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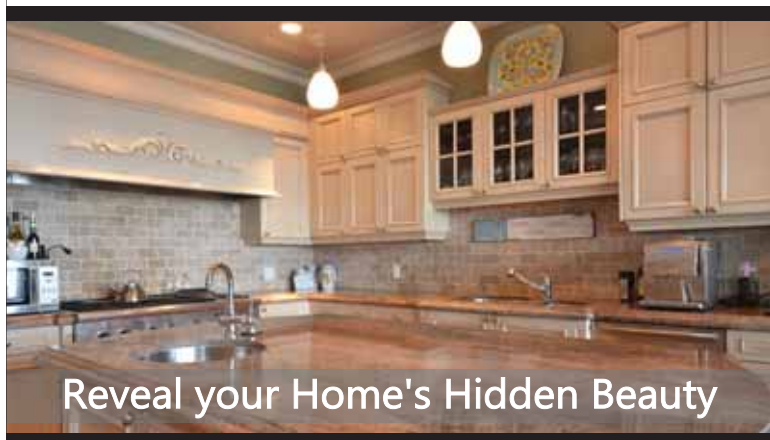
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editorial

Let's plan for all seasons

By Brian Lee



The last (and first) time the official community plan was being worked over, it was a pretty big deal.

It provoked a stir because it asked a simple question:

How do we want to preserve all that's good about our community and what do we need to encourage change?

It's a noble exercise.

Much of the heavy lifting was accomplished in creating the first OCP.

It is an excellent document (visit www.scrd.ca/EgmontPender-Harbour) that compiled a massive amount of research and thought.

But, as Area A director Frank Mauro points out in his column this month, much has changed since it was adopted in 1998.

But there's much that hasn't changed too.

One thing that has persisted, despite a short blip a few years back, is a seemingly chronic wavering of confidence in our community's employment outlook.

As we debate — and we will — how our OCP should define our future community, it will require solid input from a variety of sources.

With much of the geotechnical, heritage preservation and recreation information just needing a quick kick around, what will be pressing this time?

It should be our economic future — which, I would argue, is just another way of saying, “our future.”

We're facing busier summers and quieter winters.

As many residents leave for part of the year, the remnant caretaker population — those who work here and popu-

late our schools — are also finding it increasingly difficult to stay.

They are the people who are most invested in the future of the area and drive our micro-economy because they depend on it to exist.

But they're leaving.

So, as we refine the framework for our community's future, I encourage those who are still here to counter the voices who will inevitably suggest we must accept a future defined by promoting tourism and retirement services.

Visitors and seniors are often considered to be the overwhelming face of our demographic but that may be because those under 50 are all at work.

Besides, it's a cop-out.

Tourism and retirement are here to stay and are important for our future but it sets the bar too low to suggest that's all we can hope to accomplish.

Better would be a community with a healthy mix of seniors, parents, kids and seasonal residents.

Industry — gravel quarries, construction, logging and fishing — still fuel this community and if we had more, everybody would benefit.

And more services that are geared, not only to retirees, but to families to encourage them to move and invest here.

Actively promoting the area's economic future should be a defining goal of any future plan for Area A because I've lost count of people between the ages of 20 and 50 who have been forced out in the last 15 years.

I know our schools can't take much more.

And I wonder if I can.

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JENNA WREN AND KEN NORMAN "SERENADE" BENEFIT: June 1, 7 p.m.

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 Saturday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music and features popular local vocalist Jena Wren with composer/lyricist Kenneth Norman Johnson at the grand piano.

10TH ANNUAL P. H. BLUES FESTIVAL: June 7, 8 & 9

It's three days of blues that keeps getting better every year. The 10th annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival is slated to be a reunion celebration, featuring the return of some of the fabulous musicians who have performed at our past festivals — Steve Kozak, Jim Byrnes, John Lee Sanders, David Vest, Willie MacCalder, Tim Hearsey and Brickhouse in familiar venues throughout the Harbour. Hopefully there are still tickets by the time you get this...

