.

That's what I told people anyway.

I was more concerned that, by aligning with either side, I would instantly alienate myself from half of the community I was trying to integrate back into.

And man, people were nasty!

Long-time friends refused to acknowledge each other and reports of vandalism to property that posted "Yes" or "No" signs were commonplace.

Though some of those scars remain, many things have changed since the last referendum and it definitely

warrants another look.

But it's not as simple as just cutting ties from the SCRD and "doing it ourselves."

Rees says incorporation, as it was proposed last time, was not feasible.

If we want to keep the areas between Egmont and Pender Harbour together — which I think we do — then there needs to be a different model.

That is what a feasibility study should provide information on.

But if it comes down to a clear decision that it makes economic sense to split (in some form) from the SCRD, we shouldn't accept that it's going to be easy.

Right now, if there's something that miffs us, we can demonize a common enemy — those greedy dictators down at Wilson Creek.

At least they're removed and out of sight.

When, and if, we ever have a locally-formed district council, any perceived conspiracies (and everything's a conspiracy, right?) will come from within the community.

Ask any volunteer who has sat on the health centre or local water boards about how easy it is to govern on issues around here and you see the real challenge might be finding enough masochists to fill the council positions.

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From the trash-talking bride in the dunk tank to the one-punch melee in the beer garden, Pender Harbour's 63rd May Day lived up to the legend.

May Day has always been for the kids but, between the increasingly impressive longboard hockey game and the near fatal wood-chopping contests, there was plenty for adults to cheer for too.

With temperatures approaching 30 degrees for the first time this year, few escaped without at least a bit of a sun burn and the weather carried over to Sunday for a legend in the making.

Attack of Danger Bay 7 received perfect conditions, delivering a record turnout to take in the dramatic finish.

After 189 racers had already been eliminated, Pender Harbour's Scott Smith was still in it and looked poised to become the first local champion.

It wasn't to be.

The final heat saw Smith, Vernon's Mischo Erban and Portland's Billy Meiners get tangled on "Carnage Corner" while Vancouver's Kevin Reimer glided to an easy victory.

After picking themselves up, Meiners took second, Erban third and Smith fourth.

Brianne Davies took the women's title for the third year in a row

Top speeds matched Scott Smith's record from last year of 65 mph and honours were shared by a number of racers.

Casualties came early in the day and included a broken wrist, a broken collar-bone, foot and one racer even had some internal bleeding with bruised kidneys severe enough to prevent him from flying home to Australia.



Attack of Danger Bay 7 champ, Vancouver's Kevin Reimer, winning (left) and then minutes afterward. Fans of local boys Team Green were dissapointed but can take solace that at least a Canadian won.



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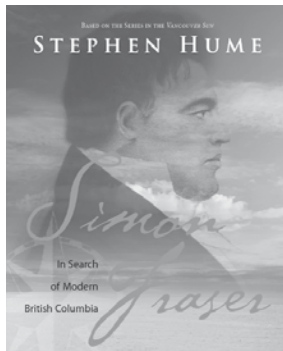





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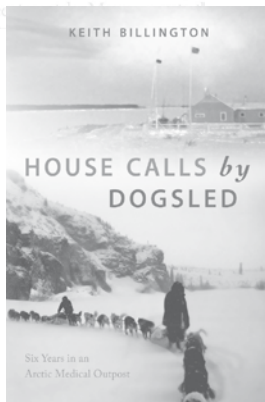


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POLICE REPORT

By P.H. Community Policing Volunteers

APRIL 17 TO MAY 15, 2008

Late Saturday night, April 19, someone attempted to break into a shed in the 4500-block of Cameron Rd.

They ran off when their activities were discovered.

Sometime the following Thursday, someone broke into a boat house on Sakinaw Lake.

There is no report of damage or missing items.

The most serious break and enter occurred at Pender Harbour Diesel during the night of April 24.

Thieves spray-painted the exterior video surveillance monitor then used a bar to pry open the metal doors of the business.

They made off with two new

generators.

We had a visitor from Logan Lake spending the evening of May 13 drinking beer at the Legion. He took offence when told he was cut off and ended up slashing another patron with a knife.

He took off in his truck but RCMP picked him up on Highway 101 near Secret Cove.

He will be facing various charges. The victims are fine.

An Oyster Bay Rd. resident reported confronting a fellow trying the door of his house the afternoon of May 14.

He had noticed him skulking around outside the house and became suspicious.

This alert resident may just have saved himself from a theft.

Ross awarded Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence

Former Pender Harbour resident — and great-great granddaughter of Pender Harbour pioneer Sarah Wray — Devon Ross (née Cameron) was one of 16 teachers who recently received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Ross was recognized for her inspirational approach to teaching science at Vancouver Technical School.

Not only have her students surpassed provincial and district averages in chemistry and geology every year she has taught, but she began a science fair program that is now the largest in the city.

Ross also created the geology 12 program at Van Tech when she saw a need to offer a science course that was accessible to all students, outside of the typically academic chemistry and physics.

The program emphasizes field experience and is supported by grants for student trips to study the geology of B.C. and Alberta.

"I am extremely proud to have grown up in Pender Harbour. The people in the community inspired me to be the person I am today," Ross said.

"I admired the countless hours of volunteer work I witnessed by people like my grandmother (Muriel Cameron) and Linda Curtiss.

"Mr. McFadyen Hill (math, chemistry, and physics teacher at PHSS from 1990 - 1996) was an amazing teacher who demonstrated an incredible work ethic that I have always aspired to match.

"Pender Harbour will always be my hometown and it holds a very special place in my heart."



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'Every Canadian has a special memory of a teacher who helped or inspired them to realize their potential,' said the Prime Minister Stephen Harper. 'This award honours the talented and caring teachers in this country whose contribution to the lives of individual Canadians, and to Canada as a whole, is truly priceless.'

Devon Ross is seen here receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Ottawa. Ross was one of only 16 teachers in Canada to receive the Certificate of Excellence.



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Madeira Park parking a lot of trouble

Signs limiting parking to 90 minutes were recently installed by Locke Property Management, the company contracted to manage the H. Y. Louie properties in Madeira Park.

These include the shopping centre and parking lot as well as the former Fraser property behind the alley.

Property manager Phillip Locke said that it has become increasingly necessary to manage the parking situation.

"The problem I have is that it gets very congested in the summer time," Locke said.

