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editorial

Going back to Detroit

By Brian Lee



It's been a long time since I paid much attention to Major League Baseball but something flashed across a screen somewhere that reminded me about a forgotten nugget of local trivia.

By the time you read this the Detroit Tigers have likely clinched the American League central division.

Who cares, right?

But riddle me this:

Why were the mid-1980s Detroit Tigers Pender Harbour's (and possibly the entire Sunshine Coast's) favourite baseball team?

Detroit's iconic **D** adorned far more baseball playing kids caps than Toronto's blue jay or the Expos' **M**.

It could have something to do with Detroit setting the record for the best start in 1984, winning 35 of their first 40 games before going on to win the World Series in five games.

They hit more home runs than anyone else and had the best pitchers.

Local Tiger fans had their favourites with names like Trammell, Gibson and Hernandez tossed around like those of Kesler and Sedin are these days.

But the fact that many of those fans also had more than a passing familiarity with names like Dearborn, Lansing or Ann Arbor points to something else.

They're all unremarkable cities in Michigan and, if they ring a bell, you probably lived here in the mid-'80s.

The reason is that, prior to 1983,

television here consisted of only a couple channels — if I'm not mistaken, they were CBC and CHEK TV.

When cable came to the sticks we were suddenly introduced to a variety of channels including the big three American cable networks.

And, for some random property of TV science, this cosmopolitan world came to us through the lens of local Detroit TV stations.

It didn't matter there was a three hour time difference from posted listings in TV Guide.

It just allowed you to find out how many people were murdered in Detroit that day before you watched our news.

And, it meant Saturday Night Live came on at 8:30 p.m. instead of 11:30 p.m.

That's something I still miss.

But the fact that every Detroit Tigers baseball game was televised meant the Toronto Blue Jays could no longer compete for our attention.

How could you not give in to the heroics of a late inning Kirk Gibson home run or the fact that the team on your TV rarely lost?

And, as if the Tigers heating up at the exact moment Detroit television landed here wasn't enough to release a perfect storm of baseball synergy, there was Magnum P.I.

Everybody wanted to be, or be with, Magnum P.I. in 1984.

And guess whose baseball cap Magnum wore as he chased down Hawaiian bad guys in his Ferrari?

Hint: It wasn't the Blue Jays.

CORRECTION: In what may be one of the embarrassing errors since taking over the *Harbour Spiel* in 2006, the editor of this publication apologizes to the landowners of Claydon Lane for erroneous comments made in last month's editorial indicating Claydon Lane was not a private road. In fact, it is owned and maintained by property owners along its length. It should not be confused with nearby Claydon Road which is public. Sincere apologies and regrets for any confusion this may have caused. ~ Ed.



spiel picks

P. H. ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: OCT. 20, 2 P.M.

Come out to help make a difference in our community. The P. H. Advisory Council is holding their annual general meeting at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park on Sunday, Oct. 20. The proposed agenda includes voting on updates to the constitution, membership dues, rules of order, elections for the board, directors reports and other business. All current and potential members are invited to attend but only members will be allowed to vote.

P. H. BLUES SOCIETY HALLOWEEN HOWL: OCT. 26, 8:30 P.M.

This is a must-attend event, if not for the terrific music and dancing, then for the fabulous costumes. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with music supplied by Dr. Fun and the Painkillers. There are great prizes for best costumes but you better bring your "A" game — if past years are any guide, the competition will be fierce. Tickets at Copper Sky Cafe and Garden Bay Pub.

MPES HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT: OCT. 29, 5-8 P.M.

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Ray Kostashuk, a canvasser with Sensible BC sits outside the Copper Sky Gallery and Cafe. Kostashuk says they have had only moderate success so far acquiring signatures for their petition to force a referendum on marijuana decriminalization. He says the main challenge is that some business owners, especially in Sechelt, have prevented them from canvassing in the high traffic areas.

Bishop takes helm at P. H. Secondary School

Paul Bishop, incoming principal at Pender Harbour Secondary School, says he's happy his new school lives up to its reputation for spirited students.

Bishop points to one student's shoes as an example.

"He's got dark green shoes with green and yellow laces — colours of the school, right? That pride is everywhere."

Bishop replaces Mark Heidebrecht who moved on to Chatelech Secondary to take up the same role.

Originally from Vancouver, Bishop and his wife were looking around for a suitable place to start a family.

The Sunshine Coast became the obvious choice.

"We looked all over the province but realized this was a place we already came to a lot to paddle and to hike," says Bishop.

"And we have a friend with a place on Sakinaw so we've been coming up here for years."

After 12 years on the Coast, Bishop has taught at most of the schools including Kinnikinnick, West Sechelt and Chatelech and he's worked as administrator at the Sunshine Coast Alternative School and SPIDER (Students Participating In Distance Education Resources).

Last year he was vice-principal at Elphinstone Secondary.

Bishop says he's still getting his feet wet but is looking forward to launching some ambitious programs.

"We've got some big projects on the go — we've secured some wood for the totem pole project and we'll be working with the carver on that this year," he says.

"We're taking one log and we're going to rip it in two with four figures on each one. So it might be one this year and one next but it should totally reconfigure the front of the building."

Bishop admits he's stepping into his role during a challenging time.

The school's enrolment has bounced around since the start of the year but looks to be equalizing at approximately 97 students.

That's down from 108 in June and projections hint that number could slide even more in the short term.

"Because our enrolment is declining — we're looking at getting to about 85 students within the next two years — we want to make sure we have all the opportunities possible.

"Academically, socially with sciences as well as arts to make this a vibrant, exciting and fun place to go to school."

Despite some students leaving to



S.D. 46 photo

Paul Bishop is the incoming principal at Pender Harbour Secondary School.

attend Chatelech Secondary this year, Bishop is pleased to see a number of students leave there to attend here.

"Because the bigger schools have all of the issues with cliquishness and all that stuff, they know the environment's different here," says Bishop.

"And when you walk around and talk to the students, it's uncanny how they all say the same stuff — it's the one-to-one connection with staff, it's the way that everybody socializes with everybody else.

"One student said, 'This school just has such a great feeling that you love to be here.'

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RCMP news

SINGLE-VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN MADEIRA PARK

On Aug. 26, at approximately 6:45 p.m., RCMP and BC Ambulance Service were dispatched to a single-vehicle collision on the 11000 block of Sunshine Coast Highway, near Middlepoint Road in Madeira Park.

Police spoke to the driver at the scene and discovered that the vehicle had been travelling north and was rounding a corner when it felt something pull the vehicle to the right.

The driver over-corrected, crossed the oncoming lane and then slammed into a tree on the opposite side of the road.

A 30-year-old Madeira Park woman and her three-year-old daughter were taken to St. Mary's Hospital as a precaution.

Alcohol or drugs were not factors however the driver was unlicensed.

The investigation is ongoing.

DRIVER 'DRINKING ALL DAY'

On Aug. 20, police witnessed a vehicle speeding and initiated a traffic stop on Lillies Lake Road, Madeira Park.

The lone driver exhibited signs of intoxication and advised police she had been drinking all day and had just come back from purchasing more alcohol.

The driver also stated she'd taken her last drink 15 minutes prior to driving.

The driver, who possessed a learner's permit only, was given and failed a roadside alcohol screening test.

The driver was issued a 90-day immediate roadside prohibition.

She also received a 30-day vehicle impoundment and two violation tickets for driving contrary to restrictions (alcohol in body and no supervisor).

FRAUD

On Aug. 22, a Coast resident reported being a victim of fraud after discovering a large amount of money missing from his bank account.

The resident contacted his bank who advised that an unknown person had posed as the resident and accessed the account fraudulently.

Further investigation revealed that the resident had opened up a suspicious "phishing" email and clicked on a link embedded in the email.

By doing so, it appears the hacker was able to access the resident's work computer and gain enough personal information to create a profile allowing access to the resident's finances.

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Incoming PHSS principal Paul Bishop arrived to his first day on the job greeted by the work of wannabe graffiti artists. Bishop says the vandalism occurred over Labour Day weekend and possibly on the night before school opened when the grads took part in their traditional camp-out on the school field. Bishop doesn't believe it was the grad class that was involved but possibly non-students who attended. Either way, the grads aren't talking and the cameras weren't working so no suspects have been identified. The graffiti is now painted over.

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Community foundation looks to tap Area A for Vital Signs

By Brian Lee

Since even before 1930 when Sunshine Coasters came together to raise money, labour and land to build our first hospital, there's been a legacy of localized philanthropy.

Organizations on the Coast have long relied on the generosity of community members hoping to improve on the comforts they enjoyed.

But as the population of the Sunshine Coast grew, its needs became more sophisticated, stretching the resources of local government grants and corporate goodwill.

In 2002, a group of residents recognized the precarious funding balance that community groups faced and came together to form a community foundation.

It would be another year of community consultation and guidance from Community Foundations of Canada before the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation was officially registered under the BC Society Act in February 2003.

"The [SCCF] is one of a family of community foundations across the country," says Don Basham, one of the SCCF's founding directors.

