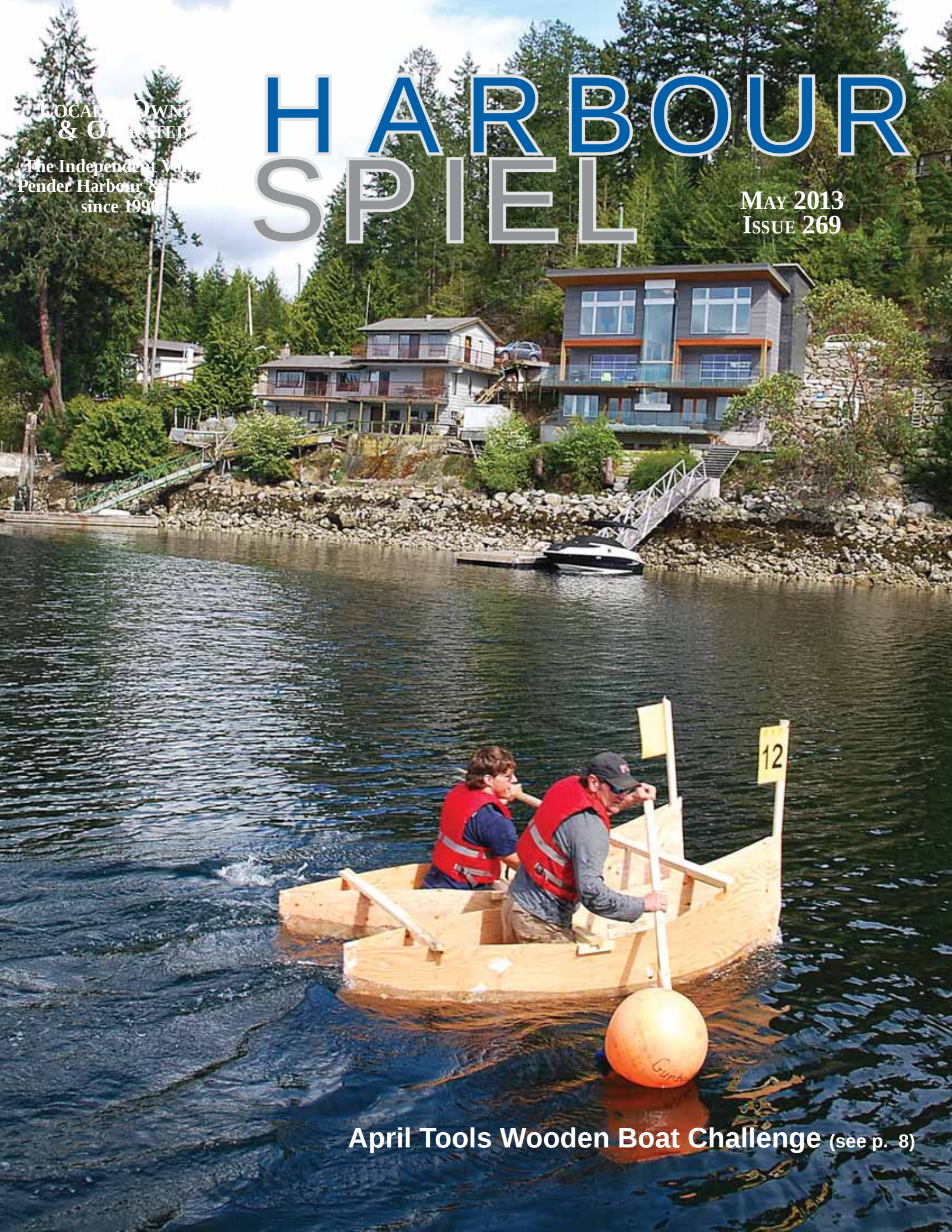


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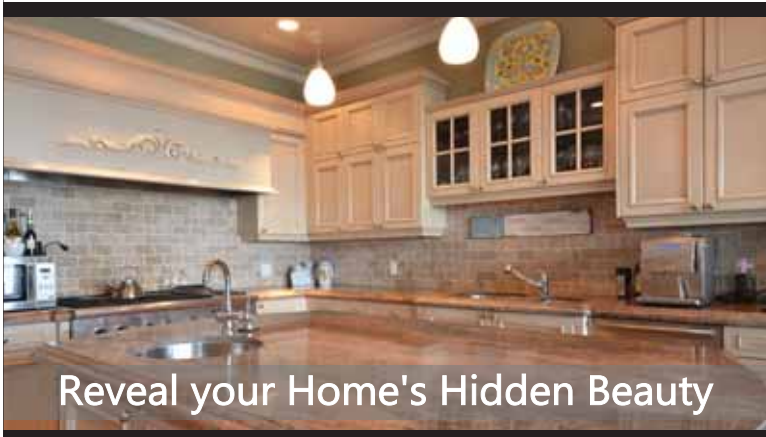
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editorial

The May Day parade's dark side

By Brian Lee



Everyone loves May Day but few talk about its dark side.

Parents like to believe it's all cotton candy and unicorns but any kid who grew up here will tell you, May Day can scar you.

Consider the longstanding and seemingly benign tradition of kids riding their decorated bikes in the parade.

It's coming back in a big way this year thanks to a sizable donation of prize money for the winners, but parents:

If you bungle the experience for your child, you risk burdening them with severe emotional issues.

Trust me.

I was just a shy seven-year-old when I learned a family friend had decorated a bike for me to ride alongside her daughter in the parade.

I'm not even sure I knew what that meant until the big day when we met up at the Legion before the parade.

Maybe it was the crowds or the pre-show chaos of the staging area but something spooked me.

I got stage fright and refused to go.

Luckily, my subconscious blotted out most of the incident except one horrifying memory of the woman's (she now drives a school bus) vise-like grip finding my neck as she mock strangled me in frustration over my last minute balk.

The following year I was eight and all my therapists suggested I give it another try.

Now a big boy, I was no longer afraid to ride my bike through crowds of spectators — I might have even warmed to the idea if I had a bike that I was proud to show off.

At the time I craved a BMX bike with shocks and knobby tires to hit jumps and slide around in the dirt with.

Nothing less would do.

Unfortunately, my mom thought

BMX bikes were a dangerous fad that could only lead to a head injury. (Maybe helmets weren't invented yet.)

She even concocted a story about how BMX bikes were about to be banned because doctors had risen up against their medical toll.

So, the bike I got that spring was a single-gear, cherry/maroon (I called it pink) throwback to the 1920s with skinny tires and a chain guard that rattled every time I hit a bump.

It became my mission to launch every jump I could find to prove my point that a BMX was a practical necessity for a shredder like me.

I destroyed it within months.

It was still in pretty good shape by May Day but the last thing I wanted was to be seen riding it through Madeira with crowds of people pointing and whispering:

"Awww, look — that little gay albino boy is riding a girls' bike."

But I couldn't rob my Mom of her May Day parade photo op again, so I accepted my duty like a man.

Besides, I was assured, my older sister would decorate it for me.

That should have been the tip-off but I pictured it looking like a spaceship or a Second World War tank.

Was I wrong.

It's hard to describe the mix of shame and revulsion I felt on the morning of the parade when my sister — with obvious pride — wheeled out that bike flowered up with baby blue streamers and a sign on the front recognizing 1979 as "The Year of the Child."

I looked like a tool on it (see photo p. 29), I didn't place and I never entered again.

So, parents, may you now understand the gravity of your May Day parade decisions.

For the sake of the innocent — don't mess it up.

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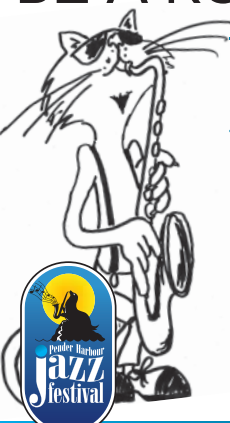
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PENDER HARBOUR MAY DAY: MAY 18, ALL DAY/NIGHT

It's May Day and this year's theme is "Fun on the Farm." Organizers have once again planned something for everyone from the annual May Day foot race, followed by the Lions' pancake breakfast at the P. H. Community Hall, to the parade, crowning of the May Queen and the Maypole dance. Altered will rock out live music across the field while kids enjoy the petting zoo and pony rides, games and races. There'll also be plenty of vendors and food. If you're a kid, there's a dance at 7 p.m. at the Hall. If you're an adult, flail with abandon to the fiery "latin funk rock" of Santa Lucia at 9 p.m.