"The centre hasn't been managed for years."

Locke identified three areas he hopes can be addressed to help solve the problem: Malaspina Coach Lines passengers leaving their cars overnight, tenant employees parking in the main lot and customers of non-tenant businesses like Triple B's Burgers using the lot.

Triple B's sits on Pender Harbour Community Club property but their customers often park in front of the hamburger stand in stalls owned by H. Y. Louie.

Locke sent a letter to the owners of the hamburger stand, brothers Dave and Richard Massullo and Tony McMullen, requesting a monthly charge for the use of three stalls in the peak season and one stall through winter.

That would amount to \$1,000



Don't worry, there's nobody going around chalking tires and towing cars but recent parking signs in the Madeira Park Shopping Centre have left some distressed.

for the year and the letter stated that if they failed to pay, he would have no alternative but to install a chain link fence between the hamburger stand and the centre parking lot.

"It's not right. It's not solving any of their problems. It's just nickel and diming..." Dave Massullo said.

"We know we have a problem down here. I rent parking stalls from the Community Hall [Club] and

people park in my stalls and go everywhere else."

The Massulos have started a petition against the action and say they won't pay.

Troy Callewaert, owner/manager of the IGA, didn't want to comment on the dispute but did say that he, like all of the other tenants in the shopping centre, already pays for parking.

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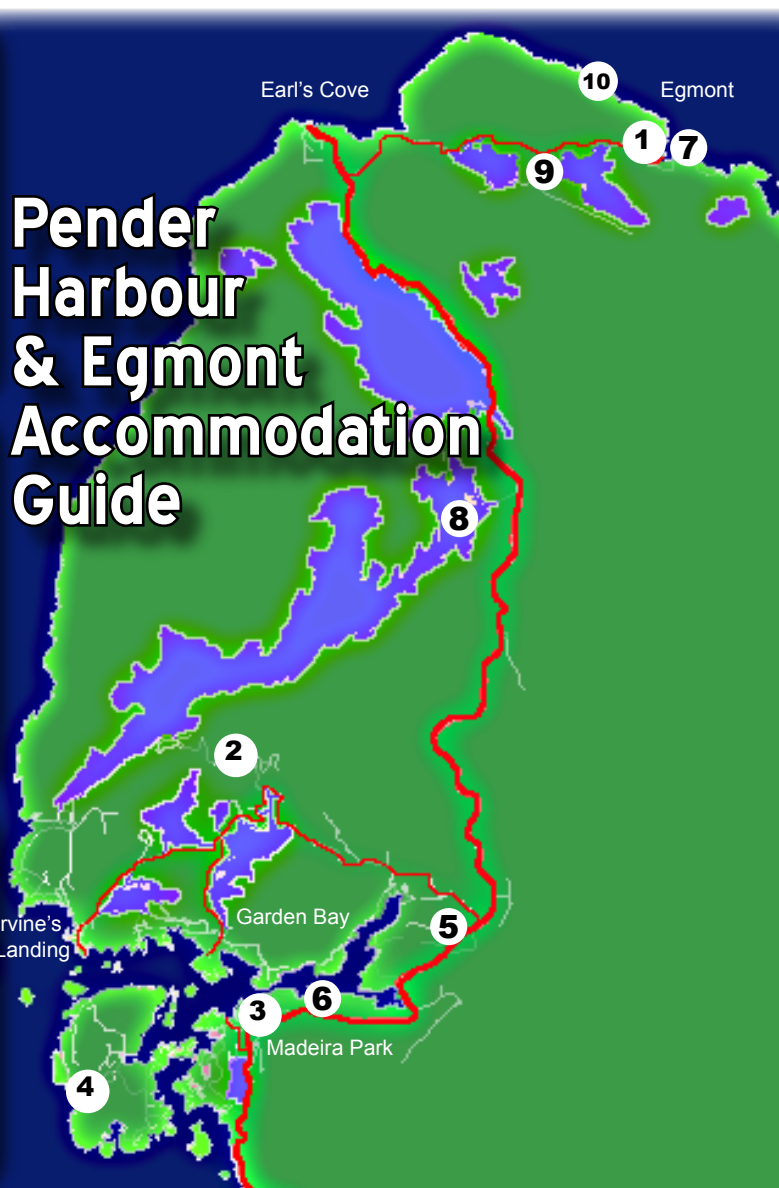


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Local prawn fishery serves up tasty living

By Brian Lee

Setting

Snap it on and the anchor scrapes over aluminum, plunks down into the purling wake. The line sinks fast where it falls. Just past noon, our day already old, but far from over. I've done this so many times that it's mindless, so I drift back — my arms snapping on traps the way automated machines assemble things — to my first day on the sea: panic in my muscles as I fought the line zinging past my face, wrestled with each knot that leapt like a crouching wildcat from the line basket. Now I sidestep their pounce, daydream as they pass of all that becomes second nature.

— Joe Denham, *Flux*
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It's 5:30 a.m. and, as the *Miss Nikko* exits Hospital Bay, the sun is still at least a half hour from peeking over the curtains of the Caren Range behind us.

I'm aboard local fisherman Josh Young's commercial prawn boat.

It's all aluminum, has a flat deck for stacking traps and smells like prawn bait.

Deckhand Dan Schmidt doesn't say much as he preps for another day of hauling traps.

There's no need for chatter as both go about their morning ritual.

With 16 days of the approximately 60 day season already behind them, they're clearly accustomed to their routine.

Dan's on deck getting gear ready and preparing the tanks for the water we'll take on once we get outside the harbour.

Josh is inside the cabin "navigating" as he hooks up his laptop computer.

The laptop is arguably the most important piece of gear on the boat.

Not only does it replace the chart table with its more compact electronic

version, it's also hooked into the GPS system to show position.

And it records previous sets with pinpoint accuracy.

I tell him I'll need to get a print-out of those sets as a visual for the article.

He grunts at the absurdity.

Once outside the harbour we drift as Schmidt drops a weighted, 100-foot hose over the side of the *Nikko* and pumps clean, cold water into the holding tanks.

At that depth, the water comes in at 9 C (49 F) but will be further chilled to between 2 C (35 F) and 4 C (39 F) degrees before it sees its first prawn.

The *Miss Nikko*, like many of the 20-plus boats fishing out of the Pender Harbour and Egmont area, is delivering live prawns to buyers in Vancouver.