"The primary purpose of community foundations is to create endowments and use the interest from those endowments to grant to charities in the community."



SCCF photo

The 2013-2014 board of directors for the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation (l-r): Chris Fawcus, Barrie Wilbee, Catharine Esson, Anne Titcomb, Bill Beamish, Richard Wilson, Gerry Tretick, Sandra Cunningham, Vicki Dobbyn, Cameron Reid, Chris Reid and Cathie Roy.

And for the last decade, that's what they've done.

The SCCF relies on endowments and, as they have grown, the foundation has boosted its annual community grant allowance from \$17,600 in 2007 to over \$66,000 this year.

Every cent granted stays on the Sunshine Coast with over \$200,000 invested back into the community helping fund more than 140 programs and projects.

Locally, groups that have benefited from the annual grants include the P. H. Community School, Ruby Lake Lagoon Society, P. H. Music Society, the Egmont Community Club, Serendipity Child Development Centre

Society, P. H. Living Heritage Society and the P. H. Health Centre.

Though donors can designate a recipient, the SCCF primarily grants interest off their professionally managed investments.

Basham says those investments have fared reasonably well during the financial industry's tumultuous past few years but it's the continued generosity of donors that has allowed the fund to grow as it has — at last count the assets exceeded \$3 million.

The SCCF's success is not a fluke, says Basham.

He credits their success to a diverse mix of volunteer board members who bring specialized experience in areas like law, finance and accounting.

Basham sat on that board for nine years before stepping down to concentrate his energy towards one of the SCCF's key projects, the Vital Signs report.

The mission statement of the SCCF is threefold:

"To contribute to the quality of life on the Sunshine Coast by building endowments, making strategic grants



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and inspiring community leadership.”

Vital Signs fulfills the third part of their mission statement by documenting challenges and opportunities in 10 key areas of interest on the Sunshine Coast.

The foundation makes it clear its role is not to suggest solutions to problems identified by the report but to stimulate the Sunshine Coast community to take action.

The report is undertaken every few years to provide ongoing information on issues like the current state of the Sunshine Coast’s economic or environmental health, education or housing.

Basham is the co-manager of the Vital Signs project and says they’re gearing up to produce the next report that will be presented to the public on Oct. 7, 2014.

That presentation will coincide exactly with every one of the 188 other community foundations across Canada as they present theirs.

Basham says their approach to gathering information will differ somewhat from their previous reports in 2009 and 2011.

“What we’re doing now is we’re getting people to sign up to be on a panel to do a questionnaire two or three times a year for the next three years, in order to track opinion over time.” says Basham.

Especially important, Basham says, is to represent a healthy mix of community members from across the Sunshine Coast and he’s hoping to boost the participation of residents from the upper Sunshine Coast — Area A.

The surveys will be short, confi-



SCCF photo

Former SCCF director Don Basham is now co-manager of Vital Signs.

dential and undertaken online.

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Tom Barker

MARCH 28, 1929 — AUGUST 24, 2013



It is with great sadness that the Barker family shares the loss of our father.

His heart stopped while he was sailing in the weekly harbour race, but his spirit kept going to open water and the horizon.

Dad's love for sports, sailing

and the outdoors was an inspiration to our family and he has left a legacy of projects and accomplishments behind for the Pender Harbour community to enjoy.

We, as the family, hope that he will not be forgotten and his generous contributions will be remembered by everyone that was touched by him.

We are so lucky to have spent our childhood travelling the coastal waters of British Columbia on his second love — “boatee,” the *BC Navigator*.

Dad graduated with an engineering degree from UBC where he met the love of his life, Ann Willis.

They married in 1954 and eventually moved to West Vancouver.

Dad bought a thriving Marine Electronics and Survey Company called, “Frederick Goertz Ltd.” that kept his love for boating alive.

In 1978 he bought his first sailboat, the *BC Navigator*, and Dad's smoldering passion for sailing was once again ignited.

It was when they moved to Pender Harbour in 1986 that retire-

ment really set in for Dad.

Once an engineer, always an engineer — he was always building something.

When Mom and Dad arrived on the Sunshine Coast, they both carried on their acts of kindness by volunteering countless hours to the P. H. Music Society, construction, P. H. Wildlife Society, water board, GRIPS, sailing and their many other talents to the Pender Harbour region.

This was their way of paying it forward to the community and they did it with a passion that will leave a lasting impression.

Dad lost the skip in his step after Mom's passing in 2008 and did his best to carry on her legacy with the same energy as if she was there.

Dad is survived by Mary Ann (Robert), Jane (Ron), Tom (Betty), Kim (Yuta) and John (Cindy) and grandchildren Willis, Samuel, Solomon, Colton, Travis, and Charlotte.

Here's to you, Dad (and Mom) — thanks for the memories.

Hugs, from all your children.

Barbara Joan Cameron

NOVEMBER 13, 1952 — MAY 27, 2013



Barbara passed away peacefully in Bridgewater, N.S. on May 27.

She was born in Garden Bay in 1952 to parents Robert and Helen Cameron of Pender Harbour.

She will be sadly missed by daughters Tamara (Mark), Kristin (Jeff) and beloved granddaughter, Poppy, all of Nova Scotia.

She also leaves sisters Anne (Sy), Terry, Maureen (Stan), Nancy (Warren) and brother Robbie (Val) as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Barb lived her life to the fullest.

She spent her career at Michelin in Nova Scotia and loved her many travels.

As a family, we would like to give special thanks to our sister Terry for looking after Barb when the miles between us kept us apart.

Barb was a strong, beautiful, courageous woman and will live forever in our hearts.

Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.



photo submitted

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue crews and Pender Harbour volunteer firefighters teamed up with the BC Ambulance Service and the Justice Institute of BC for an intense day of first aid training on Aug. 31. The interagency training involved a range of first aid simulations and scenarios that gave local crews a chance to practise their skills and learn the latest first aid techniques.

RCM SAR 61 welcomes new recruits. Some boating knowledge is helpful but not essential. Training is intensive and ongoing. If interested, call Patrick Munro at (604) 883-9328.

obituary

Olive Mae Collins

OCTOBER 20, 1911 — SEPTEMBER 3, 2013



Olive was born at home in Vancouver, BC in 1911.

In 1931, she married James Collins and moved to Pender Harbour in 1934 where she lived the rest of her life.

Olive worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay as a laundress until it closed in 1964.

Olive was predeceased by her husband who mysteriously disappeared at sea (see *Harbour Spiel*, Dec. 2011) and her brother Leslie Cook.

Olive is survived by four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and her sister Bernice Harding.

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By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

RUBBER ON ROAD

We have all seen, and probably heard, evidence of “stunt driving” in our area.

We are all aware that this is a disturbing phenomenon that has been taking place along Highway 101, some parking lots and a few other roads in the area.

The activity was a topic of discussion at the last SCRD policing committee meeting.

I am sure we all remember having a fascination with hot cars and many of us had them in our youth.

There is a responsibility that comes with owning and being in con-

trol of that much power.

Stunting on public roads not only puts the driver in danger, but also endangers everyone else using the road.

Furthermore it is illegal.

There are organized events such as drag races that provide safe venues for this type of activity and I’m quite sure the organizers would be glad to include such stunting on their programs for their audience.

The RCMP have stepped up enforcement and have been successful in getting one car off the road and issuing some tickets.

They are continuing the focus on eliminating this recklessness on our roads and hopefully the pressure will help put a stop to it.

I am sure we would all like to see this stunt driving end.

Having a few people endangering our safety is not tolerable.

Also, it reflects badly on our community when visitors view the ample evidence of reckless activity on our roads.

If you can identify the people doing this please let the RCMP know — we will all be better off for it.

INVASIVE PLANTS

Invasive plants are a big problem on the Sunshine Coast.

In response, the SCRD has decided to form a regional invasive species committee that will work with existing groups on raising public awareness and eradication efforts.

Presentations by the Coastal Invasive Plant Council identified problems, particularly next to Chaster Park



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Harbour Spiel

where a community group has taken the initiative to gain the upper hand on Japanese knotweed.

There are several community groups tackling this problem, including the Elphinstone Electors Association and the Halfmoon Bay Community Association.

There will be a report presented to the next planning and development committee meeting on Oct. 17 to describe options for SCRD support.

The report will be available on the SCRD website one week before the meeting date.

The Sunshine Coast invasive plants committee will support education, cataloguing, training and co-ordination of groups.

In the meantime I have had inquiries from people in our area wishing to volunteer and become involved,

both with the proposed committee and to be part of targeted work parties.

The main two invasive species in our area are Scotch broom and Japanese knotweed.

While broom is the most prevalent, knotweed is very difficult to eradicate because of the many ways it can propagate.

While I don't expect the formation of the committee for at least a few months there certainly are opportunities to target certain infested areas with work parties.

The Invasive Species Council of British Columbia offers a good source of information at www.bcinvases.ca.

If anyone is interested in any aspect of becoming involved before the committee is formed please contact me.

OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Copper Sky in Madeira Park to answer questions, discuss these topics further and to listen to your concerns.

I can be reached at (604) 740-1451 or by email at Frank.Mauro@scrd.ca.

Pender Harbour Aquatic Society Annual General Meeting

**Thursday Oct. 17
7 pm @ PHSS Library**

The society is a support resource to the management of the P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre and we are urgently seeking new members or directors.

Please attend & bring a friend!

**We invite you to join the conversation
at the SCRD committee meetings below:**

Infrastructure Services Committee

October 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee

October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee

October 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

October 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

October 24 at 7:30 p.m.



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Our meetings are held at **1975 Field Road** in Wilson Creek at the SCRD **Board Room**. Agendas for these meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2013.

For information on who we are, and what we do, please visit www.scrd.ca, call 604-885-6800, or email info@scrd.ca. To contact Area A Director, Frank Mauro, please email frank.mauro@scrd.ca.



Special book excerpt: Dr. Alan Swan's *House Calls By Float Plane*

Excerpted from Dr. Alan Swan's memoir, House Calls by Float Plane: Stories of a West Coast Doctor

When you were making house calls by water, the task of removing patients to the hospital or morgue, as the situation may be, was at times challenging.

In 1959, I removed a body from Nelson Island. The deceased was Otto Heikkinen, though he was known locally as Captain Henry—the only name by which I knew him. He was a big burly man, both tall and heavy, with a strong Finnish accent. Mrs. Henry spoke better English, but somehow was more difficult to communicate with because she always seemed to have a chip on her shoulder.

Rather surprisingly, the couple earned their living operating a resort. Located on the Agamemnon Channel side of Nelson Island, just below Green Bay, it consisted of their residence, an attached dining room, and some guest houses. A very small lagoon contained a float and rental boats for the guests.

The Henry house was quite attractive with a roof that came down until it almost reached the ground, perhaps modelled on housing in Finland. The guest houses were small frame buildings that had originally housed workers in a saltery on the site. The guests ate in a large dining room, which had small tables, each seating four people. The whole room gave a feeling of absolutely spotless cleanliness and precision.

When I knew Captain Henry he was probably about 70 years of age and was no longer well. He had developed angina, and it was apparent that he had severe coronary heart disease. Margaret McIntyre and Gerry Jervis



photo courtesy of Swan family collection

Red Nicholson's *White Arrow No. 1* was used to transport Captain Henry's body from his Nelson Island resort. 'Extracting him was complicated by 90-degree turns and the narrowest hall I can remember in any house.'

had lived together in Billings Bay and told me that in the '30s they had found the captain difficult and rather aggressive concerning property lines, water rights and that sort of thing, but by the '50s he had mellowed, and I found him interesting and informative in spite of his less than fluent English.

One morning Mrs. Henry appeared in my office in the Harbour in her usual combative stance.

"You know my husband that you've been treating?" she snapped.

"Yes," I managed to interject.

"Well," she said, in exactly the same tone of voice and with a touch of triumph, "He's dead."

I was more than a little taken aback, but soon found that her husband had died quietly during the night and she did not realize it until she woke in the morning. She then dressed and came to Pender in her kicker. I offered to get the water taxi and bring her husband's body back to the hospital where it could be picked

up by the funeral director from Gibsons. She acknowledged this with a sort of sniff, and left. I don't think I ever saw her again.

I phoned Philip (Red) Nicholson, who owned the water taxi and was a good friend as well. He was available, and we set off in Red's 26-foot Turner, *White Arrow No.1*, a smaller and faster boat than the *White Arrow* it had replaced.

We reached the resort in about 20 minutes and both of us walked the 50 or 60 metres up to the house, entering through the dining room, which looked as if it had just been scrubbed, and going directly into the main house. Right there we encountered a 90-degree turn to the left into the narrowest hall I can remember in any house. We proceeded down the hall about 20 feet, and then turned 90 degrees to the right, through a very narrow door and into the bedroom. Captain Henry was lying on the bed on his back, with his left elbow stick-

ing out and his left hand on his chest. His right arm extended straight out from his body, with the elbow also straight.

Many people look smaller in death, but after we had seen the narrow hall and doorway and then the small bedroom, Captain Henry looked as if he had grown considerably. As soon as we picked him up, I realized we were in trouble. Rigor mortis can be broken down if you use enough force, so, since the main problem was the right arm, Red and I decided to force it down. Not a chance. We pushed until I was sure the poor man's arm would break, and it never moved a millimetre. We took a look at the window, which was small and divided in two by a heavy central post—no way out there. We were well and truly treed.

Somehow we were going to have to get Captain Henry out through the tiny door, and seeing no other option Red and I stood him on his feet and headed the five feet or so across the room. But when we reached the door, which seemed to have shrunk to an even smaller size, we could see there was absolutely no way that big man was going through the opening.

We tried him in different positions, as when faced with a sofa or

piano and an inadequate entrance, first leading with the left arm, then the right arm, and finally the feet. (Red says we tried upside down, but I don't remember that.) I must confess, however, that some incipient hysteria began to appear — nothing unseemly — just some sternly repressed giggling.

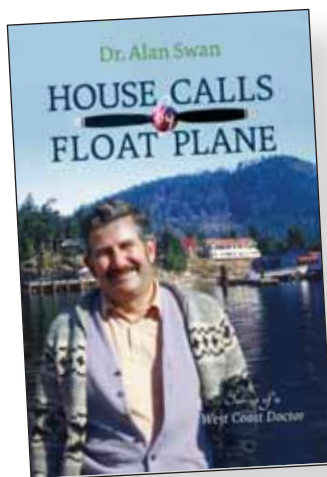
I think we finally got into the hall by angling through head up and left arm first, then stood him up, and mostly carried and slid him down the hall to the other door. Here we went through a similar pantomime in that slim hall, except this time there was no retreat into the bedroom to regroup. After what seemed an eternity, the dining room was achieved, and

finally the outside, at which point we were undoubtedly the two happiest young men on the whole coast.

We put Captain Henry on the stretcher and headed for the boat, and all was well until the outstretched right hand grasped a sapling alongside the trail, and brought us to a halt.

"He sure doesn't want to leave," said Red, and that remark swept away the floodgates holding back a whole lake of hysteria.

We both sat down and laughed until we could laugh no more. It certainly was no denigration of Captain Henry, whom we both liked, but just a tremendous reaction to the whole macabre, bizarre episode.



When Dr. Alan Swan took the job as doctor at Pender Harbour's 13-bed mission hospital in 1954, the tiny hospital served a vast coastal frontier occupied by loggers, fishermen and recluses who seldom asked for help, but when they did you knew it was serious. *House Calls by Float Plane* is the testament of a good man looking back on a career serving unforgettable characters in an unforgettable place.

Dr. Richard Alan Churchill Swan (1928–2011) graduated from Queen's University before setting up practice in Pender Harbour, BC. He practised there and in nearby Sechelt for his entire career.



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Miguel tells his story

Dear Editor,

My name is Miguel.

I am from Mexico.

I am a pair of jeans.

I fit nicely but have been told I am just a little too “fashionable.”

Others have called me “blingy.”

I fear it is the embroidery on my hems and the sparkly rhinestones on my pockets.

My story begins in Puerto Valarta.

One day, a Canadian gentleman came into my store with his wife.

He was looking for a pair of jeans to protect his pink, Canadian legs from the Mexican sun.

I was worn twice and looked marvelous.

But then, suddenly, I was bun-

dled up in a bag and flown to Canada.

There I spent the winter in a closet. Spring came and went.

I was depressed and starting to get a little worried — was it me?

I soon understood after overhearing a family conversation.

While the wife still loved me, the man considered me too sparkly for his work on a Pender Harbour construction site.

I had to go but what was to be my fate?

I recalled awful rumours of lovely, useful clothes like me stuffing sofas or even hockey goalies' shin pads — a fate worse than death for a soccer-loving Mexican.

Then suddenly I popped out of a bag in a place that restored my future with possibility.

It was called the Bargain Barn in Madeira Park and I was really given the once over.

But soon, the lovely lady sorters recognized that I was a magnificent garment, virtually new and oozing with promise.

Not all pass the rigorous examination but when I did was smoothed, pressed and labelled with a colour tag.

The clever ladies placed me next to other terrific clothing, all with similar stories to mine.

Not only that but we also shared our home with sheets, books, CDs, shoes, pots and pans — all of exceptional quality like myself.

Now I am not proud or snooty, but I was certain the price they put on me of \$4 was a mistake, but the ladies were firm.

They wanted to “move me.”

More worrying to me however was the threat that if I didn't find a new owner quickly, they would move me to the 50-cent rack.

And if that didn't work, they told me I would go with Ivan, whoever that is, to the Third World.

Once again I was nervous.

It felt good to be tried on so many times but always I was returned to the rack.

Days turned into weeks.

Was I really too blingy for Pender Harbour?

My last \$4 day was a Saturday.

On Monday I would be demoted to the 50-cent rack when I overheard someone say that a herd of longboarders were in town.