P. H CHOIR PRESENTS 40 YEARS OF SONG: MAY 19, 2 P.M.

Has it been 40 years already? Not surprisingly, the Pender Harbour Choir celebrates their 40th anniversary with a concert. Come out and enjoy an eclectic musical performance on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music. If you miss that one, a repeat performance will be held at St. Hilda's Anglican Church in Sechelt on May 24 at 7 p.m.

photojournal



Cindy Schroeder photo

The weather was perfect at the Pender Harbour Lions Hall on Easter Sunday for the Lions' and LaFarge's annual Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast. Seen here are (l-r) Ava Young, Lily and Isla MacKay loading up on hidden treasure.

More clues to Mixel Lake's mysterious colour

For residents living around Mixel Lake who are worried about their water quality, there are now a few clues.

First reported in the March 2013 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, the surface of Mixel Lake continues to be coated in what was thought to be algae.

Though it moves around and gets dispersed when windy, its persistence has many puzzled.

Brian McFadyen of Vancouver Coastal Health says its lab tests had already ruled out hydrocarbon and bacteriological contamination when, on April 29, he received an opinion from a freshwater biologist who agreed to take a look at samples.

Dr. John Stockner of the UBC Fisheries Centre scanned the samples and found pollen.

"The preliminary microscopic scans suggested principally pollen grains, likely from alder and cedar, with associated planktonic and littoral algae," wrote Stockner.

Stockner noted that his report is informal and the algal identifications are "tentative and would require more detailed microscopy."

"There may be a slight fishy odour as the accumulations decompose, mainly caused by the 'golden algae' or chrysophcean colonial species — *Uroglenopsis* and *Uroglena volvox*," wrote Stockner.

"I didn't notice any algal cells that are known to be toxic, so my opinion is that it's basically a spring weather event, seen in many small lakes in the province."

Stockner went on to say it should dissipate soon with warmer temperatures and more rain.

Whatever the cause, Sandy Ferris, who draws water from Mixel Lake, says she won't even let her dog drink the water.

"I've been drinking bottled water ever since it came on to the lake because we're still trying to find out if it's toxic or not," said Ferris.

Hers is one of three homes that rely on Mixel Lake for their water.

Ferris said a neighbour spotted what looked to be something similar in Garden Bay Lake recently as well.

"Nobody's drinking it but we're just worried about the summer, you know, about swimming in it or even brushing our teeth."

Bluewaters Books soon to become Earth Fair Store

After four years in business, Madeira Park's Bluewaters Books will soon undergo a transformation.

Owners Michael and Dale Jackson have announced plans to donate their business — including all remaining stock — to the non-profit Ruby Lake Lagoon Society.

After Bluewaters' fourth anniversary on May Day, the store will become "Earth Fair Store" and be operated by the non-profit society that oversees the Iris Griffith Centre.

Michael Jackson says the decision partly has to do with changing conditions in the book industry that saw much of their business erode as online purchases increase.

But Jackson is also on the board of directors for the RLLS and says having a "satellite outlet" for the Iris Griffith Centre has been something they've been looking at for a number of years.

"It's somewhere we can promote the society and sell items to bring revenue into the society," says Jackson.

"And it won't be just to sell books but a whole range of other things."

After the lease, stock and fixtures are transferred on June 1, the store will begin selling "products geared towards a sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle."

Jackson says there will still be books in the store but it will also showcase items like new technology to reduce energy consumption, composting products or locally sourced gift items.

In turn, the RLLS will use the revenue for capital spending costs not covered by current grant funding, such as operating costs for the centre, or to host new programs.

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As we wish Bonnie Lindsay a heartfelt farewell in her well-deserved retirement, we welcome Vic Etcheverry as senior branch manager.

A respected community ambassador, Bonnie has played a leadership role within the Pender Harbour branch for the past 27 years. She is well known for both her dedication to members and her unwavering commitment to those she leads:

I have seen great change and growth in both the Credit Union and the community over the past 27 years. I feel lucky to have had the opportunity for a career like this in such a remarkable community and with such amazing people. Thank you Pender community, loyal members and colleagues for all the wonderful memories and for your kind support over the years. I would like to give special thanks to my team here at the Pender Branch. I look forward to continuing to see you all, only now it will be from the other side of the desk.

~ Bonnie

Bonnie, you will surely be missed. We wish you all good things for the future.

We invite you to drop in and wish Bonnie well until May 31st.



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Driver gets stoned and suspended

On April 19, police witnessed a vehicle on the Sunshine Coast Highway near Francis Peninsula Road in Madeira Park driving more than 20 kilometres over the posted speed limit on a corner.

The vehicle was pulled over and the driver, who exhibited signs of impairment, was transported to Sechelt RCMP cells and given a standard field

sobriety test.

The driver was issued a 24-hour driving suspension for drugs and his vehicle was also impounded for 24 hours.

Police obtained a urine sample from the driver which has been sent away for drug analysis.

The investigation is ongoing.

Treatment plant back on track

After suffering a setback in the first tendering process, it seems that construction on the South Pender Harbour water treatment plant should begin soon.

"The project's been awarded and construction will begin within the next month," says Sunshine Coast Region-

al District utilities services manager Dave Crosby.

Crosby couldn't give details on the project by press time as the contract between the SCR D and the unnamed contractor was still undergoing final revisions.

You'll soon need more dough to dump

Starting Sept. 1, it's going to cost more to dispose of commercial and residential trash at the Sechelt and Pender Harbour landfills.

The SCR D is raising tipping fees from \$125 per tonne to \$150 to offset increases in what it says are cost pressures from green waste handling, landfill closure reserves and new provincial controls on construction waste handling.

SCR D solid waste management is budgeted on a user-pay system.

"We don't use taxation to subsidize our landfill operations," says Dion Whyte, SCR D manager of sustainable services.

"The operations must pay for themselves through tipping fees which ensures residents and businesses are accountable for the full cost of the waste they generate."

Also starting Sept. 1, the Sechelt landfill will be closed on Mondays

year-round and the Pender Harbour landfill will close on Tuesdays year-round.

The reduced landfill hours are expected to save up to \$30,000 this year and \$95,000 in 2014.

"Our goal is to reduce 80 per cent of our current waste to landfills by 2020," says Garry Nohr, SCR D board chair.

"To do this, we need to increase the amount of material diverted from disposal in landfills from the current 50 per cent to 69 per cent by 2016 by implementing programs and policies identified in our solid waste management plan."

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Record number of sinkers at the year's April Tools



Brian Lee photo

Maribeth Haines, Madeline Roach and Carly Fielding paddled their boat like this through half of the chilly course in order to complete their heat in the youth division race at this year's April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge.

It all comes down to the twist at the annual April Tools Wooden Boat-building event.

Organizers forced this year's participants to build a boat with two identical hulls that had to be at least one foot apart.

While most opted for double-hull catamaran designs, one team, the Cheap Oars from North Vancouver, opted for a hull up front and one trailing a foot behind.

What may have been the crucial factor was that the limited amount of

material provided did not include poly sheeting or duct tape.

Instead, waterproofing the hulls was achieved by a liberal application of caulking.

Water-soluble caulking.

Teams that met with success on the course were those able to keep the water out.

Only six out of the 12 teams that hit the water were able to complete the course in two preliminary heats.

That left the requisite six needed for the final but also many still in the water long after the heats ended.

The final saw perennial champs, the Garden Bay Firehall's Fireflies easily regain their title after losing it last year to Delta's Bud 1.

Bud 1 had to settle for third place this year as North Vancouver's The Cheap Oars narrowly edged them out at the finish to take second place.

A team of youngsters from Clearwater Secondary won the people's

choice "Spiffy Skiffy" award and Sechelt's The Caterpillars won the Broken Paddle award for "persevering despite overwhelming difficulties" (or something like that).

The Broken Paddle award was created in recognition of a P. H. Jazz Festival team headed by Monty Rolston back in 2002 that completed the race with a paddle that broke seconds into the race.

Five teams from Pender Harbour High School built boats in the weeks leading up to April Tools and participated enthusiastically in two races.

In the youth division, Undecided, a team made up of Brad Seabrook, Dustin Sigurdson and Alex Phillips took first place, narrowly avoiding the ramming antics of Ship Happens, — Carly Fielding, Maribeth Haines, Madeline Roach and Grace Mattson.