Prawn fishing involves much more than just trying to figure out on which ledge the little "bugs" are hiding.

Low mortality is key to having a productive "live" season and fishermen take every precaution to ensure as much of their catch survives the day as possible.

Salinity, water temperature, oxygen, cleanliness and ensuring the prawns move quickly from trap to tank are all critical to keeping them lively.

After all, the prawns still have to be transferred to a truck at the end of the day for transport to the Richmond processing plant where they'll be sorted that night.

The dead get returned.

When tragedy like a circulation pump failure strikes, many fishermen and their families have stayed up past their bedtimes tailing and freezing the 500 to 1,000 pounds of product refused at the plant.

The prawns are still fresh and valuable if frozen that day but it makes for an onerous chore.



Prawns (*pandalus platyceros*) are the largest of the seven commercial species of shrimp in BC waters. They generally live four years and live the first three years as males before transforming into females for their final year of life. They prefer rocky habitats to a depth of 487 metres but normal adult habitat is between 70 and 90 metres.

The potential for disaster is constant and proper pre-season maintenance of equipment is crucial.

Before the season even starts, prawners will have spent much of their time on the phone aligning various buyers for their live product as well as the 5-15 per cent of dead.

The dead are usually tailed and frozen the same day.

Sometimes the fishermen keep freezers stocked with tubs of prawns to sell through the winter while others set up local markets.

Prawns are tasty and not hard to sell but the effort required to peddle five-pound lots off the dock soon becomes a nuisance.

Prawn fishermen all like to tell stories of the tourist who approaches them at the dock at the end of the day asking to buy five pounds.

Some are polite and respectful; some aren't.

Prawn fishermen seem to follow an unwritten code when it comes to dock sales – haggling gets you nowhere.

Fisherman Quinton Sample tells of the time last season when a tourist came up to him on the dock at the end of the day and asked to buy five pounds.

Sample quoted \$8 a pound.

The tourist went over to another prawn fisherman to see if he could get a better deal.

That fisherman also quoted \$8 a pound.

The tourist came back to Quinton and told him he'd take his prawns because they "looked fresher."

"They're \$9 a pound," Sample said.

The tourist went prawnless.

We run slow and sip coffee as the cliffs of Thormanby Island start to loom closer.

There's no hurry – we can't pick the traps until the water chills down.

Jokes are a mainstay on a boat with familiar crew and as Josh moves

around the cabin looking for his Thermos of coffee, deckhand Dan gets in the way.

"Just because we have someone on board doesn't mean I won't bitch slap you!" Josh says as he raises an open hand.

Dan laughs and moves.

The *Miss Nikko* isn't a fast boat but our steady 7 knots gets us to the first string just as the tanks hit 39 degrees.

The bright red scotchman rests 100 metres off the front deck of a beautiful home perched on the water's edge.

I know the owners and wonder if they mind the morning intrusion.

With the Spice Girls "Say You'll

Be There" blasting from the open window of the cabin, Josh starts hauling.

As the traps come in, the prawns are dropped onto a sorting table.

Juveniles (any prawn measuring less than 33mm from the back of the eye socket to the end of the carapace) are thrown back.

The rest are pushed through a slot into a plastic cage that, when filled, is closed with rubber straps and dropped immediately into the circulation tanks.

Josh hauls and sorts while Dan rebaits and stacks the traps.

Prawn fishing isn't physically hard work but the trap-after-trap routine of a two month season can be mentally exhausting.

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Skipper Josh Young (right) hauls, dumps and sorts each trap while deckhand Dan Schmidt (left) rebaits to set them back out again. Often likened to the movie *Groundhog Day*, this scenario gets repeated 18,000 times before the season ends.

Prawns (cont.)



A good trap like this one yields about five pounds of prawns but many come up empty, often because an octopus got there first.

Fortunately, we have the Spice Girls to keep it light for us.

The first one is a good haul and the crew are jubilant as they reset the groundline.

As the boat moves forward and the groundline trails out behind, Dan attaches each trap using a pressure clip, spacing them in a semi-consistent pattern.

Josh has his eyes on the laptop as he tries to follow a shelf with the perfect combination of bottom type and depth.

Every once in awhile there's a shout from the deck.

"Hold it!" Dan yells as a moving snarl of line tries to haul him into the chuck.

Josh pulls back on the throttle until it's untangled.

About 90 per cent of commercial landings on the BC Coast will be packaged at sea or on shore as frozen product exported to the Japanese market.

This puts the prawn fishery at the

mercy of global price and currency fluctuations as well as offshore competition

In 2007, 224 vessels landed an average in excess of 24,500 pounds each.

This year, fishermen started out getting about \$5.50 a pound for live product, which still offers a decent margin of profit for two months labour.

In 2005, fishermen were getting over \$9 a pound at a time when fishermen were hauling in record landings.

But prawn populations, like global markets, are cyclical.

Prawns aren't a migratory species so they are localized to specific areas and only live for four years.

So far this year, catches are down all over the B.C. coast from a record haul last year.

Laurie Convey is Lead Prawn Fishery Manager for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, based in Nanaimo.

"The short life cycle of a prawn causes instability in the populations but it's still a little bit early to gauge how the entire season is going," Convey says.

"Early indications are that the season is a little late, possibly because of the late spring we experienced but we should know more in the coming weeks."

There hasn't been as much scientific investment in the prawn industry as in other fisheries such as salmon so there's a lack of data.

Prawn fishery managers can't assess the overall prawn population so they use a biological reference point called a "spawner index."

Basically, this is a method of assessing the percentage of spawning females.

When sample information suggests the numbers are reaching a sufficient level, the fishery is closed.

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The next two strings are much weaker than the first so the skipper is forced to make the call.

“Dan, should we try Buzzsaw?” he says to his deckhand, referring to a satellite radio station that’s been lucky for them lately.

Dan dutifully strolls into the cabin and turns the dial on the satellite radio.

It’s heavy metal.

I laugh at the superstition but it works. The next two strings are almost as good as the first.

I’ll never doubt “Buzzsaw” again.

Josh admits they have to keep experimenting to find the station that brings in the prawn on any given day.

Like fishing, it’s not a fully understood science.

At the end of the day — still only 1:30 p.m. — we deliver to Josh’s dad, Dwight, who waits for us at the dock in Hospital Bay.

His day is just starting.