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION VETERAN CEREMONY: June 8, 3 p.m.

To honour our local veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 112 will hold a candlelight tribute at each of two local cemeteries on June 8 starting at 3 p.m. A bus will depart the Legion at 2:40 p.m. to take people to the Francis Peninsula cemetery, then on to the Kleindale Cemetery, before returning to the Legion where a candle will be lit at the cenotaph. A piper will play while a veteran and cadet place a small white cross and windproof candle on each of the veterans' graves, followed by a minute of silence.

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And then there was one. The *Kwatna* sits alone without its longtime anchor mate, the *Lulu Island*. Witnesses say the tug's owner and others were seen aboard the two tugs last month untying lines shortly before it disappeared. The *Lulu Island* is now believed to be resting on the bottom in about 20-30 feet of water.

Bargain Harbour crab fishery restrictions considered

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada is considering restricting the recreational crab fishery in Bargain Harbour to “ring traps” only.

The DFO says members of the public have raised concerns about pressure on the fishery as well as the navigation hazard posed by what can be up to 25 traps in the 35-hectare bay south of Pender Harbour.

The DFO has consulted the Sunshine Coast sports fishery advisory committee, which has requested feedback from the public.

Members of the public can contact Josh Lacey, chair of the SFAC, at (604) 740-6710 with comments or questions.



Department of Fisheries and Oceans

DFO is proposing changing the Bargain Harbour (proposed boundary above) crab fishery to the same ring trap restrictions as are already in place in Pender Harbour.

RCMP news

THEFT

Sometime between March 26 and May 8, a thief broke into a shed in the 5400 block of Earls Cove Rd. and stole a 2007 Honda 7.5 HP outboard motor (model number 5AK05S) and the associated gas tank.

The thief broke the lock and pried open the shed door to gain entry.

driver witnessed in Madeira Park and Sechelt.

Police spoke with the driver who advised he was having some medical issues that affected his driving.

The driver was issued a violation ticket for “fail to keep right” and a driver’s licence review has been requested.

into a residence and an outbuilding on Nelson Island and stole a large number of household belongings as well as a generator, solar panels and a dinghy boat.

ERRATIC DRIVER

On May 9, police received separate complaints about the same erratic

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The Grade 5 and 6 students from Madeira Park Elementary School hosted a dog and car wash last month that loaded up the IGA parking lot with customers and moulting mutts. 'We washed at least 20 dogs and easily 30 cars which earned us enough to fund our physics workshop at Playland,' said teacher Jyl Stinson.

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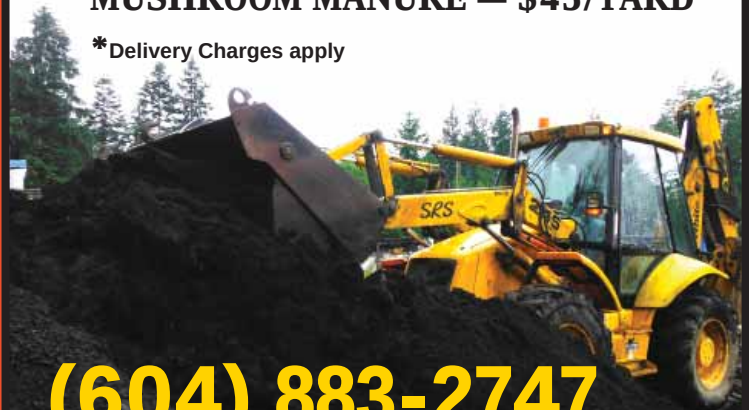
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Volunteers transform Tacherage site

It went up so fast, most people living or working in Madeira Park probably still don't know it's there.

Madeira Park Elementary School principal Barry Krangle is calling it an outdoor classroom but even he didn't expect the amphitheatre-esque structure on the former "Teacherage" building site to be so elaborate.