Neither of the two teams from the Madeira Park Firehall managed to complete the course.



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also worked in real estate.

Sylvia liked to golf, garden and had a great love for nature and animals. In memory of Sylvia, donations to the SPCA would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Robinson and the staff at St. Mary's Hospital for their care and compassion.

There was no service by request.

Ann Goulette

APRIL 9, 1963 — APRIL 1, 2013

It is with great sadness we announce Ann's passing from cancer at age 49.

She is survived by her daughter Ella Nya — her greatest joy — and numerous family members and friends.

Ann was a vibrant member of the Madeira Park community where she volunteered her time at the elementary

school. She was also the proprietor of Echo Unique Resale in Vancouver.

By her request there will be no funeral service but we will organize a celebration of life this summer upon completion of a floating dock which is currently being built.

Ann lived life to the fullest and her spark shone through right to the end but went out too soon.

photojournal



Keray Farrell photo

Keray Farrell trained this seagull to pose like Winston Churchill under March's full moon. Even more remarkable, as the bird flew away he squawked, 'Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.'



Joyce Garbers photo

Joyce Garbers spotted this sign at the Mission Springs Brew Pub and Restaurant in Mission, BC while having lunch with her daughter. How it got there is still a mystery.

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SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER

The contract for the construction of the South Pender water filtration and treatment plant has been awarded.

Work is expected to start this month and, while the schedule details have not been finalized, preliminary indications are that the work will be complete near the end of this year.

The project's final cost is expected to come in close to the original budget.

TRANSIT

The Pender Harbour Communi-

ties Association has formed a subcommittee to investigate presenting a proposal to acquire the existing Pender Harbour bus to be used for transportation during community events and for use of community groups.

Reports indicate that there is support and I hope to see a proposal coming forward.

Three members of the group accompanied me to the BC Transit Future Plan stakeholders workshop.

Their participation in the workshop was very helpful in defining the requirements for transit in our Area.

The "Future Plan Bus" was scheduled to make another appearance on the Sunshine Coast including returning to the Madeira Park mall to present the stage two report of the Future Plan.

The visit has been delayed by BC Transit due to their policies regarding activities during provincial elections.

New dates will be scheduled for June.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I attended the economic development workshop for local leaders presented by the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training.

The workshop defined some tools and techniques that can be used to attract business and, importantly, to retain existing business.

This workshop was timely since one of the main tools mentioned is to ensure that the Official Community Plan provides the environment to welcome business activity.

The Area A OCP will be re-

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**Planning and
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May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

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viewed and revised starting the end of this year thus providing us an opportunity to “set the stage” to allow development.

I also had the opportunity to meet the CEO of Island Coastal Economic Trust, who described funding sources to develop an “economic development readiness plan.”

I have had preliminary discussions with the local chamber of commerce regarding this opportunity and there appears to be great interest in pursuing this activity and funding.

AVICC CONFERENCE

This year the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities held its AGM and conference in Sooke.

The conference presented several useful workshops and presentations.

Three in particular I will mention in a very brief summary here:

1. A report and forecast on wood fibre inventory and the increase in demand for coastal logs caused by the depletion of byproduct fibre due to rotting of the pine beetle kill in the interior of the province.

2. A report presented by Western Canada Marine Response Corporation on the current structure, funding and processes for marine spill response.

They have come a long way since I dealt with them on the Vancouver waterfront in the 1990s when they were known as Burrard Clean, but there are still some self-admitted gaps.

3. A presentation and report on how beaches provide important spawning grounds for forage fish (surf smelt and needlefish) and the well-known importance of these species in the Pacific food chain.

Another important aspect of the conference was the consideration of

resolutions submitted by members.

The SCRd submitted three resolutions regarding the long-term responsibility of controlling invasive plants on walkways/bikeways on MOTI right of ways, responsibility for funding for the Coastal Douglas Fir Partnership (a multi-agency coalition established by the Ministry of Forests), and a new funding model for the newly renamed Bear Aware Program.

All three resolutions argued against provincial “downloading” of costs to local governments and all three passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

This article barely scratches the surface of these topics but I will be available between 8 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 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@scr.ca.



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Tenth blues fest is a reunion party that kicks off June 7

Submitted

It's three days of blues that keeps getting better every year.

The Pender Harbour Blues Society is very excited to once again kick off the annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival. This, the 10th annual, is slated to be a reunion celebration, featuring the return of some of the fabulous musicians who have performed at our past festivals.

One is the 2013 Maple Blues award winner Steve Kozak, who will kick off the festival at the Garden Bay Pub on Friday night.

Legendary bluesman and Juno award recipient Jim Byrnes will perform twice — once at the Garden Bay Pub and then again at the Sunday gospel show at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

Byrnes will be joined by Emmy-nominated composer and three-time Canadian Music award winner John Lee Sanders.

Be sure to take in the dinner shows on Friday and Saturday nights in the Garden Bay Pub dining room and find out why Southern-bred boogie-woogie piano player David Vest was the 2013 Maple Blues Award winner for best piano player.

Across the Harbour, the Painted Boat Restaurant will host a founding member of the Powder Blues Band — the master of the 88 keys, Willie



photo submitted

Peter B3 and friends perform at the Garden Bay Pub at last year's blues festival.

MacCalder.

And then there's the dance.

Try not to tap your toes as the Pender Harbour Community Hall hosts Brickhouse, "Vancouver's best party band," for a night of packed dance floors and fantastic music.

Recharge with a caesar at the Garden Bay Pub while you enjoy the special Sunday all-star afternoon jam hosted by Tim Hearsey.

Closing the festival at the Garden Bay Pub that evening, a spectacular piano-rama show hosted by three

uber-talented keyboard players — David Vest, John Lee Sanders and Willie MacCalder.

On a budget?

There will be free shows on Saturday afternoon.

Madeira Park's blues stage will showcase some of the Coast's most talented musicians including, Steve Hinton, Dr. Fun and Mark Vance, plus special guest Steve Kozak.

See Joe Stanton and Simon Paradis on the acoustic stage at John Henry's Marina and Dustin Fike at the Crossroads Grill.

All venues are located around Pender Harbour and most are easily accessible by boat.

This will be a memorable celebration that you won't want to miss.

Tickets are already on sale so don't be left out — full details and tickets are available at www.pender-harbourbluesfestival.com.

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2013 Attack of Danger Bay makes it a dirty dozen



By Bricin Lyons

It's been 12 hard-fought years since the first Attack of Danger Bay.

We fought hard for our little race when we found ourselves up against the community club, the police, the government, the locals, the courts, the media, the rumours, the thieves, the attackers and the odds.

I'm very thankful for all these experiences and it forced us to run a tight ship, eventually making Danger Bay an even better event.

We owe a lot to local residents' support and to the Pender Harbour Rotary and Pender Harbour Lions Club who supported us from Day 1.

Pender Harbour was the first place in all of Canada to hold a downhill race for a cash prize.

Attack of Danger Bay is now just the start of a race season that will see races in other communities like Half-moon Bay, Britannia Beach, Vernon, Kelowna, Whistler, Kimberly, Comox, Summerland, Salt Spring Island, Edmonton and Calgary.

In the last 12 years we have produced a local world champion who dominated all countries in the sport of downhill skateboarding.

The Guinness Book of World Record's fastest skateboarder in the world raced his first race here and eventually won it.

Out of 11 Attack of Danger Bay champions, six have been world champions.

We have a lot to be proud of but nothing makes me happier than the next generation of longboarders coming up here in Pender Harbour.

Team Irene was formed nine

months ago bringing parents, caring locals and 10 young thrashers together.

Team Irene's main focus is safety, respect, discipline, teamwork and winning.

With the help of local volunteers, this youth group has thrived from practices in which parents shuttle the kids up very low-traffic hills while equipped with radios, traffic signs, cones and first aid attendants.

The sport costs money and not every kid on the team has the access to rich parents so the team members supports each other first.

The kids have been working hard fundraising to offset the costs of travel to races and for expensive safety equipment.

Watch for Team Irene at ADB 12 standing out in their custom team leathers in sharp black and intimidating red with a huge white "Team Irene" patch on the back.

On May 19, take the free shuttle bus from the Oak Tree Market starting at 8 a.m. and cheer on the Pender Harbour racers, the 10 boys from Team Irene and the four veterans on Team Green.