Dwight transports the prawns on a flat bed truck with fibreglass circula-

tion tanks powered by a generator.

After he loads up, he’s off to pick up one other prawn fisherman in Secret Cove before catching the 4:30 p.m. ferry.

Once he gets to the Richmond plant he’ll unload, sanitize the equipment and wait to receive the prawns that didn’t make it.

They’re frozen fresh at the plant and returned to Dwight to sell locally through Off the Hook Seafoods

He almost always makes it back on the last ferry which puts him home by 11:30 p.m.

They’ll keep up this pace until the end of June when the spawners start to show up and shut the fishery down.

For Dan it means going back to roofing while Josh switches boats and heads for the Queen Charlotte Islands to kill halibut for a few months.

The season has provided him with the rare opportunity to make a living and still get home every night.

For most fishermen — and their families — that’s the tastiest part of the prawn.



Dwight Young loads the prawns for transport to a Richmond processor.

Prawn gear:

A single prawn licence allows for 300 traps on six strings of groundline. “Stacking” licences (fishing a second licence on the same boat) allows 200 more traps.

A typical string consists of 50 traps and is 3,600 feet or two “skates” long. A “skate” is a fishing term used to describe lengths of ground line of 300 fathoms (1,800 feet) and is more commonly associated with halibut gear. (One source suggests the word came from the old practice of northern halibut fishermen coiling line on a square tarpaulin whose appearance afterwards resembled the fish known as a skate.) Each trap costs \$72 and a skate of line costs \$200.



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Study to review incorporation, Phase 1



*By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A*

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

First the reasons.

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

Our portions have always been slightly more than we would wish but are based on property values which I cannot control.

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

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

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

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

Our year-to-year increase was 6.3 per cent, generally about average

with the rest of the coast.

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

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

Although a portion of that was due to growth, the vast majority was due to higher assessments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Time will tell how these proposals are dealt with but discussions should start at the end of May.

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

In the meantime, I have a request (awaiting board acceptance) to the provincial minister of community services for a Phase 1 study grant for this area which would enable the community to review and debate the possibility of incorporation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I give these figures to show

some comparative information for you to consider.

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

This is not a political statement by me on the possibility of a governance change — up until recent budgets, I have always been satisfied with services provided by the SCRd.

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

That is what the process is all

about — a director can only initiate a review on your behalf for your consideration.

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

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

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Thursday June 12, 2008

- 1:30 p.m. Planning & Development
- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

Thursday June 19, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Infrastructure Services Watershed
- 1:30 p.m. Community Services

Thursday, June 26, 2008

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- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

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Colour, colour my world

By Jim Rutherford
(assisted by Nolan Sawatzky)

Even colour combinations for blooming plants in deck containers, window boxes, hanging baskets and such have changed.

The new wave of colour palettes is hot!

Bye-bye pink geraniums and white petunias.

PURCHASING PLANTS

Choose annuals and perennials for planting (after the traditional May 24 long weekend) when there is little threat of spring cold, frost and rain damage.

Because the plants are greenhouse forced, fed and released to the market early, they can take a bad chill and die.

CHOOSE COLOURS CAREFULLY

Mind your house colour and style before jumping on this vogue band wagon.

A bold colour scheme will draw space together for an intimate, closer feel but too many hot colours can get intense in a small confined apartment sized space.

If you think it's too bold, introduce some pale yellows, soft pinks and mauve.

Cluster the containers to guide traffic to that outdoor extra-room they're talking about it in all the gardening mags these days.

WHITES

I once designed a large patio scheme with the plants all lined up to go in various pots and realized I forgot the white flowering material.

It was a learning experience.

Without the white, the design stayed very bold, contemporary and non-colonial.

REDS

One tricky colour, I find, is red.

Fire engine reds have an orange undertone and are deadly to combine with purple.

Try mari-golds with a speck of red or bi-tone dahlias (dwarf) to fill out the colour scheme nicely.

If you chicken out, soften it a little with some peach and apricot colours.

Red roses have a little blue undertone particularly as the blossom ages. You'll notice this colour shift on



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geraniums sitting side by side at the nursery.

PURPLE

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Osteospermum, or other annuals that you may not be familiar with, are great.

To venture into the unknown, don't fill whole pots with things you're not sure of, but spot a few here and there.

Be sure to keep the label, so you'll remember next year, for better or for worse.

VARIETIES

New material and varieties become available every year — sometimes, I think, just to keep us buying.

Trail something over the edges like “wave petunias.”

Shady spots will never be dull if you fill a container with hosta, fibrous begonias with burgundy foliage, hot fuchsia-colored impatiens or some coloured “inky fingers.”

For some surprise in the season, you can layer your container bed/container just like spring bulbs.

Bury to depth some Asiatic lily bulbs, tigridie (Mexican shell flower) or acidanthera (Peacock/Orchid).

As they make their way through the annuals it will put on a lovely show.

Previously I've buried scarlet runner bean seeds in window boxes.

It's a welcome surprise when they germinate and spill over the edge.

Harvest the pods just like on a garden bean pole or trellis.

As they brown off, cut off the stem from the container at soil height.

Leave the root fibre system as

this will hold moisture and secure the edges.

Sweet pea seeds are another challenge. Any plant in the pea family hates to be transplanted.

Because of this, you won't likely see them in plant trays so pop in the seeds a couple of inches from the edge and let them run.

It is not wise to use perennial “beach wild sweet peas.”

The root system is so deep it will blow your pot apart.

Ask your nursery person about smaller perennials to introduce into your containers.

Coreopsis, (tickseed) and gailardia (basket flower) will bloom this year, die off over the winter and green up to say hello for next spring.

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Pender Harbour Health Centre nurses are available to help you with questions and concerns from Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer hours will be extended to include Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2

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DIABETES DROP-IN

All diabetics, friends and family are welcome to come learn what's new in diabetes on June 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the board room of the Pender Harbour Health Centre

There will be blood pressure and blood glucose testing and a variety of handouts to help you manage your diabetes.

Bring your home glucometer and we can check accuracy and supply a new one if needed.

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WALK YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

Walk Your Way to Health, a new walking club, will begin meeting June 18 at the Pender Harbour Health Centre 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Guest speakers will address health aspects of walking including proper techniques and the use of pedometers.

Then it is off to the Millennium Park by way of Lagoon Road.