I didn't know what that was but it sounded glamorous.

Just the sort of shopper that would appreciate a pair of Mexican jeans with sparkly rhinestones.

Before long a cool long-haired dude yanked me up and tried me on.

It was love.

I am now where I was always meant to be — livin' la vida loca.

It is no more than I deserve but thank you, Bargain Barn.

I, Miguel, now need to tell you something really important.

The Bargain Barn's profits all go to help support the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

They could sell more stuff and make bigger profits for our Health Centre if the Barn had more space.

That is why the Barn is expanding.

Soon it will be much bigger and we will need more volunteers to make the bigger, brighter Barn reach its potential.

My friends, why don't you come to their Customer Appreciation Day on Oct. 23 and maybe see what you can do to help?

Muchas gracias.

Miguel
Harbour Spiel

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pender harbour jazz festival



Brian Lee photo

Despite a dismal weather forecast predicting rain for the entire weekend, the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival kicked off at high speed on Friday with over 100 people attending the jazz clinic/jam in the hall hosted by Jennifer Scott and Rene Worst. Afterwards, two different acts played simultaneously in Madeira Park. All ticketed events were sold out (Saturday and Sunday Jazzapalooza tickets could only be sold to the maximum capacity of the Pender Harbour Community Hall in case of rain). The good weather held on through Saturday night but by Sunday morning, rain and wind forced the Jazzapalooza concert into the P. H. Community Hall.

Fifth annual SHROOM fest featuring Robert Rogers

Submitted

Robert Rogers, a renowned Canadian herbalist and author, will be the guest at the Sunshine Coast Society for the Hunting, Recognition and Observation of Mushrooms' mushroom festival Oct. 18-20.

Rogers is a professional member of the American Herbalist Guild, amateur mycologist, fellow of the International College of Nutrition and serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms.

He is author of 14 books including his latest, *The Fungal Pharmacy: The Complete Guide to Medicinal Mushrooms and Lichens of North America*.

Rogers will open SHROOM's fifth festival at the Roberts Creek Hall with a presentation titled, *Medicinal Mushrooms: From Ethnomycology to Modern Research*.

He will speak on traditional uses

of mushrooms by First Nations, their scientific validation, usage and home preparations for chronic disease.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. with admission \$10 at the door.

In Pender Harbour the next day, SHROOM will set up in the P. H. Community Hall where there will be mushrooms on display, cooking demonstrations and experts present to help you identify our local fungi.

There will also be demonstrations on the use of mushrooms to dye fibres, merchants and a raffle for a wonderful prize.

Admission is \$3 at the door, but free for members of SHROOM.

On Saturday evening, Rogers will speak at the Restaurant at Painted Boat during a \$125/plate dinner prepared with locally foraged mushrooms and special wine pairings.

On Sunday, Rogers will accompany members of our local mycological group to lead a foray to pick and identify local fungi.



photo submitted

Robert Rogers

Register at scshroom.org or come by the registration table on Saturday.

There is a fee of \$40 for the foray and the numbers are limited. After the foray, all will return to the Painted Boat where the chefs have agreed to cook up our finds for us all to savour.

For more information, contact Dorothy Gonzalez at dorothygonzalez@me.com or (604) 886-8993.

PENDER HARBOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Oct. 20, 2 pm

P. H. School of Music (Madeira Park)

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- Voting on updates to the constitution
- Membership dues
- Elections for the board
- Any other business
- Rules of order
- Directors reports

All current and potential members are invited to attend but only members will be allowed to vote. Membership can be acquired at this meeting.

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organizations

P. H. AQUATIC SOCIETY

The P. H. Aquatic Society is a support resource to the management of the P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre. We promote activities and programs that meet the needs of the community including fundraising for a school bursary and facility equipment. We require new members to bring new ideas and give current members a break. A couple of hours per month are required for meetings and occasionally some time for fundraising. If interested in lending a hand, please call the pool at (604) 885-6866.

P. H. LIONS

The Pender Harbour Lions are looking for new members. The Lions Club gives 100 per cent back to the community through bursaries, sports programs, Easter eggs and wheel chairs. We have an Easter Seal house. We pick up and deliver Christmas hampers to the needy and so much more. If you are interested call (604) 883-0432 or just come to a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall. We look forward to new faces.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The P. H. Wildlife Society will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at PHSS. The society welcomes Louis Le-gal, a director of the Clean Air Society, who will present an efficient and environmentally friendly method of heating our homes with wood. Meeting to follow.

P. H. WOMENS CONNECTION

On Oct. 8 we welcome sailor Patrick Munro who will talk about his month-long voyage by sail from Zihuatane-jo, Mexico to Tahiti. On Oct. 22, Bernadette Richards will talk about the work of the S. C. Hospice Society. Both at 10 a.m. at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park.

P. H. COMMUNITY CLUB

Join us for an afternoon of dancing and fun at the Old Time Dance and Box Lunch Social on Oct. 20 from 2 -6 p.m. at the P. H. Community Hall. Many will remember the box lunch social — ladies packed a lunch for two in a box that was decorated, often including samples of their homemade pies, baking and sandwiches. These boxes were auctioned to the highest bidder, who then joined the maker of the box for lunch at the dance. Our twist is the box lunches will go home with the highest bidder, because lunch is already provided. Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the community club. Tickets are \$10 (includes lunch) at Harbour Insurance and the Village Vintner. For more information, call (604) 883-9900.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

• Blues Society	883-2642
• Bridge Club	883-2633
• Chamber of Commerce, P. H. & Egmont	883-2561
• Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61	883-2572
• Community Club, Egmont	883-1379
• Community Club, Pender Harbour	741-5840
• Community Policing	883-2026
• Community School Society	883-2826
• Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department	883-2555
• GRIPS (Recycling Society)	883-1165
• Garden Bay Sailing Club	883-2689
• Guides, Brownies, etc.	883-2819
• Harbour Artists	883-2807
• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	883-9766
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary (Last Monday, 1p.m.)	883-9957
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
• Lions Club, Egmont	883-9463
• Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.)	883-1361
• Men's Cancer Support Group	883-2393
• P. H. Aquatic Centre Society	885-6866
• P. H. Choir (Joy Mcleod)	883-9248
• P. H. Garden Club	883-2595
• P. H. Golf Club	883-9541
• P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.)	883-2054
• P. H. Living Heritage Society	883-0744
• P. H. Music Society (bookings)	883-9749
• P. H. Paddling Society	883-3678
• P. H. Pipe Band	883-0053
• P. H. Power & Sail Squadron (2nd Wed. 7:30 p.m.)	883-9313
• P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening)	883-9270
• Pender Harbour Choir (7:00 pm Tues)	883-9749
• Piecemakers (quilters, 1st & 3rd Wed. 10 a.m.)	883-9762
• Reading Centre Society	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
• Ruby Lake Lagoon Society	883-9201
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society	883-9994
• St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.)	883-2563
• Seniors' Housing Society (3rd Thur.)	883-0704
• Serendipity Child Care Centre	883-2316
• Sunshine Coast SHROOM	883-3678
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)	883-3639
• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)	883-9853
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Holes-in-one plus junior and senior men's championships



By Jan Watson

Congratulations to Jamie Tufford who got his first hole-in-one in August.

Playing off the white tees, Tufford used a six iron on hole No. 3 and was witnessed by Larry Honeybourne. Yes — Jamie had his quarter in the pot.

Congratulations also go to Kirk Mackie, while not a member, but a local golfer who got his first hole-in-one on the third hole on Sept. 9 while playing with Jeff Sieben.

JUNIOR GOLF BATTLE

Two levels of junior golfers battled it out the afternoon of Aug. 21 for this year's championship.

The P. H. Juniors played six

holes and Cole Charlton prevailed with a one-stroke advantage over Alan Cook, the defending champion.

At the super juniors level the field was dominated by the Stewart brothers, Kiefer and Luke (ages 8 and 10 respectively).

The brothers were tied after regulation play, and after two play-off holes, Luke was decided winner.

Note to all parents:

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MEN'S CLUB

Senior men's champion is Rusty Ellis with a 36-hole total of 151, played on Aug. 24 and 25.

Low net champion is Brian Disney with 135.

KPs on No. 3 were Brian Disney/Wayne Babcock and on No. 6, Rusty Ellis both days.

Super seniors champion is Jamie Tufford with 89 after a one-day event on Sept. 10.

Low net champion is Glen McCuaig with 69. KP on No. 3 Jamie Tufford with nobody on No. 6.

Stroke play on Aug. 20 saw Jeff Hallborg win low gross first flight with 69 and second flight was Wayne Babcock with 90.

Low net was Brian Disney with 66.

KP on No. 3 was Mike Reid and on No. 6, Rusty Ellis.

A Stableford on Aug. 27 was won by Ian Grant with 25 points

KPs on No. 3 was Brian Disney and on No. 6, Ian Grant.

Sept. 10 was stroke play and low net winner was John Maveety with 64.

KP on No. 3 Brian Disney and on No. 6, Rusty Ellis.