Krangle says he wanted to have an outdoor space to teach lessons and thought the neglected school district land near the entrance to the Madeira Park wharf would be perfect.

Soon, machines arrived followed by dumptrucks full of crushed gravel — all donated by local contractors.

Doug Hardwick, husband of teacher Ursula Hardwick, salvaged some fir lumber from a Burnaby movie set (*Planet of the Apes*) to make the seating and, suddenly, what had been an overgrown mess became a spot worthy of learning or performance.

The new area is just one of many exciting projects underway at the school.

Madeira Park hosted the Roberts



Barry Krangle photo

Students at Madeira Park Elementary pose for a photo on the recently installed 'outdoor classroom' on the site of the former Teacherage building.

Creek track team last month for a friendly dual meet.

"We had over 80 kids running, jumping, throwing and making new friends," said teacher Cathy Gibson.

"We have a really excited gang of track kids training hard for our district meet in early June."

Starting June 3 MPES students will undergo a "Week Without Walls," an experiential education blitz in which every class embarks on different local studies for the whole week.

"We have so many local sites that are perfect for science, socials, language arts and PE," said primary teacher Terry Kammerle.

Teacher Irene Forsyth has her class booked to tour Pender Harbour by boat, hike Daniel Point and undertake a watershed/inter-tidal study in and around Pender Harbour during the week.

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Maureen Lee photo

The elk aren't just a Kleindale problem anymore. Various reports have surfaced recently of elk destroying property throughout the Madeira Park area. These two (photographed near the P. H. Legion) are reported to have crashed over the chain link fence in the background in an effort to avoid the camera.



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Reimer takes record third victory at Attack of Danger Bay 12

After 12 years of Attacking Danger Bay, North Vancouver's Kevin Reimer has been crowned champion in a quarter of them.

Only 24 years old, Reimer picked up a record third victory at this year's downhill longboard race on May 19.

Reimer first won the event in 2008, went on to take the International Gravity Sports Association world championship in 2009 and 2010 before coming home to win ADB (and its sister race "Jake's Rash") in 2011.

Immediately after that race, he broke both his tibia and fibula in a practice run in Britannia Beach.

Reimer proved he's one of the dominant racers in the world by taking back the podium a number of times since, including races in Puerto Rico and Australia earlier this year.

Local favourite and former world champion Scott Smith crashed in a late heat and narrowly missed being flattened by organizer Bricin Lyons as he shook the asphalt seconds after.

This year's race offered the 10 members of Pender Harbour's Team Irene a chance to show off their matching team leathers and they didn't disappoint the hometown crowd.



Brian Lee photos

Kevin Reimer cruising to a record third victory in the men's final at ADB 12.

Team organizer Walter Endert said the entire team outperformed expectations with eight members competing in the open men's category and beating seasoned pros.

Paul Wicks, Dane Hanna and Curtis Watts all lasted through the late heats, just missing the quarter-finals.

Watts won one of his heats while Hanna avoided "Carnage Corner" collisions to advance past Scott Smith.

In the Grom (ages 13-15) category, Cameron Biddulph picked up a silver medal, bouncing back from a horrific face scrub with the pavement only weeks before.

In the Super Grom category (ages 11 and 12), Warner Endert picked up a silver medal while Quinn

Dubois took home bronze.

Two days later at Jake's Rash, in Halfmoon Bay, Dane Hanna and Curtis Watts both advanced as far as the quarter finals in the open category.

Team Irene took all the hardware in the Grom category with Cam Biddulph winning while Quinn Dubois took silver and Warner Endert bronze.

ADB MEN'S OVERALL

1. Kevin Reimer
2. Riley Harris
3. Adam Persson
4. Zen Shikaze

ADB WOMEN'S OVERALL

1. Elena Corrigan
2. Anna O'Neil
3. Katie Nielsen

ADB MEN'S MASTERS (AGE 40-PLUS)

1. Wes Sampson
2. Frank Cote
3. Tad Drysdale

ADB GROMS (AGE 13-15)

1. Jack Craddock
2. Cameron Biddulph
3. Justin Jackson

ADB SUPER GROMS (AGE 11 & 12)

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Former ADB champ Tom Edstrand (l) and a relaxed looking Kevin Reimer (r) share a ride to the top before their respective consolation final and final races.