This Walk and Talk session will be followed up with a summer walking class led by fitness instructors Linda Goble and Deb Cole on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Each week will feature a different walk and participants will receive a pedometer and tools to track their progress during the six weeks.

Register by phoning the PH Aquatic and Fitness Centre at 604-885-6866.

26 WEEKS TO FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - June

Week 5: Get a portable radio with extra batteries for your emergency kit.

Week 6: Learn about hazards. Find out what the hazards are in your community, and do a home hazard hunt to make your home safer. Secure appliances and heavy furniture, and move beds away from heavy mirrors and windows.

Week 7: Give every family member specific safety tasks to do in an emergency. For example, designate one person to be in charge of turning off electricity, one to collect the emergency container, one to take charge of pets, etc. Add peanuts and granola bars to your kit.

Week 8: Identify safe places in your home and on your property. Plan and practice evacuation drills using two different escape routes from each room. Add containers of juice or juice crystals to your kit.

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On the road again...

*By Carole Logtenberg,
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For some of us the good old summer road trip is just around the corner.

The list of things to cram into the car is getting longer as you count down the days till you roll down the car window, crank up the tunes and hit the road.

If you're thinking of bringing Fido along to keep you company and join in on the fun, it's important to keep your dog's safety in mind and plan ahead.

Adjusting to a car journey, long or short, is no trouble for many dogs but for the less seasoned traveller, it can be a very unpleasant experience.

If your dog is not used to being in a car, take him for short trips in preparation for the longer trip that lies ahead.

To avoid car-sickness, it's best to bring your dog for a ride before a meal rather than soon after.

Waiting at least six hours between the last meal and travelling will help.

Make the association with the car ride rewarding for the dog by giving a treat or meal as soon as the trip is over.

If your dog has severe motion-sickness, see your veterinarian for prescription medication to alleviate symptoms.

There are also a number of things that you can do to make your dog more comfortable while traveling.

For long trips, it's best to have your dog ride inside the vehicle rather than the back of a pick-up truck or inside a camper.

Keep an eye on the temperature of the car where your dog is spending the journey and make sure there is

plenty of fresh air.

If you need to open a window, keep it closed enough that the dog cannot stick his head out and be injured by flying insects and debris off the roads.

Plan to stop regularly to give your dog a chance to stretch, exercise, relieve himself and have a drink of water.

It is extremely important never to leave your dog unattended in a car.

Even on a cool day, the temperature can quickly rise to a dangerous level for heat stroke.

Leaving a window partially open may not be enough.

When you stop, it's important to secure the dog with a leash or harness before you open the door to keep Fido safe from traffic or busy parking lots.

If you're planning on staying overnight in a hotel, check for pet-friendly accommodations before you leave on your trip.

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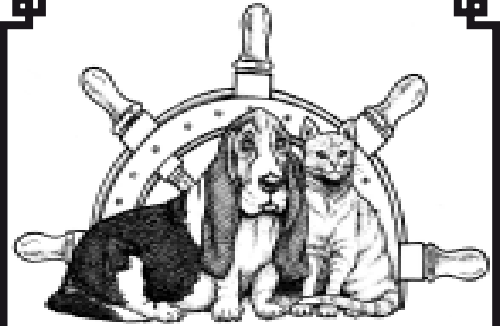
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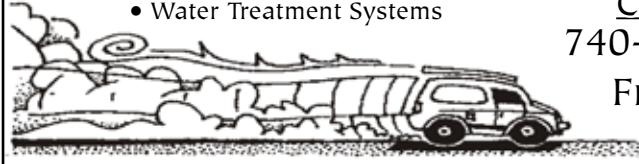
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Alan's real estate update



By Alan Stewart

There are some really interesting sales stats this year for the detached housing market on the Sunshine Coast.

Overall the total sales dollar volume is almost identical to 2007, down only two per cent, with the average price of homes having risen from \$361,007 to \$392,991.

The eight per cent increase in

average price is in line with the rest of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

LISTINGS ARE UP

Here's where it gets a little more interesting: the number of available listings has risen by 11 per cent and the number of sales is down by 10 per cent.

The discrepancy between the number of listings and sales is a concern for some sellers and a welcome sight for buyers who have been watching the market run away from them.

Market conditions dictate that when there is a surplus of listings and fewer sales, prices have to level out or come down to balance the market.

In Pender Harbour, the statistics are significantly different than the rest of the Sunshine Coast.

In 2007 we saw 33 house sales

by this point with an average selling price of \$559,189.

This year we've only seen 12 house sales in Pender Harbour and Egmont — down almost 64 per cent — with an average price of \$407,492.

VACANT LOT SALES

Vacant lot sales are faring better with eight land sales in the Harbour at an average sale price of \$243,950 compared to 11 sales with an average selling price of \$208,632 in 2007.

The biggest concern for sellers of vacant land and detached homes in our area is the number of listings available.

Unbelievably, we now have 127 lots for sale in Pender Harbour ranging in price from \$99,500 for a half-acre lot in Earls Cove to \$2 million for a 2.35-acre south-facing waterfront lot in Pender Harbour Landing.

At current sales levels (only eight in nearly six months) that's nearly eight years of inventory available.

HIGH-END HOMES

We also have 95 homes for sale in the area with an average listing price of a staggering \$929,402!

Again, at current sales volume, that's nearly 48 months worth of inventory on the market.

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tached three bedroom home (non-mobile) in the area is a 1360 square-foot, two-level on Green Tree Road in Earls Cove, listed for sale at \$349,900.

The most expensive, a 5400-square-foot executive waterfront home in Garden Bay, priced at \$4.38 million.

Another surprising Pender Harbour statistic: We now have 28 homes offered at over \$1 million.

The weather so far this year certainly hasn't helped sell recreational real estate in the area and while we expect to have a busy summer and fall, there is no arguing that there is a change afoot.

The healthy state of the market on the lower Sunshine Coast and Powell River give those of us in the industry reason to believe that we will recover from a very slow start, but it would be foolish to think that something doesn't have to give.

Next month, we'll have a look at the value of properties in different areas of the Coast and how Pender Harbour and Egmont homes, which traditionally have sold at a discount from Sechelt and Gibsons, fit into the equation.

To offer suggestions for future real estate related column topics, e-mail alan@sunshinecoasthomes.com

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You may feel no discomfort at this stage, but the decay does not stop with the hard outer enamel, it quickly eats its way into the soft interior of the tooth and reaches the pulp, causing you acute pain.