LADIES' CLUB

The annual field day on Aug. 22 was very successful with 56 ladies.

The theme was "Aprons" and most of the players displayed a great variety.

With 14 teams participating in the best two low-net score event, the winning team was Carol Reid and LaVerne Richardson of Pender Harbour and Ann Allen and Moira Sarling of Sechelt with 115, 29 under par.

On Sept. 5, the ladies played skins with winner was Stephanie Garner taking six skins while Denise Jones and LaVerne Richardson each had four.

On Sept. 12, players threw out their worst hole and reverted the score to par in the Criers Tourney.

Linda Klikach won with net 64.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

On Friday, Sept. 13, a dozen ladies played in the last scramble of the season won by the team of Lorraine Wareham, Lorna Lycan, Linda Klikach and Charlotte Kivari with 35.



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The P. H. Volunteer Fire Department thanks the donors and those who purchased raffle tickets.
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The remarkable journey of the *Pacific Challenge*

By John Dafoe

Clearly the rusted hulk of the *Pacific Challenge* currently moored in Whiskey Slough has seen her best days but it turns out the ship has a remarkable past.

She wasn't always the *Pacific Challenge* either.

The *Suderøy XVI* was built in Norway in 1952.

She was installed with a Fredrikstad Mekaniske Verkstedsteam steam engine Kaldes mek Workshop.

She is 52.67 metres (172 feet) in length with a nine-metre (30 foot) beam.

Destined to be a whaler, she was delivered to Knut Knutson O.A.S. in October 1952 at Haugesund and was renamed the *Hebrides XVI*.

From 1952 to 1959 the *Hebrides XVI* hunted whales in the Antarctic Ocean.

In 1959, she was resold and renamed *Kos 51* by new owner Corporation Kosmos in Sandefjord, Norway.

She was sold again in 1961 to Japan and renamed *Toshi #21*.

Two years later the Western Canada Whaling Company purchased her, renaming her *Westwhale 7*.



John Dafoe photo

After an eclectic career at sea, the Norwegian built *Suderøy XVI*, now called the *Pacific Challenge*, sits moored in Whiskey Sough. She is pictured here at her former anchorage in Jervis Inlet.

As the *Westwhale 7*, she operated from Coal Harbour from 1963 to 1967.

In 1967 commercial whaling on the B.C. Coast halted due to over-exploitation.

In 1970 she was sold to Knight Towing and fitted with a 20-cylinder two stroke diesel engine and became the *Jacqueline W*.

According to a July 1989

Washington Post article, on July 19, 1988 an unidentified U.S. submarine snagged the towing cable of the 3,600HP *Jacqueline W*. while towing a barge from southern Oregon to Vancouver.

The submarine pulled the tug backward until the towing cable snapped.

The U.S. navy paid \$59,984 in restitution.

In 1996 she was sold to Hi Seas Marine Ltd.

The *Pacific Challenge* was eventually retired to the banks of the Fraser River, where she was a bit notorious as a derelict.

Following that, she was brought to Jervis Inlet and resided for some time at Stakawus Creek, until being towed to Whiskey Slough in late July 2013.

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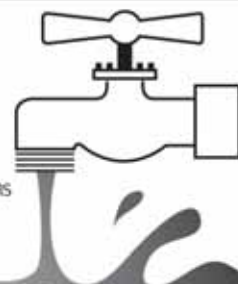
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ON THIS MONTH'S COVER:

Photographer David Pearson says Victor the Great Blue Heron has nested in a tree close to his house in Bargain Harbour for as long as he can remember but has always kept his distance.

This summer Pearson and his wife had lots of young visitors jumping off the dock, swimming around and generally making noise. After awhile, Victor seemed to be enjoying the company and started hanging around the dock too.

After the young visitors returned home to start the school year, Victor didn't seem to understand and would still hang around, doing his tricks to get them to come out and play.

"Life is cruel," says Pearson.



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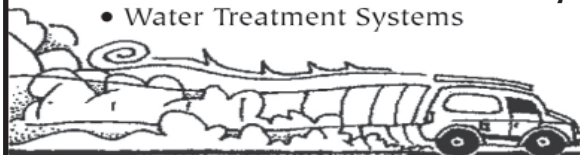
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Men's and women's soccer season underway

Local soccer action kicked off on with the Bananas and Banana Peppers hosting the first games of the season at P. H. Lions Park on Sept. 15.

BANANAS

As the remnant fumes of Tiger Balm worked to evaporate the morning fog, the over-30 men's league Bananas took the field against Halfmoon Bay.

The Bananas posted a lacklustre season last year but arrived optimistic with a few new players and a renewed commitment to preseason practice — rumoured to be three times a week.

But optimism doesn't mean diddly squat after the referee blows his whistle and after 20 minutes of spirited stalemate, the visitors drew first blood.

Then they drew second blood and the Bananas found themselves down two-nil.

A penalty kick gave the yellow members a chance to come within one late in the second half but Halfmoon Bay's keeper came up solid and was subsequently helped by the crossbar on a rebound volley by Richard Masullo.

At halftime, the Bananas were still convinced they could crack the subless Halfmoon Bay's defence with extra players and fresh legs.

The Bananas opened the second half firing with a bushel of opportunity but their shots couldn't find the goal.

After another penalty kick opportunity in which Josh Young's worm-burner effectively doused his chance at etching his name on the Lanteigne Cup, awarded for notching the first goal of the season, Halfmoon Bay scored again.

That would be it as the game



Brian Lee photos

The Pender Harbour Banana Peppers were red-faced but happy to notch their first victory of the season at home on Sept. 15.

ended 3-0, postponing the celebration for both their first victory and of he who might hoist the Lanteigne Cup.

BANANA PEPPERS

Pender Harbour's women's team is only a few years old but has consistently improved every year.

The BPs faced off against The Source, a team that's been around the league for a lot longer but carries a similar mix of talented youngsters and wily veterans.

Before the game started, the women's team had to scramble to remove their facial and other piercings after learning they could not play otherwise.

Out came the tool box and for 15 minutes the sideline looked like a makeshift field hospital.

Those whose ornaments could be removed took the field while those whose couldn't sat on the bench.

The Banana Peppers' solid defence shut down the Source every time they crossed centre field.

With many scoring chances of their own, it seemed a matter of time before the home team notched a goal or two but the first half ended in a stalemate, 0-0.

In the second half, it was the red-headed phenom Erin Aitken whose unmatched speed snatched the souls from the Source defenders.

With absolute precision, her teammates persistently lobbed balls behind the Source's defence for her to run to the net.

While her teammates controlled the midfield and fed her beautiful scoring opportunities, Aitken notched two breakaway goals on the frustrated defence.

It was all they would need as the Banana Peppers open the season tied for top spot in the league.

(See next page for season schedules.)

Harbour Spiel



The Pender Harbour Bananas limber up before their game with equal doses of stretching and Tiger Balm.



The Bananas opened up many opportunities to score but each time they did they ran up against George the goalie. Here, Robin Millar gets a shot on goal without success.



Banana Pepper Mary Mackay heads a corner ball out of harm's way to help preserve her keeper's shutout.



By the end of the game the Source goalie was getting used to finding the streaking Erin Aitken bearing down on her with the ball. Aitken scored twice, including on this attempt.



SUNSHINE COAST WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

PENDER HARBOUR BANANA PEPPERS

2013/2014 Game Schedule
(Homes games: P. H. Lions Park)

- Sun., Sept. 15: BPs vs Source - P. H. Lions (12:30 pm)
- Sun., Sept. 22: BPs vs Mayhem - Shirley Macey (12:30 p.m.)
- Wed., Sept. 25: BPs vs Ya Yas - Ted Dixon #2 (7 p.m.)
- Sun., Sept. 29: BPs vs Blazers - P. H. Lions (12:30 p.m.)
- Wed. Oct. 9: BPs vs Fusion - Ted Dixon #2 (7 p.m.)
- Wed. Oct. 16: BPs vs Sitas - Ted Dixon #2 (7 p.m.)
- Sun. Oct. 20: BPs vs Fusion - P. H. Lions (12:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Oct. 27: BPs vs Ya Yas - Ted Dixon (12:30 p.m.)
- Wed. Oct. 30: BPs vs Source - Ted Dixon #1 (7 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 3: BPs vs Sitas - P. H. Lions (12:30 p.m.)
- Wed. Nov. 6: BPs vs Blazers - Ted Dixon #1 (7 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 10: BPs vs Source - Connor (12:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 17: BPs vs Mayhem - P. H. Lions (12:30 p.m.)
- Wed. Nov. 20: BPs vs Mayhem - Ted Dixon #1 (7 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 24: BPs vs Blazers - Hackett (12:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Dec. 8: BPs vs Fusion - Hackett (12:30 p.m.)