The world is coming and one day we'll take back the world championship title and crown a local Attack of Danger Bay champion for the first time in our history.

See you at the race.

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- 11:00**
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- 11:30**
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- 12 - 4**
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The Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society now operates a charity-driven car lot at the Petro Canada gas station in Kleindale. Sellers donate 10 per cent of their selling price to PHSHS in return for a tax receipt. Sellers leave vehicles at their own risk and deal directly with purchasers. Interested sellers can register with Tyler at Opa's Crossroads Barber Shop and obtain signs and instructions. This venture is only possible due to the generosity of Richard Paton, owner of the PetroCan, who donates the use of his land.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The P.H.Wildlife Society will meet on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the P. H. High School. The guest speaker for the evening will be Joe Harrison, well-known community activist and environmentalist. The "Coming Climate Catastrophe" was presented at Capilano University Eldercollege this past April and reviewed the impact of global changes on the natural world.

Harrison helped organize the course along with eight retired scientists (retired university professors of physics, medicine, paleontology and chemistry as well as a meteorologist, forest industry executive and a public policy analyst). He will present a slide show reviewing the current science and the impact of climate change on the natural world.

PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

Take part in "Hanging Basket Heaven" on Monday, May 13 at 10 a.m. at the P. H. School of Music. The City of New Westminster is famous for its beautiful hanging baskets and now you can discover the secrets and learn how to create a lush, colourful hanging basket from two of our members, Caron Hawrychuk and Karen Dyck, who learned the skill last year from Claude LeDoux, New Westminster's parks horticulture manager.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Wear red on May 14 for the Women's Connection AGM and 14th birthday celebration at 10 a.m. on May 14 at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park.

On May 28 at 10 a.m. Dale Jackson, co-owner of Bluewaters Books (with husband Michael) will discuss how the publishing industry is changing — from ebooks to Amazon.ca. Come along for news of what's happening, now and in the future for book lovers, also at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park.

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Prize donation aims to revive May Day parade tradition

"Everyone loves a parade and the best entries are those by children," says Bobbi Bennett.

To revive a longstanding May Day tradition and to encourage more entries in the children's (age 12 and under) bicycle/tricycle and walking/wagon categories in the May Day Parade, Bobbi and husband Bernie have donated \$150 in prize money for each category: \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Entries will be judged on origi-

nality and the amount of effort involved.

Bennett says she'd like to see the tradition return and make the May Day parade a memorable event.

"In the '60s my mom, Marie Reid, would dream up great creations for our tricycles and bicycles: a butterfly, a swan, a horse or with fancy crepe paper flowers, to name a few," says Bennett.

"In 1987 she made my six-month-old daughter Josey a space-

ship around a wagon in which Alf also rode. After that I carried on the tradition and made Josey into Puff the Magic Dragon and Cinderella in a pumpkin pulled by her bouncy horse, to name my favourites."

The Bennetts encourage all parents and (grandparents) to get involved to revive this longstanding May Day tradition.

(For photos of past parade entries, see pages 28 and 29.)

local music

Forty years of song: P. H. Choir celebrates milestone

Music plays a big part in the social life of the Sunshine Coast and the Pender Harbour Choir has been a part of that scene for 40 years.

The choir is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a celebration concert on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the

Pender Harbour School of Music in Madeira Park.

A second concert will be held on Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at St. Hil-da's Anglican Church in Sechelt.

Three of the original (1973) members of the choir are still sing-

ing in the ensemble and an invitation is open for all to attend either of the concerts and enjoy an eclectic musical performance.

Tickets are \$15 and available at Bluewater Books, the Sechelt Visitors Centre, Laedeli and at the door.

Ruby Slipper benefit concert promises a 'Serenade'

Benefiting the Ruby Slipper Fund, "Serenade" promises to be a "concert of original and familiar tunes exploring the diverse aspects of love."

The concert will take place on Saturday, June 1 at 7 p.m. and features popular local vocalist Jena Wren and composer/lyricist Kenneth Norman Johnson at the grand piano.

Rounding out the musical talent will be Peter Williams on cello and Barry O'Hara on sax.

The concert will take place at the Pender Harbour School of Music in Madeira Park.

Tickets cost \$20 per person (available at Bluewaters Books) and all proceeds will benefit the Ruby Slipper Fund.

The Ruby Slipper Fund was
May 2013

founded by three friends to honour Patsy Rothenbush, a Sunshine Coast woman who died from cancer at the age of 52.

Funds raised will help those without the financial means gain access to palliative care on the Sunshine Coast

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A note from Peter: The *Canik* finds treasure in Papua, New Guinea



Lynda Charlton photo

Lynda and Bill Charlton pose with children from Hobuk School wearing traditional dress on a remote island in Papua, New Guinea. The students had one set of clothing and washed them on Thursdays — so they wore traditional dress once a week.

by Lynda Charlton

Author and retired teacher Lynda Charlton logged over 34,000 nautical miles with her husband Bill aboard their Nelson 35 sailboat, Canik. The two visited 53 countries during a voyage that lasted 13 years. The following is a story about their four month visit to the isolated Louisiade Archipelago in Papua New Guinea.

We looked around us, silky sand

glistening in the brilliance of mid-day sun, gentle waves lapping at our feet, children gathered in a circle.

Suddenly the tranquillity was shattered by jeering, mocking voices piercing the air.

“What’s happening here?” we thought to ourselves as the gloomy scene unfolded before us, in stark contrast to the surrounding paradise.

It was 1999 — just two years into our 13-year voyage of discovery around the globe — and my husband and I had landed in yet another isolated tropical paradise.

This time it was the beautiful Hesshess Island in Papua New Guinea’s Louisiade Archipelago.

The people were so welcoming, friendly and eager to please, what could be the cause for this sudden commotion?

A short distance ahead stood a man we would come to know as Peter.

Peter’s eyes were cast downward as he grunted at the taunting children that enveloped him.

We were told by the English speaking crowd that gathered that Peter was “the man who cannot speak.”

And Peter, “the man who cannot

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read or write.”

My heart went out to Peter at the injustice and insensitivity of the children.

I desperately wanted to admonish the young offenders. But when the chief's son, Ray, standing next to us, made light of the situation, I felt it was not my place to make a scene in another country and culture.

Instead, I expressed my views directly to Ray, a spiritual leader on the island, using empathy, reason and the importance of education and understanding of people with disabilities.

I could only hope he internalized my words and acted upon them.

Once our eyes met, Peter began motioning towards our yacht.

It became clear that Peter wanted to trade with us as was common practice in all the islands.

His display of a few small shells to barter confirmed his intention.

We proceeded to tow his tiny dugout canoe, the normal mode of transport in the islands, with our dinghy back to our sailboat anchored offshore. Despite the fact that Peter could communicate solely by grunts and his own unique sign language, we enjoyed our time with him aboard.

Popcorn, chocolate muffins and drinks were a hit with Peter, all a new culinary experience for him.

While he enjoyed the treats with Bill, I gathered clothes, picture books, fishing tackle and food to trade.

Much to my dismay, the one thing he really wanted was a pair of size 8 running shoes.

Every pair of shoes aboard was put on display, slipped onto a foot that was either too big or too small.

Disappointment reigned.

At that moment, I would have sold my soul for a size 8. We finally

said our farewells with big hugs and well-wishes.

Peter rowed back to his little island, his dugout filled with treasures — but not the one he longed for.

In 2000, we sailed back to Australia with fond memories of incredible months exploring the Louisiades but I never stopped thinking of Peter.

I realized that, although our new friends lived in relative isolation from the rest of the world without running water, electricity and little or no material wealth, they genuinely cared for each other, sharing limited resources and neighbourly love.

I also contemplated about how people with developmental disabilities experience hardship even in the best intentioned societies and only by educating our young will there be understanding and change.

And I thought of Peter.

After hearing our stories of para-

disical islands and the endearing and welcoming people who live on them, some cruising friends of ours decided to retrace our route across the Coral Sea to the enchanting archipelago.

To my great joy, Doug, the skipper, agreed to take several gifts back to our friends in the Louisiades on our behalf — the most prized being a pair of size 8 running shoes for Peter.