The bacteria that form plaque have another way of tormenting you.

If plaque is not carefully brushed away, it hardens to form a calcified deposit called calculus, or tartar, which may inflame the gums and make them pull away from the tooth.

As the gums recede, the underlying bone that anchors your

teeth also recedes.

By this time your gums are red, swollen and bleed when you brush or floss.

Your dentist can help control this condition, but if not cared for, the tissue surrounding your teeth may become so damaged that your teeth actually fall out.

More teeth are lost this way than through tooth decay!

Your saliva provides a measure of protection from this double attack of bacteria.

Your saliva needs between 15 and 45 minutes to clear away food particles and neutralize the acid in the plaque on your teeth.

So the amount of damage done to your teeth may depend, not on the quantity of sugar you eat, but on the frequency of your meals and sugary snacks.

Since saliva flow is low while you sleep, one of the most destructive things you can do is eat or drink sugar laden snacks and then retire for the night without brushing your teeth.

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Incorporation: Is Area "A" ready?

Dear Editor,

The regional director has sound-ed the call for the residents of Pender Harbour to, once again, consider incorporation.

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

ready to respond?

The rationale used for the call is the same as it was nine years ago;

"Too great a percentage of our tax dollar is subsidizing the rest of the coast."

Nine years ago, this issue result-ed in a "battle" within our own com-munity, splitting it down the middle and creating unhealthy tensions.

But I think a study now would be a viable means to answer another question.

Is Area "A" mature enough to become a responsible member of the 21st century?

The global environment is chang-ing and so must our local behaviour.

The industrialized world needs to find and develop efficient sources of cleaner energy.

During that process, increased economic hardship is being felt in the costs of food, goods and transporta-tion at the local level.

Increased property values, and

the resulting taxes, have made low rental housing more difficult to find.

These "facts" are already creat-ing hardship within our community. -

Hardships, if left unaddressed and unplanned for, could erode that fragile social fabric we call commu-nity.

During this economic turbu-lence, is it a time for change and how might we benefit by that change?

Becoming independent because a tax base is available without a vi-sion for the future is how the indus-trial world got in trouble in the first place.

So what are some of the practi-cal steps we can take to justify great-er governance for the people and by the people?

To gain a greater sense of soli-darity from —and the much needed support by — the residents of this community, it is incumbent upon the stakeholders to speak out and offer a vision for this community that will be healthier than the one we have now.

I call upon the outgoing regional director to create a framework of transparency and open debate regard-ing the impact of incorporation upon Area "A" in order raise the level of knowledge among us all.

I call upon the stakeholders, who provide the momentum for change, to stand forward in their leadership role and offer some assur-ances that such a move will not be-come another verse in a Joni Mitchell song (which seems inescapable for many municipalities in order to pay the bills), to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot."

Howie Hicken
Madeira Park

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JUNE ASTROLOGY

MAY 21-JUNE 21 (GEMINI)

The Twins, butterflies by nature, flit from one attraction to the next, unpredictable and easily bored, but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Geminis like to think that they are a half-and half mixture of Socrates and Michelangelo, but in reality it's more like Prince and Bea Arthur.

JUNE 21-JULY 22 (CANCER)

Those born under the sign of the Crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities, and don't like surprises. Cancerians coin new words to describe philosophical concepts. George W. Bush is a Cancer.

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The name is derived from the Latin *sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still), because at the solstices, the sun stands still in declination; that is, its apparent movement north or south comes to a standstill.

The term solstice can also be used in a wider sense, as the date (day) that such a passage happens.

The solstices, together with the equinoxes, are connected with the seasons.

In some languages they are considered to start or separate the seasons; in others they are considered to be centre points (in English, in the Northern hemisphere, for example, the period around the June solstice is known as mid-summer, and Midsummer's Day is 24 June, about three days after the solstice itself).

Similarly, December 25 is the start of the Christmas celebration, which was a Pagan festival in pre-Christian times and is the day the sun begins to return back to the northern hemisphere.

wikipedia.org

JUNE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C.

The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

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

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There will be no hired students at the Visitor's Information Centre in Madeira Park this season due to a funding shortfall and now the centre is in desperate need of volunteers to staff it. If you can help, please call Maureen Wright at (604)883-2957.

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Serendipity Parent Participation Preschool will be accepting registrations for new and returning students for the 2008/2009 school year on the following dates: June 2, 3 and 5 from noon until 12:30 p.m., each day. A \$25 deposit is required (applied to first month's fees). Children should be at least three years old by Dec. 31 to start in September. Classes will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Questions? Please call the Preschool at (604) 883 2316.

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Check out some of the upcoming programs at the Pender Harbour Community School: Yoga with a Twist starts Saturday, May 31. Asexual Perennial Propagation on June 11 and Boatwise for Kids from July 2-5. Please call the Pender Harbour Community School for more information or to register for any of our programs, 604-883-2826

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Tuesday June 10, the Pender Harbour Women's Connection will hold their Wind-up Luncheon at the School of Music in Madeira Park. This will start at 11:30 a.m. and tickets are sold in advance — they will not be available at the door. This is our last gathering of the season and we will have our Start-up Pot Luck Lunch on September 23 at the School of Music in Madeira Park.



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By Jan Watson

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INTERCLUB

The ladies played the first leg of the home and away series with Sechelt Golf Club at Sechelt and unfortunately are 7 points down.

They hope to make up when they play here in Pender.

MEN'S DAY

On May 6, the Low Net Stroke Play Flight I.

Winning golfer was Brian Orr with a 65.

KP on #3 was Larry Honeybourne and #6 Peter Kenny.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.
—Jack Lemmon

LADIES DAY

On May 1 quite a few of the ladies were playing the first round of the Crabb Cup match play and the rest played a hidden score event.

The winner was Carole Fraser and, at her request, we will leave her score hidden!

May 8 saw a Blind Partners match based on gross score.

Winners were Moni Langham and Denise Jones with 192.

On May 15 we had an individual low net stroke play with the winner Lorna Lycan with 66.

FUTURE EVENTS

Every Tuesday is Men's Day,

every Thursday is Ladies' Day.

Ladies' Steak Night and Scramble is on Friday June 13 at 5.30 p.m. and on Monday, June 16 will be the first Monday Mixed Scramble of the season at 4 p.m.