2014 dates/times: TBA

SUNSHINE COAST MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

PENDER HARBOUR BANANAS

2013/2014 Game Schedule
(Homes games: P. H. Lions Park)

- Sun., Sept. 15: Bs vs Halfmoon - P. H. Lions (10:30 am)
- Sun., Sept. 22: Bs vs Ridgepoint - Shirley Macey (10:30 a.m.)
- Sun., Sept. 29: Bs vs Chiefs - P. H. Lions (10:30 am)
- Sun. Oct. 6: Bs vs Bulldogs - Ted Dixon #1 (10:30 am)
- Sun. Oct. 20: Bs vs CPU - P. H. Lions (10:30 am)
- Sun. Oct. 27: Bs vs Wolves - Ted Dixon #1 (10:30 am)
- Wed. Nov. 3: Bs vs Sitas - P. H. Lions (10:30 a.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 10: Bs vs Halfmoon Bay - Connor (10:30 am)
- Sun. Nov. 17: Bs vs Ridgepoint - P. H. Lions (10:30 am)
- Wed. Nov. 20: Bs vs Mayhem - Field 1 (7 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 24: Bs vs Chiefs - Ted Dixon #2 (10:30 am)
- Sun. Dec. 1: Bs vs Bulldogs - P. H. Lions (10:30 am)
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- Date TBA: Bs vs Sitas - Shirley Macey (10:30 am)

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1. Where was the site of the 1980s campground, The SanBar?

- ☐ a. Madeira Park
- ☐ b. Irvines Landing
- ☐ c. Hotel Lake
- ☐ d. Katherine Lake

2. Which serial killer was rumoured to have visited Madeira Park before he was captured?

- ☐ a. Paul Bernardo
- ☐ b. Clifford Olson
- ☐ c. Robert Pickton
- ☐ d. Wayne Boden

3. Where is Simson Provincial Park located?

- ☐ a. Thormanby Island
- ☐ b. Sechelt Inlet
- ☐ c. Salmon Inlet
- ☐ d. Narrows Inlet

4. What is the northern boundary of the Sunshine Coast Regional District?

- ☐ a. Hardy Island
- ☐ b. Hotham Sound
- ☐ c. Skwakwa River headwaters
- ☐ d. Egmont

5. Before moving to the Harbour, where was the site of the PHVFD's Halloween fireworks show?

- ☐ a. Madeira Park school field
- ☐ b. P. H. Secondary School field
- ☐ c. P. H. Legion
- ☐ d. P. H. Lions Park

6. What is the name of PHSS sports teams?

- ☐ a. Indians
- ☐ b. Bananas
- ☐ c. Sockeye
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Answers: p. 42

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These programs are funded by the health centre and delivered by a combination of nurses, other health care professionals and volunteers.

The programs are possible thanks to the generous financial support of the community and the Health Centre Auxiliary (Bargain Barn).

The health centre is constantly looking to add and improve supplemental programs.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

Harbourside Friendships is the oldest program supported by the health centre, started in 1990 by two dedicated nurses, Nancy Mackay and Linda Szabados.

The goal of the group is to provide a safe and friendly environment where seniors can meet new friends, socialize and enjoy a hot meal.

The group meets weekly from September to June and involves social activities, outings and guest speakers.

The nurses attend regularly to help monitor overall health levels such as heart health, blood pressure and blood sugar levels plus provide information on relevant health topics.

The program is run under the health centre and financially supported by the P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women's Wellness started as a

pilot in 2009 between the VCH and the health centre.

The program promotes and provides better access to health and wellness for women of all ages in the Pender Harbour area.

Offered at the health centre on Tuesdays by appointment and supported three times per month by the nurse practitioner, services include general health issues, education, screening for cervical cancer and breast health.

YOUTH CLINIC

The Youth Clinic also started in 2009 as a collaboration between Vancouver Coastal Health and the health centre.

It runs Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. on a drop-in basis.

The program, operated by a health centre nurse with nurse practitioner support three times per month, offers youth (aged 12 to 19) access to safe and confidential health and wellness services, including sexual health information, birth control and screening of STIs, counselling and referring when appropriate.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The PHHC started offering bereavement support in 2011.

The program is based on the content of the Nanaimo Hospice, who were very generous in their support.

It is provided by six to seven active volunteers trained by the Sunshine Coast Hospice group.

The program runs over eight weeks of two hour sessions and involves interaction, many reference books/materials and weekly handouts to the participants.

This course is recommended for anyone who has suffered a loss in the

last six months.

HAPPY HEARTS PROGRAM

The Cardiac Care/Happy Hearts Program was started in 2008 as a joint offering by the Elder College, the health centre and the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre.

It focuses on managing stress and having a healthy heart through diet and exercise.

In 2011, the home care nurse team leader determined a need for a broader program aimed at cardiac recovery for clients who had suffered an MI, cardiac stents or undergone open heart surgery.

St. Paul's Hospital was very supportive in bringing the program to the Sunshine Coast.

It is now aligned with the VCH program, Happy Hearts, which is being standardized across the province, and has expanded to 12 weeks. Under this program cardiac fitness classes will be offered twice a week and nurses and a dietician will be presenting information once a week.

In the spring of 2012 the health centre became a designated Heart and Stroke Resource and Education Centre for the Sunshine Coast.

PENDER HARBOUR SENIORS INITIATIVE

With funding from VCH's SMART Fund, the health centre is pleased to support the Pender Harbour Seniors' Initiative, designed to improve the quality of life of seniors from Middle Point to Egmont.

Co-ordinator Marlene Cymbalist has been very successful in organizing weekly carpet bowling, a lunch club, walking club, mah-jong, and a number of bus trips to diverse venues all over the Sunshine Coast.

Sneaking a peak: P. H. Music Society's 2013 — 2014 concert series

Taken in part from Pender Harbour Music Society promotional material

The Pender Harbour Music Society was formed in 1987 to “nurture, promote and enhance music, music education, and culture on the Sunshine Coast, particularly in the community of Pender Harbour.”

To that end, the PHMS manages the Pender Harbour School of Music, a cultural melting pot for meetings, instruction and performances.

Every year, the society presents a season of monthly concerts at the P. H. School of Music that have ranged from blues to pop, flamenco to folk and jazz to classical.

Here is this season's menu:



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FITO GARCIA

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.

Fito Garcia began his career at age 14, recording two albums with a band from his native Guatemala.

He has played with Juno award winners Ancient Cultures and was twice nominated at the West Coast Music Awards for best world music album.

Fito's first album, *Mi Bajo Rumbero*, (My Rumba Bass) was nominated for the West Coast Music Award in 2009.

His brand of Latin jazz was a showstopper at the 2012 P.H. Jazz Festival and is guaranteed to move you.



KAI GLEUSTEEN & CATHERINE ORDRONNEAU

Friday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.

Since 1999, when they first began to work together, Kai and Catherine have established themselves as one of the most important duos in the interpretation of sonatas for violin and

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Saturday: *Sonatas 3, 6 and 9 (Kreutzer Sonata).*

Sunday: *Sonatas 2, 5 (Spring Sonata), 8 and 10.*

Tickets are \$25 per concert or \$60 for a weekend pass.



CLOVER POINT DRIFTERS

Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m.

A bluegrass band from Victoria, the CPD's repertoire consists primarily of traditional bluegrass songs, with a sprinkling of country, folk, blues and pop melodies served up in the bluegrass style.

Their songs feature heartfelt duet and trio harmonies backed by strong banjo, dobro and mandolin accompaniment.

The Clover Point Drifters are Mike Croft (dobro, harmony vocals),

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GUY FEW & NADINA MACKIE JACKSON DUO

Sunday, March 30, 3 p.m.

Known internationally as soloists, chamber musicians, and fashionistas, Nadina Mackie Jackson and Guy Few celebrate a passionate musical relationship.

Only playing together for five years, they have already had four new solo concerti, three double concerti, one triple concerto and one symphony composed for them.

Bassoonist Mackie Jackson, and Guy Few (trumpet and piano) are “completely engaging from the moment they walk on stage.” (*Oliver Chronicle*).



TERENCE TAM & LORRAINE MIN

Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Critically acclaimed pianist Lorraine Min has impressed audiences worldwide for her

artistic brilliance and virtuosity and has been described as having, “impeccable phrase-shaping” with “crystal-line sound,” (*New York Times*).

Canadian violinist Terence Tam has been consistently praised for his intense musicality and impressive technique.

His playing has been described as “...an astonishing mixture of precision and ease.”

Tam is currently concertmaster of the Victoria Symphony.



ANDREA SUPERSTEIN

Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m.

Saucy, sultry, lyrical, timeless, Andrea Superstein sings jazz like she was born in the 1940s.

“Super” was the runaway hit of the 2012 Pender Harbour Jazz Festival.

With a repertoire that covers decades of jazz, blues and popular classics, she’s Sarah Vaughan meets Blossom Dearie sharing a crisp martini in a smoke-filled club.



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What is pickleball?

By Francine Clohosey

Pickleball is a court sport best described as a hybrid of tennis, table tennis, badminton and is played on a badminton size court. The court is 44' x 20' and divided into two sides by a 36" high net.

It can be played as a singles game or doubles game with each player wielding a paddle similar to a ping pong bat but larger in size. The object of the game is to score points by successfully hitting a perforated, baseball-sized plastic ball across the net without it being successfully returned by the opponent.