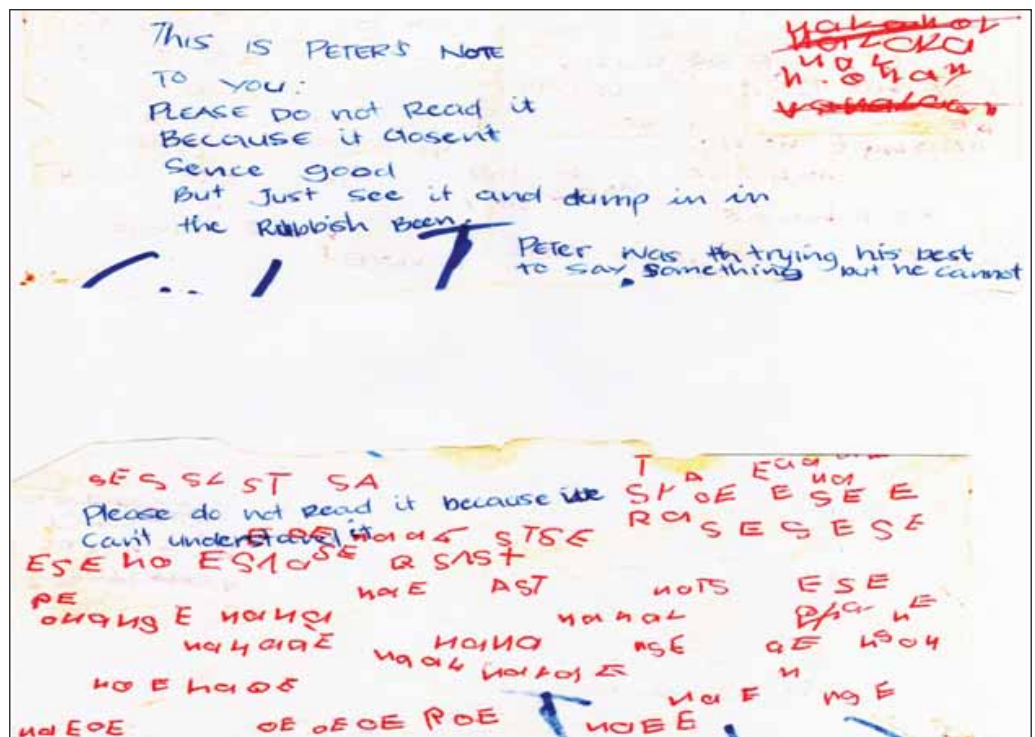
Some months later I received a letter from Ray, the chief's son thanking us for all the gifts. He also included a note from Peter.

Ray wrote, “This little man tried his best to write to you saying thanks for the things that you sent to him, but he cannot do it.”

Below is the note from Peter.

Tears filled my eyes as the message couldn't have been more clear.

The note from “the man who cannot read or write” meant more to me than any eloquently written letter could ever do.



Peter's note (bottom) thanking the Charltons for his gift.

Lynda Charlton photo

For quick and easy gardening, nothing beats containers

by Jim Rutherford

(This article originally appeared in the May 2007 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*.)

What a wonderful selection of ceramic landscape containers and pots we have available to us now.

All the way from “frost proof” terra cotta, glazed ceramic, exposed aggregate concrete ceramic to metal.

One great advantage of containers is that you can tone the colour of the pot to your house.

I find that I’m not overwhelmed by the amount of work it takes to maintain them as opposed to tackling a whole herbaceous border.

Now you have the freedom to choose a great variety of plant material, according to your exposure.

South or west will need full sun plants, while north or east will naturally be shadier.

In choosing a container, the safest choice is one with drain holes.

If you’re unsure how to care for a pot without drainage — don’t buy it or be prepared to use a ceramic bit to drill holes.

Take your ideas about where you plan to place the pot to a local nursery and they will be able to choose some plants for you in quick order.

Another advantage to gardening with containers is you can fill them with plants the deer love to eat because they are portable — perhaps on



an upper deck or a fenced-in patio?

For full sun and easy care, let’s start with echinacea (coneflower) rudbeckia (gloriosa daisy, black-eyed Susan) and coreopsis.

In containers, these perennials are then easy to dead-head

Just trim the foliage and no more (or very little) bending down.

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Black mondo grass, though expensive, provides a striking contrast.

A container in a shady spot requires a little more care in the selection of plants.

Hostas — keep them safe from the deer — are a great choice.

Dwarf, variegated and giant blue are readily available.

Mix them with annuals like impatiens, begonias (fibrous and tube roses) and coleus to bring colour to a shaded deck.

To complete the picture and to offer a contrast in height, use trailing plants or over-the-container edge.

Variegated ivy will do quite nicely and permanently.

Aucuba, a broadleaf evergreen can take it shady and amazingly dry. I use it all the time as a single specimen plant in a container to make a bold and colourful statement.

It will take pruning and shaping very well.

Bamboos like *Fargesia robusta* and *Fargesia rufa* will tolerate shade, make a good screen and are clumping varieties.

Check first, because if it's not a clumping variety it will blow your pot apart in time.

As I hinted at the start, the most important thing with pots is if there are no drain holes, you'll be challenged to know if the plants are getting water logged.

Funny as it may seem, a good indicator is when the foliage goes limp as if it were dried out.

Controlled fertilizing in contain-

ers is really easy now.

In addition, you can get a full range of plants according to the light conditions.

Gone are the limitations of raised beds as you can always move the pot to a sunnier or shadier spot.

Watering can be monitored more

carefully, making containers from cacti to aquatic plants possible (for aquatic plants there's no need for drain holes).

Happy potting!

I see the annuals here have arrived, which means the tourists can't be far behind.



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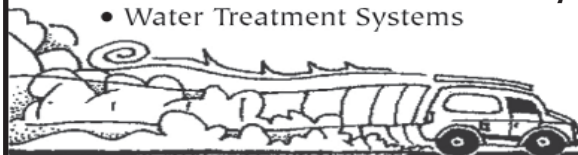
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Sixth annual Masters par-3 tournament a great success



By Jan Watson

After a cool start on April 13, the sun shone on eight teams playing in the sixth annual par-3 tournament.

Winners with a 6-under par score of 48 were Lorna Lyan, Mike Reid and Rusty Ellis.

Only three behind were runners-up Bruce Forbes, Wendy Simmonds and Ron and Kathy Needham.

Prizes were awarded and the winners received the coveted green jackets.

A very tasty lasagna dinner was enjoyed by everyone afterwards.

MEN'S DAY

March 19 saw the season opener for the men with individual stroke play.

The low net winner was Brian Disney with 61, second with 63 was

Jamie Tufford.

KP on No. 6 was Lorne Campbell.

March 26 saw a blind partners match based on net scores with winners Brian Disney and John Duggan shooting 102.

Second was the pair of Mike Reid and Rusty Ellis with 106.

KP on the front nine was Lorne Campbell and on the back nine, Rusty Ellis.

April 2 Individual Stroke Play, low net winner was Garry Noble with 63 and Brian Disney second with 68. KP front nine Ross Elliott and back nine Mike Reid.

An April 9 Stableford was won by Alex Kerr with 23 points.

Bruce Forbes was second with 21.

KP on the front was taken by Brian Disney and on the back, Bob Ducich.

LADIES' DAY

On March 28, the ladies played Tic Tac Toe (first on the green, closest to the pin and first in the hole).

Joint winners with 20 points were Shelley Stunell and Helen Krantz.

Hard on their heels with 19 was LaVerne Richardson.

On April 4, while playing regular golf, the contest was on putting and the winner of low putts was Wendy

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The booby prize for high putts went to yours truly.

Blind partners (based on net score) on April 11 was won Linda Klikach and Kathy Needham with combined score of 155.

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Special thanks to **our "regulars" and Bob Adkin** for his generous donations.

Your participation helps support Madeira Park Elementary School. See you all in the Fall.

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Shingles: What it is and what you can do about it

By Heather Damsgaard, RN
(With information sourced from Up To
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Shingles (*Herpes zoster*) is a painful rash shaped like a band or a belt, usually on one side of the body.

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

After someone has chickenpox, the virus sometimes hides out, “asleep” in the body.

Years later, it can “wake up” and cause shingles.

Shingles can affect people of all ages, but it is most common in those over 50.

It is also more common in individuals with conditions that weaken the immune system like certain cancers, immune-suppressing medications, chemotherapy or HIV/AIDS.

Up to 20 per cent of people will develop shingles during their lifetime.

It is not possible to “catch” shingles from someone who has the rash, but it is possible to catch the virus and then get sick with chickenpox.

If you have never had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine, be careful around anyone with shingles.