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Pender girls crack top three in Osoyoos soccer tourney

By Carly Fielding

The Pender Harbour Secondary girls soccer team capped off a stellar season with a third-place finish at the rural schools soccer invitational tournament in Osoyoos last month.

The annual three-day tournament kicked off May 10 this year and brought together rural schools from across BC for a weekend of spirited competition.

The Pender girls showed up with a squad cobbled from Grades 7 to 12.

They started out strong in the first game against host team Osoyoos Secondary, ending the first half with a one-goal lead thanks to a shot by Ashley Angus.

Osoyoos fought hard and managed to tie it up in the second half, forcing a shootout.

Thanks to some well-placed goals by Carly Fielding and Sam Stewart backed by Solveig van Wersch's solid goalkeeping, the team moved on to their next game with a victorious spring in their step.

Despite temperatures reaching into the high 30s, the team's new fire helped them dominate against South Slokan's Mt. Sentinel, earning themselves a spot with the teams battling for first.

Despite a number of players benched with injuries, Pender hit the field the next day against Pemberton



Geoff Craig photo

The Pender Harbour Secondary girls soccer team pose for a photo in 30-degree-plus Osoyoos heat during a recent soccer tournament.

with fierce enthusiasm and energy.

The girls lost to Pemberton earlier that week at zone championships but, looking at the current game, no one could guess the same teams were playing.

It was a tough game on both sides, ending in another shootout.

Pemberton won that shootout but lost their next game to Rossland, which meant that if Pender won against Rossland, the point differential would be enough to secure them the No. 1 spot.

They played their hearts out but, in the end, the team had to settle for

third place.

Ashley Angus's stellar performance on the forward line earned her the MVP award for the first game.

Dani Pazur's talent on defence snagged her the other three game MVP awards as well as tournament MVP.

Despite playing with an injured ankle, Jade Storoschuck picked up the "Hustle" award for her hard work on the back line.

The team MVP award went to the well-deserving Solveig van Wersch for her unfaltering (though sometimes reluctant) work as goalkeeper.

The team would like to thank coaches Robin Millar and Tayler Metcalfe for their dedication to making the team the best it could be and to the parents and community supporters who made the trip possible.

Overall, it was a spectacular way to end the season, with all six grades finishing as a solid unit.

They plan to return next year for the gold.

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Honourable mention is between 70-75 per cent and an "Incomplete" in any subject also disqualifies students from the honour roll.

GRADE 7

Cole Charlton, Kim Fielding,

Kaitlin Gross, Brandon Lamarche, Jessica Linnmann, Saoirse Stephan, Hannah Stewart.

GRADE 8

Chiara Alps Mocellin, Julian Aschenbroich, Cypher Clerx, Jordan Haines, Maribeth Haines, Jordan Kammerle, Grace Mattson, Alex Phillips, Madeline Roach, Jesse Venalainen.

Honourable Mention: Brooklyn Krause.

GRADE 9

Alex Dyck, Yasmeena Kennedy, Marena MacKenzie, Ryan McDonald, Mitchell Silvey, Samantha Stewart, Connor Whitworth, Brenna Young.

GRADE 10

Cameron Anderson, Keenan Clerx, Crystal Cook, Savannah Cote, Teaguen Craig, Cassidy Craig-Watters, Jace Landry, Zena Lanteigne, Dani Pazur, Caleb Rouleau, Jade Storoschuk, Salem Taylor, Curtis Watts.

GRADE 11

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Ashlynn Bogert, Renee Harper, Arlen Howitt, Emily Reid, Breanna Schroeder, Matthew Silvey, Wendy Snedden, Matthew Watts, Solveig van Wersch.