It started as a game played in back yards and has progressed to indoor and outdoor courts in recreation centres, schools, vacation destinations (think snowbirds) and even cruise ships.

Today the sport is played by people around the world. Many seniors have taken up the sport but it is also played by thousands of schoolchildren and top athletes in their 20s and 30s. It is an easy sport to learn and most everyone can play the game after just a short period of hitting the ball back and forth across the net. It's also a sport where you can keep learning new strokes and increasingly sophisticated strategies for years on end.

WHY IS PICKLEBALL A PERFECT SPORT?

First, it is a sport suitable for almost any age from six-year-olds to 80-year-olds.

Second, you can get any level of cardio workout you want — try singles for a real workout or doubles for an easier pace where the physical movement is less but the fun remains.

Third, it is affordable. With pair of court or tennis shoes, shorts and a T-shirt, you are dressed to play. Buy a decent paddle — a small one-time purchase that will last many years as there is almost nothing that can break — and you are set to go.

ORIGINS OF PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a game that was created in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Wa. The original purpose of the game was to provide a sport for the entire family because it can be played between grandparents and their grandchildren and many middle-aged people have also been drawn to it.

Since the mid-1970's, pickleball has been growing steadily and has expanded from a family activity game



to a net court sport with formalized rules. The game has exploded, with new players becoming the fastest growing sport in North America.

PICKLEBALL IN PENDER

The Pender Harbour Community School has purchased a starter set of equipment and invites the community get involved.

A demonstration day took place last month with Karen Renfrew from Sechelt. Karen has been instrumental in drawing over 160 players in Sechelt who are actively involved in the game. Renfrew is an ambassador with Pickleball Canada, officially representing the Sunshine Coast, and is also the pickleball co-ordinator for zone 4, encompassing the entire Lower Mainland.

This exciting hybrid of tennis, ping pong and badminton can be played outside on a tennis court with a scaled down court surface or indoors in a school gym which makes it perfect for our community.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Stu Dornbierer at (604) 883-2309 or by email at dornbierers@dccnet.com.

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Oct. 1	8:54 am -L, 3:28 pm +L
Oct. 2	9:49 am -L, 4:00 pm +L
Oct. 3	10:40 am -L, 4:28 pm +L
Oct. 4	11:20 am -L, 4:42 pm +L
Oct. 5	12:06 pm -L, 5:17 pm +L
Oct. 6	12:53 pm -L, 5:47 pm +L
Oct. 7	1:47 pm -M, 6:14 pm +L
Oct. 8	8:09 am +XL, 2:34 pm -M
Oct. 9	9:03 am +XL, 3:25 pm -M
Oct. 10	10:02 am +XL, 4:21 pm -M
Oct. 11	11:04 am +XL, 5:32 pm -M
Oct. 12	12:06 pm +XL
Oct. 13	1:08 pm +XL
Oct. 14	2:03 pm +XL
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Oct. 16	9:23 am -L, 3:37 pm +L
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Oct. 21	1:30 pm -M
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Oct. 23	8:49 am +XL, 2:54 pm -M
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Oct. 25	10:20 am +XL, 4:46 pm -M
Oct. 26	11:03 am +XL, 5:24 pm -M
Oct. 27	11:54 am +L
Oct. 28	12:42 am +L
Oct. 29	1:28 pm +L
Oct. 30	8:11 am -M, 2:10 pm +L
Oct. 31	9:20 am -M, 2:54 pm +L

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BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1 ~ **Cory Cavalier** and **Lyn Waters**.
Oct. 3 ~ **Maureen Parrott** and **John Farrer**.
Oct. 6 ~ **Rick Higgins**.
Oct. 7 ~ **Marlene Kracklauer**.
Oct. 9 ~ **Norm Caron** and **Jolaine Percival**.
Oct. 10 ~ **Daryl Hegyi**, **Mitch Jones**, **Katrina Woodard**, **Val Silvey** and **Kate Daniels**.
Oct. 11 ~ **Bruno Cote**.
Oct. 12 ~ **Alison Stoutenburg** and **Bricin Lyons**.
Oct. 13 ~ **P. D. Smith** and **Judy Sim**.
Oct. 14 ~ **Nicole Forsyth**.
Oct. 15 ~ **Courtney Hanna**, **Kaiden Bosch** and **Richard Norrish**.
Oct. 16 ~ **Ursula Hardwick**, **Dane Hanna** and **Terri Welander**.
Oct. 17 ~ **Peter Vaughan**.
Oct. 18 ~ **Karen Stiglitz**, **Tommy Gamble**, **Sandy Matches**, **Tessa Rand**

and **Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide**.
Oct. 19 ~ **Doug Hardwick** and **Hans Schroeder**.
Oct. 20 ~ **Lonny Edwardson** and **Doug Richardson**.
Oct. 22 ~ **Susan Foreman**, **Pat Wood**, **Katheryn Kelly**, **Alysa English** and **Mark Clay**.
Oct. 23 ~ **Diane Dennis**.
Oct. 24 ~ **Roxanne Gregory** and **Larry Honeybourne**.
Oct. 25 ~ **Doug Davis** and **Kerry Rand**.
Oct. 27 ~ **Dave Malcolm** and **Cindy Rayko**.
Oct. 28 ~ **Eric McDermott** and **Rob Metcalfe**.
Oct. 29 ~ **Colleen Silvey** and **Nicholas Silvey**.
Oct. 30 ~ **Jack Bowden**.
Oct. 31 ~ **Richard Mills** and **twins Savannah & Sawyer Cote**.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY

LIBRA: SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Your ability to focus on work and business is enhanced this month so you can get more done. You might also spot a romantic opportunity suddenly that may not have occurred to you in another moon. Hint: He'll say "yes."

SCORPIO: OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 22

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Like a volcano lurking beneath the surface of a tranquil sea, a Scorpio may burst into eruption at any moment. Scorpios should strenuously avoid sugar, alcohol, cocaine, Sudafed, ginseng and coffee.



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BLACK AND ORANGE DAY: THE NEW HALLOWEEN?

Guelph parents miffed at moves to mute Halloween celebrations in local schools ~ Guelph Mercury, Oct. 28, 2011

GUELPH — A Paisley Road Public School parent is irked her daughter in kindergarten won't be allowed to participate in Halloween celebrations Monday at the apparent whim of a couple of teachers. Amanda Randall said it raises a fundamental question about whether Canadians can keep their traditions, like Halloween and Christmas, in a politically correct age of deference to other cultures but not its own.

Though many schools continue to hold costume parades, assemblies, craft fairs and other Halloween events, they're increasingly calling them "black and orange day," a neutral reference to the Halloween colours.

Paisley Road school is planning a costume parade for Halloween, Oct. 31, but Randall said two kindergarten teachers sent a note to parents several days ago that their classes won't participate because their teaching is "based on seasonal changes, rather than culture-specific celebrations." That incensed her.

"It just doesn't make sense to me," Randall said. She added she quickly got the support of 15 other parents,

while briefly at the school Wednesday, on a petition calling on the school to give parents the right to choose whether their kids observe Halloween at the school.

Upper Grand District School Board spokesperson Mark Weidmark said three of five kindergarten classes at the school "are participating in Halloween activities."

Weidmark said it's within the prerogative of teachers to decide the extent of Halloween involvement, as long as it doesn't interfere with delivery of the provincially-mandated school curriculum. He added the school is now considering a blanket school-wide approach, such as the black-and-orange day some other schools have adopted, where children dress and sample treats in those colours.

"It's an alternative to costumes and candy," Weidmark said, adding it also gets away from "the horror aspect of Halloween. It puts an emphasis on fun without the traditional trappings."

"I don't want it to be a black-and-orange day," Randall countered, saying she's anxious about whether celebrating other traditions may be nixed, including Christmas.

"How much more of Canadian culture are we going to lose?"

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -0.4 C (Oct. 31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

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Two books that mine for gold in the Coast's colourful past

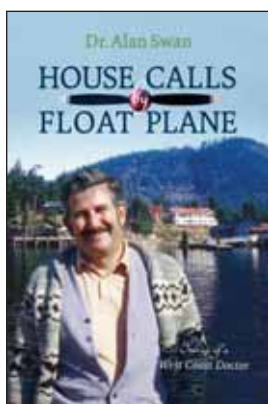


By Theresa
Kishkan

It may just be an expected function of age and crankiness, but I miss the old

Coast. I don't mean the one I came to in 1981, though I loved that place and time, but maybe I mean I wish I'd known it in its earlier days, those remembered so vividly by Bertrand Sinclair, Ray Phillips, Howard White, Edith Iglauer, and now Dr. Alan Swan, in his posthumous book, *House Calls by Float Plane* (Harbour Publishing).

Years ago I was on the board of direc-



tors at the health centre. This was before the community enjoyed the current system of health care provided a team of a physicians with offices here and in Sechelt. For a long time, doctors came and went. Between the short tenure of their stays, locums would fill in. It was always a pleasure to have Dr. Swan come out of retirement to help out. He was warm and congenial, he had a history in the area, and a relationship with the doctors in Sechelt. The world felt like a steadier place somehow.