Do not touch their rash.

If you do, you could get sick with chickenpox.

If you have had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine, being near a person with shingles will not cause you to develop shingles.

One of the first symptoms of shingles is weird sensations on your skin.

You might feel itching, burning, pain or tingling.

Some people get a fever, feel sick or get a headache.

The pain of shingles can be mild or severe and usually has a sharp stabbing or burning quality.

Within one to two days, a rash with blisters appears.

While usually in a band across the chest and back, it can also show up on other parts of the body.

Pain is limited to the skin affected by the rash.

Within three to four days, shingles blisters can become open sores or “ulcers” which can get infected.

By seven to 10 days, the rash should scab over and, by then, most people are no longer contagious.

The rash generally disappears within three to four weeks.

About one out of 10 people with shingles will get “postherpetic neuralgia.”

For months, or even years, people with PHN keep feeling pain or discomfort even after their rash goes away. It can be so bad that it makes it hard to sleep, causes weight loss, and leads to depression.

It is important to see your doctor or nurse within three days of when

your symptoms start as medicines can be given to help you get rid of the virus.

These anti-virals can speed your recovery and reduce the chance of having shingles-related problems such as PHN.

People can reduce the chance of getting shingles by having the shingles vaccine.

The vaccine can also make the symptoms of shingles milder if they do occur but it does not protect everyone.

It is recommended that most people age 60 and older get the shingles vaccine even if you are not sure if you had chicken pox or shingles previously.

The vaccine is not recommended for people with a weakened immune system (as listed above), pregnant women or those with severe allergies to gelatin or neomycin.

Talk with your health care provider about questions and concerns related to shingles and the vaccine.



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1. *Pandalus platyceros* is... ?

- ☐ a. Name of P. H. Hotel's first owner
- ☐ b. Illness associated w/ breathing of diesel fumes
- ☐ c. BC spot prawn
- ☐ d. Latin for "Garden Bay"

2. If the price of gas in Sechelt is \$1.339/l, what is the likely price in Pender Harbour?

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- ☐ a. Loose woman
- ☐ b. A fish hook in the finger
- ☐ c. Slang for Canada Goose
- ☐ d. Fishing lure

5. Of the following, which name is *not* associated with ownership of Madeira Park's IGA store?

- ☐ a. Pollock
- ☐ b. Metcalfe
- ☐ c. Luscombe
- ☐ d. Grabenhof

6. Which bird is also the last name of a doctor who worked at Garden Bay's St. Mary's Hospital?

- ☐ a. Brant
- ☐ b. Sparrow
- ☐ c. Swan
- ☐ d. Robin

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 **When buying live BC spot prawns,** look for lively, almost translucent prawns. The tail should be straight in line with the head. The head should be firm with no black colouration.

- If the prawn is pink in colour, with the tail curled under the head, it is not freshly harvested.
- If the head is showing a black colour the meat has started to deteriorate already.
- If the prawn head is soft or mushy when touched, the meat will also be mushy.

 **After buying your prawns,** immediately get them into a cooler or on ice. This will help prevent the prawn meat from deteriorating.

 **BC spot prawns harvested "live" should be cooked immediately** or have their heads removed as soon as possible. After the heads are removed the tails should be thoroughly rinsed. Spot prawns have an enzyme that begins to permeate through the tail and turns the meat mushy. The head of the prawn can be removed from the tail by swiftly turning it and pulling it away from the tail.

 **Preparing live wild BC spot prawns**

- Remove heads immediately.
- Pack into a bowl or container of your choosing.
- Cover with ice and refrigerate to ensure prawns maintain their structure for up to three days.
- Pour off melted ice each day and replace.

 **Freezing live wild BC spot prawns**

Remove the head and pack prawn tails loosely into a plastic container. Completely cover tails with saline solution (1 tsp salt to 1.5 cup water) remembering that water expands as it freezes.

 **Preparing frozen wild BC spot prawns**

- Thaw in refrigerator overnight or cool water bath an hour before use.

 **Removing the shell**

Prawns are often cooked shell on, but the shells are easily peeled off. Begin by tearing the legs away from the meat in a circular motion. To remove the fanned tail, gently squeeze the meat out of the bottom of the shell.

 **Cooking your wild BC spot prawns**

Prawns can be prepared in any number of ways but the trick is to make sure they do not get overcooked. Cook only one to two minutes or until the prawns just turn pink. This is applicable for whole or tails, live, fresh or frozen.

 **Where to buy BC spot prawns locally**

A number of local fishermen fish prawns nearby throughout the season and return to local docks each evening. Many are happy to take dockside orders. The Oak Tree Market is accepting live prawn orders for daily delivery throughout the season as well as offering locally caught, frozen BC spot prawn tails.

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 May 6 ~ **Lori Fielding**.
 May 7 ~ **Stephanie Warner**, **Tricia Fisher** and **Kristen White**.
 May 8 ~ **Wally Silvey**, **Linda Reid**, **Francis Belisle**, **Ryan Schroeder** and **Vicki Honeybourne**.
 May 9 ~ **Frank White**, **Steve Devaney**, **Bruce Silvey**, **Rick Dougan**, **Leanna Mackie**, **Karen McKeeman**, **Vanessa Stephens**, **Debbie Hayen** and **Jim Greenlaw**.
 May 11 ~ **Deena Lowings**, **Shelley Wharton** and **Candace Sharp**.
 May 12 ~ **TJ Campbell** and **Rob McMann**.
 May 13 ~ **Joe McCann**, **Mel Likes** and **Reynald Bernier**.
 May 14 ~ **Jan Smalley** and **Lhonna Dougan**.
 May 15 ~ **Michael Pazur**.

May 17 ~ **Linda Curtiss**, **Jack Dennis**, **Dan Jinks**, **Helen Krantz**, **Roland Schmidt** and **Amy Tiefenbach**.
 May 18 ~ **Joe MacKay**, **Devina Morton**, **Ron Collett**, **Wendy Haddock** and **Sharon Halford**.
 May 19 ~ **Bill Thompson** and **Earl Stewart**.
 May 20 ~ **Rylan English**, twins **Carrie & Stirling Fowler** and **Brenna Young**.
 May 21 ~ **Shannon Fowler**.
 May 23 ~ **Mary Milner** and **Tom Patterson**.
 May 24 ~ **Vicki Kobus**, **Dick Milner**, **Treenah Dougan**, **Margo Hunsche** and **Maurice Lowings**.
 May 25 ~ **Christina Stoutenburg**.
 May 27 ~ **Cindy Schroeder**.
 May 28 ~ **Mikey Thompson**, **Lyn Vaughan**, **Kevin Graham**, **Wayne Archbold** and **Myrtle Winchester**.
 May 29 ~ **Cliff Silvey**, **Tyler Forsyth** and **Amber LaFrance**.
 May 30 ~ **Marten Mees**, **Kathy Mills** and **Mike Phillips**.

MAY ASTROLOGY

TAURUS: APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. Often sensible and blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism, Taureans will notice the waning of the moon this month will have an unsettling affect on other's ability find the hidden subtext in an obvious conspiracy.

GEMINI: MAY 21-JUNE 21

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They are particularly drawn to tinfoil and should generally avoid situations involving confetti, ticker tape or falling snow. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Geminis always have extramarital affairs.