Honourable Mention: Autumn La France.

GRADE 12

Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Brianna Milligan, Brad Seabrook, Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.



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Chamber music festival notches nine years this August

By Theresa Kishkan

Casual visitors to Madeira Park from Aug. 15 to 18 might be surprised to hear music coming from the building on the hill above the government wharf.

To echo Shakespeare, "...the sounds of music/Creep in our ears: soft stillness and the night/Become the touches of sweet harmony."

This is the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival's ninth year of concerts featuring stellar musicians playing both traditional and innovative chamber music in the beautiful, flower-filled P. H. School of Music.

The festival has a dedicated audience with music lovers from all over, some of whom plan vacations for the third weekend of August when they know to expect sweet harmony.

What can we anticipate this year?

Artistic director (and celebrated pianist) Alexander Tselyakov has cast his net wide to bring us Yehonatan Berick (violin/viola), Joyce Lai (violin), Lara St. John (violin), Ian Clarke (viola), Rachel Mercer (cello), François Houle (clarinet) and Jonathan Goldman (bandoneon).

And for the concerts themselves?

Well, "New Sensations" opens the festival on Aug. 15 with an eclectic program of works by 20th century composers Piazzolla and Rodrigues and there's even a composition by clarinetist Houle.

On Friday afternoon, the musicians step to the stage for the popular (and free) "Chamber Music Doesn't Bite" performance promising a sampling of chamber music to entice those who may not yet be aficionados, (though the latter have been spotted in the audience, enjoying every note).

They return that evening for



Edmund Arceo photo

A performance from the 2013 chamber music festival at the P. H. School of Music.

"String Theory," featuring a range of compositions by Bach, Mozart, Schubert and Beethoven.

Consider spending Saturday afternoon "In The Salon," listening to intimate pieces from the chamber music repertoire.

And on Saturday night, music lovers will fill the venue for "Intimate Connections," to explore the connections, musical and romantic, between Robert and Clara Schumann and their friend Johannes Brahms.

The festival ends on Sunday afternoon with a lively "Grand Ball," which will include tangos and William Bolcom's *Little Suite of Four Dances*.

The performance will conclude with Cesar Franck's exciting *Piano Quintet in F minor, op. 14* with its intense chromatic harmonies (and reputation for being composed while wildly infatuated with a student).

The festival has been enthusiastically supported by our community right from the beginning.

Many attend the concerts, some volunteer to help with every aspect of organization, some host musicians and their families, make donations of money, time (and flowers), while others do all of these things.

We have a dedicated group of

"Friends of the Festival," without whose financial support we would be unable to continue and we thank them by making tickets available in late May, two weeks before regular ticket sales commence on June 14.

We also invite Friends to a special reception to meet the musicians, other Friends and supporters.

Like everyone, we always need more Friends so please consider becoming one yourself.

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The Area A official community plan is coming...



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

As I have mentioned in other contexts in several past articles, the official community plan for Area A is now 15 years old and due for a revision.

An OCP provides the long term vision for the community by stating the objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management within the area covered.

A summary of what the OCP should include is:

- The approximate location, amount, type and density of residential development required to meet an-

anticipated housing needs over a period of at least five years.

- The approximate location, amount and type of present and proposed commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational and public utility land uses.

- Restrictions on the use of land that is subject to hazardous conditions or that is environmentally sensitive to development.

- The approximate location and phasing of any major road, sewer and water systems.

- The approximate location and area of sand and gravel deposits that are suitable for future sand and gravel extraction.

- The approximate location and type of present and proposed public facilities, including schools, parks and waste treatment and disposal sites.

- Housing policies of the local government respecting affordable housing, rental housing and special-needs housing.

- Targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the area covered by the plan, and policies and actions of the local government with respect to achieving those targets.

Also, the OCP can include certain types of policy statements including:

- Policies relating to social needs, social well-being and social development.