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Currently, individual Official Community Plans set the growth patterns for the various areas on the Coast. How can we integrate these plans so that our future is under our control?

The population of the Sunshine Coast has tripled since the SCRD was formed; it could more than double in the next 30 or 40 years. Get involved in planning your community, come to the public open house sessions and share your vision.



*Monday, June 16th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
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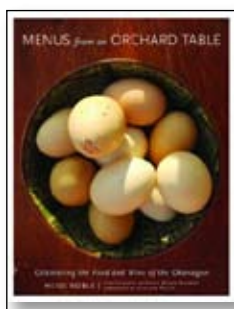
Okanagan orchards make for a peachy read

By Theresa Kishkan

The Okanagan Valley has always been a place for wonderful produce.

As a child, I went there with my parents to buy cases of peaches and apples for my mother to preserve for winter.

More recent is the proliferation of wineries, from small family-run establishments to large corporate-owned showpieces.



Heidi Noble's *Menus from an Orchard Table: Celebrating the Food and Wine of the Okanagan* (Whitecap Books, 2007) offers a splendid introduction to this flourishing culinary culture.

Noble and her husband own a small vineyard, winery and cooking school called "Joie on the Naramata Bench," a place with its own specific

terroir.

The story of how they found their property and its creative evolution to its present paradise is told in a vivid and elegant style.

Her book invites the reader into a kitchen where a vast array of locally produced ingredients await her inspired touch.

Menus are built around seasons, harvests, festivals, holidays, the arrival of morels ("Jay Springs Ranch Navarin Printanier with Okanagan Mountain Fire Morels"), rhubarb "Roasted Rhubarb with Lavender Sugar" and asparagus ("Spring Asparagus and Sorrel Soup").

These menus are preceded by short essays about special occasions in the Okanagan Valley and are followed by profiles of those who grow the food, those who make the wines, the farm-gate cheeses, the organic ales and those who keep the bees for their ambrosial honeys (white clematis, chokecherry, oregano and sweet clover).

The trend towards local food production and distribution has made many of us more mindful of where our food comes from and how we can try to reduce our carbon footprint.

Heidi Noble's beautiful book deserves shelf space in any kitchen where the cook is interested in the slow-food movement, the importance of eating as locally as possible and, of course, the sheer joy of fine food and excellent wine.

Recently I participated in a book tour to promote titles shortlisted for B.C. Book Prizes; these honours are given annually to books, authors and publishers in our province.

I enjoyed my fellow authors – Mary Novik, Nan Gregory, and Kari-Lynn Winters – as we travelled the Yellowhead Highway, visiting schools, libraries and bookstores, reading from our books and answering questions about the writing life.



I can highly recommend Mary Novik's excellent novel *Conceit* (Doubleday Canada, 2007) which won the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize at the B.C. Book Prizes

Gala on April 26.

It's an imaginative story of a daughter of the poet John Donne.

Pegge Donne is a young teenager when the novel opens and is intrigued by her father's poems which document the erotic love-affair between her parents.

The poems are at odds with what she knows of the stern man who has become Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral and her mother who died in childbirth

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(her twelfth delivery — seven survived).

Pegge wants to know about love and passion in a time when girls were seldom educated and were too infrequently the authors of their own fate.

Conceit is original and lively; full of the colour and texture of the 17th century, a time both similar and foreign to our own.

Mary Novik is part of this year's Festival of the Written Arts in Sechelt in August.

Go to www.writersfestival.ca for details.

And for parents of small children, I can also recommend Nan Gregory's *Pink* (Groundwood Books, 2007) and Kari-Lynn Winters' *Jeffrey and Sloth* (Orca Book Publishers, 2007).

Both are picture books shortlisted for the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize at the B.C. Book Prizes.



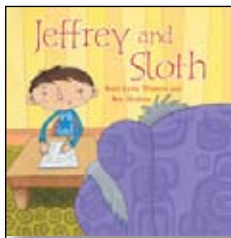
I know well that kids will often ask for a book over and over; a story that holds up to repeated reading is worth its weight in gold!

I listened to Nan Gregory read *Pink* at least twice a

day for six days and never tired of its warmth and wisdom.

It's the engaging story of Vivi who yearns for what the girls from more affluent homes have but who learns an important lesson about resourcefulness and love.

I also listened to Kari-Lynn



Winters read about Jeffrey who faces a blank page with the expectation that he write something important and who doodles

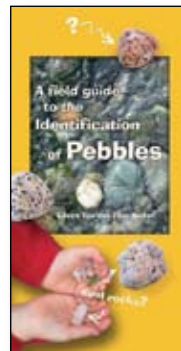
his way into a telling relationship with his own creative spirit.

Both books are a delight, the texts enhanced by simple but effective illustrations by Luc Melanson (*Pink*) and Ben Hodson (*Jeffrey and Sloth*).

For the beach-walkers and trail-climbers among you, I can enthusiastically direct you to *A Field Guide to the Identification of Pebbles* by Eileen

Van der Flier-Keller.

It's the first in a series of guides published by Harbour Publishing (I understand that *A Field Guide to Seashells and Shellfish* by Rick Harbo is due out this spring).



This is a brilliant idea — an accordion-folded pamphlet, laminated to make it reasonably weather-proof, and which fits easily into a pocket or pack.

The text is simple and concise, offering clear definitions of rock groups and the processes by which they are broken down into pebbles and sand.

The photographs of the rocks and pebbles are very clear and the whole guide is laid out in an effective way.

I look forward to further offerings in this series!



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PHSS Sports Day: Nootka triumphs over Haida, 1,272 to 1,261



PHSS rugby takes some hits but prevails in Kamloops

By Dave Gibson

The Pender Harbour Secondary Rugby team braved sub-zero temperatures, wind, and blowing snow to pull off a successful trip to Kamloops for a recent tournament.

On April 17, the Pender Harbour Sakinaws set out on a bus driven by Larry "Muffin" Curtiss for Kamloops.

Twenty three players and 14 adults made the trip.

Dave and Katie Marchand, Cheryl Jensen, Heather Brown, Earl Antilla, Larry Anderson, Dave Gibson, coach Mike Cyr, sponsor Jeff Marshall and, of course, Muffin travelled with the team.

Grads Calen Christie, Kaare Jensen and Kirk McLellan also came along.