DATE/TIME - SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large),
EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

May 1	8:59 am +M, 3:39 pm -L
May 2	10:28 am +S, 4:43 pm -L
May 3	12:01 pm +M, 5:49 pm -L
May 4	1:14 pm +M, 6:59 pm -M
May 5	8:42 am -L, 2:27 pm +L
May 6	9:28 am -XL, 3:26 +L
May 7	10:07 am -XL, 4:19 pm +XL
May 8	10:41 am -XL, 5:07 pm +XL
May 9	12:06 pm -XL, 5:51 pm +XL
May 10	11:49 pm -L, 6:33 pm +XL
May 11	12:00 pm -L, 7:12 pm +XL
May 12	12:24 pm -L, 7:50 pm +XL
May 13	12:50 pm -L, 8:27 pm +XL
May 14	6:54 am +M, 1:22 pm -L
May 15	7:38 am +S, 2:06 pm -L
May 16	3:02 pm -L
May 17	3:49 pm -L
May 18	11:55 am +S, 5:04 -M
May 19	1:05 pm +M, 6:26 pm -M
May 20	7:33 am -L, 2:00 pm +M
May 21	8:14 am -L, 3:04 pm +L
May 22	8:53 am -XL, 3:59 pm +XL
May 23	9:10 am -XL, 4:52 pm +XL
May 24	9:59 am -XL, 5:44 pm +XL
May 25	10:52 am -XL, 6:34 pm +XL
May 26	11:45 am -XL, 7:22 pm +XL
May 27	12:37 pm -XL, 8:09 pm +XL
May 28	6:50 am +M, 1:32 pm -XL
May 29	7:38 am +M, 2:30 pm -XL
May 30	9:00 am +M, 3:31 pm -L
May 31	10:33 am +M, 4:32 pm -L

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Exploring interpretations of our world in maps and art



By Theresa
Kishkan

I've always loved maps and atlases. I remember the Dent atlases we used in elementary school, bound with blue cloth. There were maps showing forestry zones, mineral resources, and the routes of the Crusades; time-zone charts; maps of Europe before and after the Great War; and precipitation and wind maps for winter and summer, both hemispheres. A child could dream her way through an atlas, travel to places with names like Timbuktu or the Kara Sea, and figure out if her father's claim that the sun never set on the British Empire was true by locating all the countries coloured in pink and figuring out their placement in relation to the hemispheres and time

-zones.

I think Derek Hayes must've loved maps as a child too. He is a historian and geographer — and the prolific author of at least 15 books, including *Historical Atlas of the North American Railroad* and *Historical Atlas of the Arctic*.

His most recent title is *British Columbia: A New Historical Atlas* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2012). And what a magnificent book it is.

Every kind of map is contained in this book. There's a map of Pacific Rim countries, possibly drawn by Marco Polo, circa 1300, showing Alaska and part of the BC coast. The first map of any part of BC drawn from exploration rather than imagination is here, created by José de Cañizares in 1775, based on Juan Pérez's voyage the year before.

There are aboriginal maps, one showing part of the lower Fraser Valley, and really fascinating information about the difference between the cartographic conventions of European and aboriginal mapmakers. Text serves as connective tissue in this book, linking image to historical event.

City maps, military maps, treaty maps, and those wonderful bird's-eye views of early Victoria, New Westminster, and the Fraser Valley inter-urban lines — such riches for anyone interested in the intersection of history and geography. A 1945 map illustrating the defences of Vancouver, for instance, shows gun emplacements at

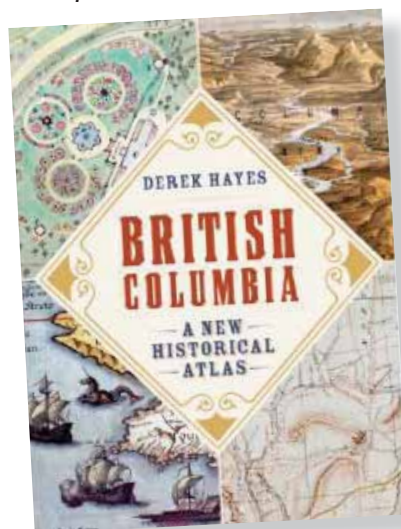
Point Atkinson, Point Grey, Stanley Park and Narrows North, with the gun types and ranges detailed in small boxes by each location. This map was considered top secret until 1982.

People seem to rely more on GPS these days than maps. A few years ago in Venice, my husband and I met a couple who were working their way around the city by looking at the small screen of their phone. They were dismayed that the restaurant where we first encountered them hadn't shown up on it but, looking in the window,

they saw people eating and put two and two together. On the other hand, we loved tracing our fingers across the map we'd been given before we left Canada. This canal must lead to the Grand Canal, we reasoned, and turning a corner, there it was.

"A map is not the territory," cautioned Polish-American philosopher Alfred Korzybski. It gives us particular information but also suggests little about the actual terrain, the history, the weather, and other important details. But a book like Hayes's *British Columbia: A New Historical Atlas* provides us with almost everything we need to know to form an accurate impression of both our province and what's happened here.

British Columbia: A New Historical Atlas is nominated for two B.C. Book Prizes and by the time most of you read this, we'll know whether the book has won honours it richly deserves.



BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of April 21, 2013)

1. **Tails Don't Lie** by Adrian Raeside
2. **The Book of Kale** by Sharon Hanna
3. **Eating Dirt** by Charlotte Gill
4. **Gorilla Food** by Aaron Ash
5. **Hollyhock** by Moreka Jolar and Heidi Scheifley
6. **Liquor, Lust, and the Law** by Aaron Chapman
7. **A Geography of Blood** by Candace Savage
8. **Art of the Impossible** by Geoff Meggs and Rod Mickleburgh
9. **Making Headlines** by Shelley Fralic
10. **Just Ask Wim!** by Wim Vander Zalm

~ Assn. of Book Publishers of BC

In *100 Ideas That Changed Art* (Laurence King Publishing, 2012), Michael Bird takes the reader along a trajectory, from early cave art through classical sculpture, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to the contemporary period, all while considering the technical innovations and the philosophical possibilities that have compelled individuals to make art.

One hundred is an arbitrary number, Bird confesses,

“(T)here could as easily been 73 ideas or 151. But what matters is that each idea has its own distinct historical place in art. Many of them have been the subject of books in their own right — which made the task of covering ideas such as narrative or landscape in 500 words a curious fusion of mural and miniature, wielding a broad brush with a magnifying glass in hand.”

This book is an admirable effort in identifying some important developments in ways of seeing. Idea No. 3 is “Land as Material.” Bird shows us how early societies shaped or marked their environment in a symbolic way

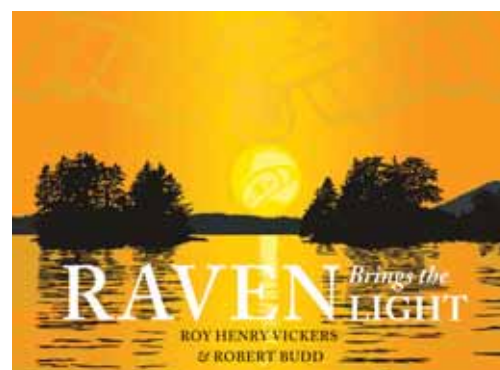
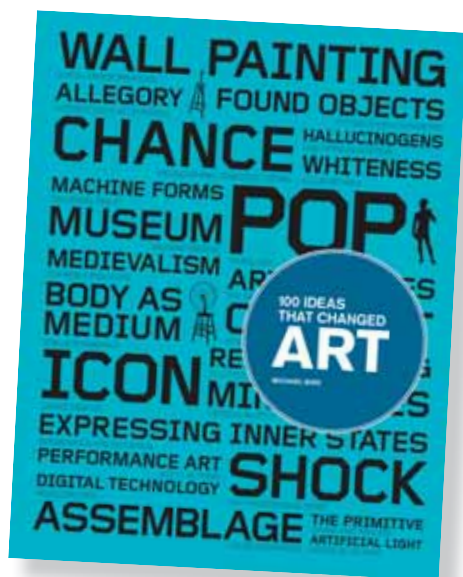
by transporting stones, carving images into hillsides or making tactile maps of the routes they took across vast distances, taking their bearings by stars and landforms. Contemporary landscape artists such as Robert Smithson and Andy Goldsworthy are included in this tradition.

Mirrors, anatomy, the use of materials such as canvas, paper, pigment in tubes (which allowed for more mobility on the part of the artist), the body as medium, Pop art, street art, and the notion of art of commemoration — all these

form the bases for new ideas.

Bird juxtaposes images in a lively and provocative way and if the text seems limited at times, there’s always the potential for an interested reader to explore further by using the extensive bibliography.

Also noted this month: Garden Bay resident Roy Dimond has published a novel, *The Singing Bowl* (SleuthHound Books, 2013), following the adventures of a Tibetan monk in search of a lost book.



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Wei Hsu: The first non-native resident of Pender Harbour



Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was a Chinese man who operated a fish saltery in Irvines Landing.

Before Charles Irvine landed here and lent his name to the stretch of beach at the western entrance to Pender Harbour, a family named Hsu had settled there in 1873.

The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.

By Anne Crocker

PART XXXIV ~ 1884

(Continued from April 2013)

Though he was likely still smarting after his rejection by Mary Hsu and the subsequent falling out with her family, Charles Irvine returned to Pender Harbour after only a few months.