Reading *House Calls by Float Plane*, I realize just how deep were Dr. Swan's roots on the Coast. He came to work at the old St. Mary's Hospital in 1954, when the road from Sechelt to Pender Harbour was a washboard. With his new wife, Rosa, he settled in Garden Bay and served the small communities around the harbour as well as those living in logging camps and remote settlements up the inlets and vast waterways and islands that needed medical care. His stories of those days are told in a plain but affable style.

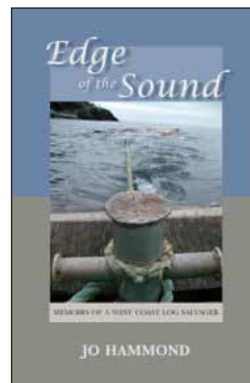
"The woods, the term always used by loggers when speaking of the forest, often provided the most acute situations for my partners and me to deal with. In those days many of the logging camps had been locally owned and operated for many years, and the call for the doctor to come

'right away' was almost never a false alarm."

The accounts of medical emergencies related in the book are harrowing but also fascinating for the underlying resourcefulness of Dr. Swan and those who accompanied him to sidehills where a man might be delirious after having his torso crushed in a terrible accident or a leg dangling by a thread of skin after a misadventure with a chainsaw. IVs rigged up on sticks, transportation back to float planes by Cat — this was truly medical care in extreme.

There are also chapters about working in Telegraph Creek, Kincolith, and Hartley Bay and a wonderful account of hiking the Chilkoot Trail with a group of friends. *House Calls by Float Plane* takes the reader to hidden places by various and unexpected routes.

Jo Hammond's *Edge of the Sound: Memoirs of a West Coast Log Salvager* (Caitlin Press) is another



window onto the active waters and history of the Sunshine Coast. I'll add her to the list of writers who've made a significant contribution towards defining this place.

Jo arrived on the Sunshine Coast in 1967 with her first husband. They'd travelled by freighter from Scotland to Canada to take up teaching jobs. The marriage was short-lived but Jo met her soul mate and second husband, log salvor Dick Hammond, and their life together is what is celebrated in this

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book. Dick was a intelligent quirky man, self-educated, and he went on to write books composed of stories about the Sunshine Coast.

The relationship was forged over music and boats. (Dick wouldn't allow smoking in his house because the tar would damage his records.) Think rough weather, complicated repairs to the *Snark*, detailed accounts of creating a boom of salvaged logs, loving descriptions of places like Hidden Basin and little islands where Jo, a classical singer by training, sang Scottish folk songs and Handel arias to seals.

"It's a good time to try it again out here with the seal, which has now resurfaced, and so with no one around, I sing freely and from the heart, lingering on certain words to convey their meaning. Lacking accompaniment, I do what I wish with it, singing without bar lines, using pauses as I see fit... Why has this taken so long to understand? What has allowed me to delve more deeply into myself for artistic expression? Could it be my new partner's way of presenting life to me, teaching me through the sea?"

Edge of the Sound is a love song to a beloved man, the children Jo had with him, and a way of life now sadly vanished. I loved the cameo appearances of some familiar people — Sam Lamont and Anne Clemence, for example, who also were also log salvors, working from their boat, the *Vulture*.

In one of the first book columns I wrote for the *Harbour Spiel*, I listed some of my favourite books about the West Coast and our length of it in particular. I'd love to know which ones other readers have enjoyed over the years. Let's create a small bookshelf of titles to share with people who might want a taste of coastal writing at its best.

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of Sept 15, 2013)

1. **Raven Brings the Light** by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd
2. **They Called Me Number One** by Bev Sellars
3. **The Girl with No Name** by Marina Chapman with Lynne Barrett-Lee
4. **Tails Don't Lie** by Adrian Raeside
5. **Hollyhock: Garden to Table** by Moreka Jolar and Heidi Scheifley
6. **Sea Salt** by Alison Malone Eathorne, Hilary Malone, Lorna Malone and Christina Symons
7. **House Calls by Float Plane** by Dr. Alan Swan
8. **And Then There Were Nuns** by Jane Christmas
9. **Emily Carr Collected** Intro by Ian M. Thom
10. **Birdfinding in British Columbia** by Russell Cannings and Richard Cannings

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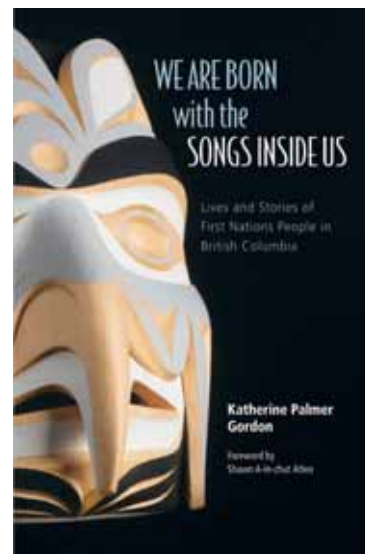
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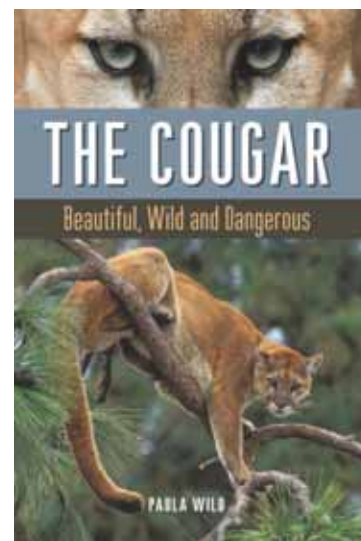


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Sun. Sept. 29.....P. H. Health Centre Society annual general meeting - P. H. Health Centre, 1 p.m.
 Mon. Sept. 30.....P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary annual general meeting - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 3.....Harbourside Friendships (a variety of games) - P. H. Legion, 10:30 a.m.
 Fri. Oct. 4.....Blue Cadillac Band - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 5.....13th annual P. H. Fall Faire - Madeira Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 5.....Russell Marsland - Garden Bay Pub, 7 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 6.....Candle Lifelighting ceremony for breast cancer - P. H. Community Church, 7 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 7.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. Oct. 8.....P. H. Women's Connection presents Patrick Munro - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 10.....Harbourside Friendships (Singing w/ Penny Lang) - P. H. Legion, 10:30 a.m.
 Fri. Oct. 11.....SoM Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Tues. Oct. 15.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Louis Legal - PHSS, 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 17.....Harbourside Friendships (shared writing) - P. H. Legion, 10:30 a.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 17.....P. H. Aquatic Society AGM - PHSS library, 7 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 18-20.....Sunshine Coast Art Crawl - various locations, 3 days
 Fri. Oct. 18-20.....Fifth annual S. C. Mushroom Festival - various locations, 3 days
 Sat. Oct. 19.....P. H. Legion Ladies Night - P. H. Legion, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 20.....Old Time Dance and Box Lunch Social - P. H. Community Hall, 2 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 20.....P. H. Advisory Council AGM - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 21.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. Oct. 22.....P. H. Women's Connection (Bernadette Richards) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Wed. Oct. 23.....Bargain Barn Customer Appreciation Day - Bargain Barn, 3-5 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 24.....Harbourside Friendships (travel w/ Janet Falk) - P. H. Legion, 10:30 a.m.
 Sat. Oct. 26.....Chinese Smorgasbord - P. H. Legion, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 26.....Fifth annual P. H. Blues Society Halloween Howl - P. H. Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 28.....P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary General Meeting - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
 Tues. Oct. 29.....Madeira Park Elementary School's Halloween Fun Night - MPES, 5-8 p.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 31.....Harbourside Friendships (Halloween dress-up) - P. H. Legion, 10:30 a.m.
 Thurs. Oct. 31.....PHVFD Fireworks - Pender Harbour, 7:30 a.m.

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

FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective Sept. 3 to Oct. 14, 2013 ~

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Horseshoe Bay

7:20 a.m.
 9:25 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.
 1:35 p.m.
 3:50 p.m.
 5:50 p.m.
 7:50 p.m.
 8:30 p.m. (Oct. 14 only)
 9:45 p.m.

Langdale

6:20 a.m.
 8:25 a.m.
 10:25 a.m.
 12:35 p.m.
 2:45 p.m.
 4:50 p.m.
 6:50 p.m.
 8:45 p.m.
 9:35 p.m. (Oct. 14 only)

Earl's Cove

*6:30 a.m.
 8:25 a.m.
 10:25 a.m.
 12:20 p.m.
 4:25 p.m.
 6:25 p.m.
 8:20 p.m.
 10:05 p.m.

Saltery Bay

*5:35 a.m.
 7:25 a.m.
 9:25 a.m.
 11:20 a.m.
 3:20 p.m.
 5:25 p.m.
 7:20 p.m.
 9:15 p.m.

*Daily except Sunday and Jan. 1

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