We had the most —and the loudest — fans in an event that saw teams from all over B.C., Calgary, Edmonton, and Washington State participate.

There were about 50 teams in all, junior boys and girls and senior boys and girls.

The weather was atrocious.

Our first game against Maple Ridge was lost by one try with a final score 12-5.

Our lone try was scored by Joey "the Rock" Antilla.

Our next two games were solid victories.

We defeated Chilliwack's G.W. Graham 17-3 on tries scored by Joey Antilla, Luke "Speed Merchant" Hansen and Ross "the Flash" Antilla.

Ross also kicked our converts.

In our third game, we defeated St. Anne's Academy of Kamloops 24-12.

Tries in this game were scored by Quinn "the Animal" McLellan (two tries), Bennett "the Beast" Rothen-



photo submitted

It was mid-April but you'd never know it by the weather when the PHSS rugby squad travelled to Kamloops.

berger, and Ross Antilla.

Converts were kicked by Joey Antilla and Dominic (the Toe) Christian.

All were awed at Luke Hansen's scintillating run the length of the field for a try and Joey Antilla powering through the opposition for two tries but it was Colton Edwardson being tackled by "The Rhino" that really made the fans wince.

Colton picked a loose bounding ball on the sidelines in the game-against G.W. Graham.

After a short run up the sidelines, Colton was driven out of bounds by

one of their props nicknamed Rhino.

Colton landed amidst a scatter of players and water bottles.

Coach Mike Cyr ran over to see how he was and, from the ground, Colton looked up and said,

"Coach, I think I need a sub."

(Colton is a Grade 7 student who was playing with much older players on the senior team.)

The entire team played well, behaved well and ensured Pender's reputation as an excellent school and community.

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Deb Cole

The MPES Hot Lunch program
would like to thank **Troy and staff at
Marketplace IGA, Bonnie Lindsay
and staff at the SCCU, Dave and
Richard of the Oak Tree Market
and Harbour Pizza, Erin and staff
at Off the Hook and all parents**
who were able to help with this year's
lunch program at the elementary
school. Your commitment to our chil-
dren is much appreciated. Thank You!

Jodee Young

MPES Hot Lunch Program

A Harbour Seal of Approval to
all the **wonderful friends and neigh-
bours** for their good wishes, flow-
ers and tasty meals after my recent
surgery. Also many, many thanks for
their ongoing support during this dif-
ficult time.

Jan Watson

A Harbour Seal of Approval to
**Cindy and the staff at Copper Sky
Cafe** for locking and unlocking the

public washrooms in Madeira Park
over the winter so they could remain
open for our visitors. Another Seal
goes to the **Oak Tree Market** who
have agreed to share the responsibility
with Copper Sky as part of their open-
ing and closing procedures.

P. H. & Egmont Chamber
of Commerce/Visitor Info. Centre

Many thanks to **Steve Boyd @
Boyd Trucking & Contracting** for
the generous donation of sand to the
baseball diamond at Madeira Park
Elementary. Also, huge thanks to **the
parents** who gave their time to rake,
weed and sift rock at the baseball
diamond in Madeira and to Principal
**Gloria McBain and School District
46** for their assistance with upgrading
the baseball diamond at the school in
time for baseball season!

Peter Nattall (Coach)
& the Angels Baseball Team

A huge Harbour Seal of Ap-
proval to all the wonderful, incred-
ible, hardworking **volunteers at the
Pender Harbour Golf Club** who are
doing an amazing job of renovating
the clubhouse. It is looking absolutely
outstanding and it will be a great
enhancement to the community. Our
sincere thanks and appreciation.

Helen Krantz.

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- **Community Ambassadors needed for Visitor Info Centre**, summer day camps and community events. \$9.50/hr, 30 hrs/week June 29 – Aug 30. App. deadline May 7/08. Apply with letter and two references: PH Community School, Box 232, Madeira Park, V0N 2H0 or phcs@ddcnet.com. Call 604-883-2957 or email for job descriptions. Partially funded by Service Canada.
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Big sisters Brenna and Lauryn would like to announce the arrival of their little sister, Ava Noelle Young, born April 30, 2008. A special thank you to doctors Scott, Kellett, Bishop and Martin and the O.R. and O.B. nurses for a top notch delivery. And a huge HUG OF THANKS to all of our friends and family who helped us out. We are so lucky to have you guys around!

- Proud parents Jodee and Josh Young

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JUNE EVENTS

Sun. June 1.....Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Fri. June 6.....P. H. Blues Fest - various locations
 Sat. June 7.....P. H. Blues Fest - various locations
 Sat. June 7.....Egmont Day - Egmont, 9:30 a.m.
 Sat. June 7.....Madeira Park Community Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
 Sat. June 7....."Raise the Roof" Seafood Buffet Dinner Fundraiser - P.H. Community Hall, 6 p.m.
 Sun. June 8.....P. H. Blues Fest - various locations
 Mon. June 9.....P. H. Food Bank Pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon
 Tues. June 10.....P. H. Community Club Meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 5 p.m.
 Tues. June 10.....Women's Connection Wind-up Luncheon - P. H. School of Music, 11:30 a.m.
 Fri. June 14.....Surveillance (2 nights) - Garden Bay Pub
 Sun. June 15.....Gaetan & the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Wed. June 18....."Walk and Talk" - P. H. Health Centre, 9 a.m.
 Fri. June 20.....Summer Solstice
 Sat. June 21.....Coast Jazz Quartet - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
 Sun. June 22.....Simon Paradis & Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. June 23.....P. H. Food Bank Pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon
 Wed. June 25.....Nicholas Simons Outreach Day - P. H. Community School, 9:30 a.m.
 Fri. June 27.....Dave Conroy (2 nights) - Garden Bay Pub
 Sat. June 28.....19th Annual Malaspina Regatta - Pender Harbour

JULY EVENTS

Tues. July 1.....A Canada Day Celebration of Community Club volunteers - P. H. Community Hall, 6 p.m.

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10:20 a.m.	10:00 a.m. (Mar. 21 & May 19)	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. (May 15, 16 only)	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
3:00 p.m. (May 15, 16 only)	3:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. (Mar. 20 only)	10:10 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (Mar. 20 only)	5:30 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)	11:00 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)		

Note: schedule differs slightly for Oct. 5 & 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 24 & 26, Jan. 1, March 21 & 24

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