Irvine was sorry for his outburst and apologized to the family and especially Mary Hsu. He also brought goods for trade and was eager to resume their business relationship. In her journals, Mary Hsu offered no hint that the renewed partnership was anything but amicable and it seems both parties carried on as if nothing had happened.

The quick return to harmony was surely tied to the fact that their mutually dependent business was expanding rapidly. The industrial centre of the Lower Mainland was hungry for materials to feed the growing promise of the coming railway link to eastern Canada. As men fanned out in search of lumber and minerals, Pender Harbour had acquired a reputation as a sheltered harbour to wait out storms and to replenish supplies.

According to Jean Barman's *The West Beyond the West*, by 1884 the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway were confidently predicting the completion of the entire line before their 1891 deadline. This news stimulated land speculation and fuelled growth in Burrard Inlet and beyond more than any period in BC history since. The potential for growth was enormous and though Charles Irvine surely recognized this, he had been soured by his experience in Granville. The business environment in the growing port had become increasingly cut-throat and he wanted out.

While speculators jostled in Granville and Port Moody (which, at that time, was the proposed terminus for the rail line) Irvine predicted the flood of immigrants and wealth derived from opening up trade to the Pacific trade would ripple up the coast as well.

This was where Charles Irvine wanted to be and he likely felt that Pender Harbour had the potential to become a coastal hub of commerce on the mainland shore. It was just far enough away from Burrard Inlet and Victoria to be commercially independent and was surrounded by a wealth of natural resources out in all directions. It also boasted one of the best deepwater harbours anywhere. Most of all, it was a beautiful spot that offered him peace from the filthy urban centre of Granville.

But after his falling out with the Hsu family, Irvine had planned never to return to Pender Harbour again. Instead, he expanded his travels searching out new points of trade in the Gulf Islands and even farther north into the swirling waters of the inlets beyond. Nowhere did he find a location that held as much potential for commerce as Pender Harbour. So, after a few months, Charles Irvine guided *The Packer* into Wei Hsu's dock and apologized.

Though their trading relationship had resumed, the friendship they had previously enjoyed hadn't and theirs had become a strictly business relationship. Pender Harbour was just another stop on his circuitous route of coastal homesteads. All the while, he searched for a spot where he could pre-empt some land. High on his list of potential sites was Quadra Island. Irvine had travelled to the island a number of times and decided Heriot Bay offered everything he needed — it held potential as

it might have happened...

both a commercial port and supply post for what was sure to be a growing community of loggers and fishermen flooding into the islands and inlets nearby. Throughout the summer of 1884, Charles Irvine made his camp site at Heriot Bay the northern terminus of his trade route, stopping there for up to a week at a time, carefully staking the ground and mapping the area for an application to pre-empt 60 hectares (150 acres).

Each time Irvine returned, the stakes that he'd expertly measured and set were gone. The same went for any type of semi-permanent structure like a firepit or tent frame.

It was a nuisance he didn't think much of until he once again returned to discover vandals had ransacked his camp. While he set about restoring the camp site he'd left only weeks before, Irvine looked up to find 11 Indian men standing menacingly on the slope above him. Though the men were much different than the warlike marauders of Qwuni's grandfather's time, the Lekwiltok people still carried a reputation for being fierce defenders of their territory.

Like other native settlements in 1884, their band had been torn apart by disease. In an 1881

census, the Cape Mudge village numbered only 133 people. Still, those that remained quickly learned to distrust the white settlers who arrived intent on logging the island.

Irvine had probably heard stories of the Cape Mudge villagers attacking passing vessels only a decade or so earlier and quickly understood why the visitors had appeared. If he hadn't by then, he did by the time he sailed from Heriot Bay without much of the supplies he arrived with, bruised and cut from the scuffle.

But Irvine was a stubborn man and was intent to follow through with his pre-emption application — even if he required the provincial constabulary to enforce it. He left Quadra Island bound for Victoria.

Arriving there a few days later, he reported the incident to the authorities before visiting the land titles office nearby. It was there, while investigating the statuses of land pre-emption in the area, that he discovered something that would come to alter the history of Pender Harbour and the fortunes of the Hsu family.

Continued next month.



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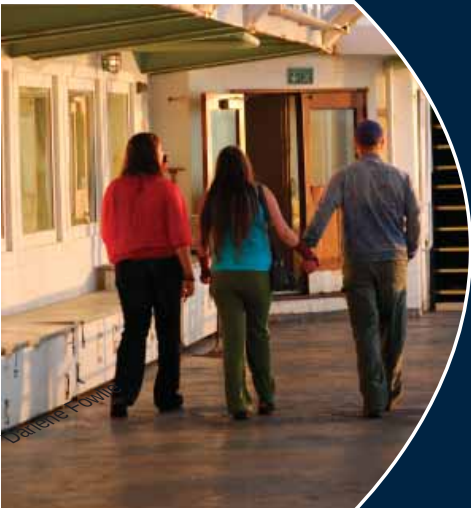
community calendar

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

MAY

- Thurs. May 2.....MPES/Roberts Creek Elementary track and field meet - MPES
- Fri. May 3-5.....7th annual Garden Bay Pub fishing derby - three days (& nights)
- Fri. May 3.....MPES dog & car wash (fundraiser for MPES experiential education) - IGA parking lot, 3-6 p.m.
- Sat. May 4.....Pender Harbour community policing open house - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sun. May 5.....Sunday Jam with Mark Vance & friends - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. May 6.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Thurs. May 9.....Commercial BC spot prawn fishery opens
- Thurs May 9-12.....Marketplace IGA spring gardening sale (four days) - Madeira Park IGA
- Fri., May 10.....School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 12.....Mother's Day
- Sun. May 12.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sun. May 12.....P. H. Music Society presents Daniel Bolshoy and Celso Machado - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Fri. May 17.....Pender Harbour Secondary School sports day
- Sat May 18.....May Day
- Sat. May 18 & 19.....6th annual Sunshine Coast Bioblitz - various locations
- Sun. May 19.....12th annual Attack of Danger Bay - Francis Peninsula, all day
- Sun. May 19.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3, Karen Graves and Dawn Pemberton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sun May 19.....P. H. Choir presents 40 Years of Song - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Sun. May 26.....25th annual Garden Bay Golf Classic - P. H. Golf Course, 10 a.m.
- Sun. May 26.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook & the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. May 27.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Mon. May 27.....Bargain Barn meeting - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
- Sat. June 1.....Serenade, a concert featuring Jena Wren and Ken Johnson - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

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



FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective April 1 to May 15, 2013 ~

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles. See www.bcferries.com for information on added sailings during peak periods.

Horseshoe Bay

7:20 a.m.
9:20 a.m.
11:20 a.m.
1:20 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:25 p.m.
9:15 p.m.

Langdale

6:20 a.m.
8:20 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
12:20 p.m.
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8:20 p.m.

*Earl's Cove

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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.

*Note: Alternate schedule for April 1 and May 20. Visit www.bcferries.com for times.

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The new venture is led by Ryan Daley, General Manager, and Ryan Hanson, Operations Manager, and will perform key services related to Marine consultation, design and construction.

"We are very fortunate that within a short time frame both Ryans came to us with a shared vision of establishing a marine services company that shares Wakefield's values of providing professional quality craftsmanship, with deep green building practices," says Sparling. "It's a perfect fit for Wakefield and we look forward to growing this part of our business with these talented individuals leading the way."

Ryan Daley joined Wakefield in the spring of 2012 as a marine services specialist in building decks, ramps, floats

and boathouses. Originally from Burnaby, BC, Ryan moved to the Sunshine Coast over 10 years ago. He has worked in various fields throughout the years including construction, long-shoring at Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Corporation, and sales at Sunshine GM. Prior to joining Wakefield, Ryan worked as a general manager for a local marine construction and transportation company.

"I'm thrilled that both companies recognized the competitive advantage of joining forces so we can better serve our homeowners and clients," says Daley. "Ryan Hanson is truly a unique talent and we are lucky to have him."

As president of Hanson Marine Services, Ryan Hanson joins Wakefield after a 20-year legacy of working in the family business founded by his father Lex Hanson. Ryan's passion is in designing and installing high quality systems in coastal environments. Ryan brings his crew of highly trained equipment operators, welders and fabricators to the relationship.

"I'm excited about this enterprise and am confident that working with Wakefield will benefit our clients straightaway," says Hanson.

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MAY 3-5: 7th annual Garden Bay Classic Fishing Derby

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