- Policies respecting the maintenance and enhancement of farming on land in a farming area or in an area designated for agricultural use in the community plan.

- Policies relating to the preservation, protection, restoration and

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

Infrastructure Services Committee

June 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee

June 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee

June 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Policing Committee

June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Committee

June 24 at 10:15 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

June 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

June 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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.



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enhancement of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity.

- In cases where a matter is not within the jurisdiction of the local government, the plan may only state the broad objectives unless authorized by the provincial government.

Our current OCP provides us with a good starting point but, as can be imagined, our economic, cultural, and social situation has changed substantially in the past 15 years.

Looking forward is an interesting and challenging task and I am sure we will be successful in establishing a review committee that represents the broad interests of the community to help us plot a course for the future.

SCRD staff will write the plan but consultation can include written referrals, open houses, information

meetings, focus groups, workshops, newsletters, questionnaires and more.

The review is expected to start near the end of this year and expected to take approximately one year or even up to two years, but it is not an ongoing commitment.

If you are interested in participating and want to know more you can start by having a look at our current OCP which can be found on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/EgmontPender-Harbour.

You can also find other areas' OCPs for reference on the website.

Also, there are many OCPs published on the web but, if you are looking there for reference, you should probably stick to BC communities because regulations do vary between provinces.

While this is not a call for vol-

unteers for the review committee at this time, hopefully this information will pique your interest and give you time to consider being part of a strong group when we start the review at the end of this calendar year.

OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7 at the Copper Sky Cafe 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.

obituary

Russ William Foster

APRIL 18, 1916 — MAY 8, 2013



Russ passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Wednesday May 8, at the age of 97.

June 2013

He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Martha.

He was survived by his son, Ron Foster (Linda), daughter Paulette Howe (Dan), granddaughters Karey-Lyn Petti (Doug), Jennifer Howe (Aaron), Kim Howe (Michael), and sister Helen Van Winkle.

Russ will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He always had a kind word and a friendly smile.

A celebration of Russ's life was held on May 24 at the Columbia Bowell Funeral Home in New Westminster.

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Becoming aware of invasive species (week) starting June 10

By Brian Lee

Once they take hold, they're hard to get rid of.

That's just one of the messages the Invasive Species Council of BC hopes to get across during their invasive species week kicking off June 10.

Across BC there is a growing awareness about the hazards posed by invasive plants.

The ISCBC defines an "invasive plant" as any non-native plant that has the potential to pose undesirable or detrimental impacts on people, animals or ecosystems.

According to Environment Canada, invasive species in Canada include at least 27 per cent of all vascular plants, 181 insects, 24 birds, 26 mammals, two reptiles, four amphibians, several fungi and molluscs and 55 freshwater fish.

Many invasive plants have been introduced to BC without their natural predators and pathogens that would otherwise keep them in check.

They're often attractive looking but can establish quickly causing widespread negative economic, social and environmental impacts.

Recent studies on the economic impacts of invasive plants illustrate the potential cost of ignoring the problem.

A 2009 IPCBC report, "Economic Impacts of Invasive Plants in BC,"



Brian Lee photo

Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) is alarmingly common along local roads.

estimates total damages to be a minimum of \$65 million in 2008 and, in the absence of any management, will rise to \$139 million by 2020.

A U.S. study estimated that the invasion of leafy spurge in four northern states alone has resulted in annual losses of \$129 million.

These studies are limited to documenting the economic impact of

invasive plants as they affect industries such as agriculture, forestry or fisheries.

Harder to assess are the impacts these plants have on our environment as they alter ecosystems and potentially lead to the extinction of species.

The following are just a few invasive species to be on the lookout for locally.

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GIANT HOGWEED
*Heracleum
mantegazzianum*

Adorned with white flowers and huge jagged-edged leaves, the giant hogweed can grow to six metres or more. Giant hogweed is a perennial

member of the parsley or carrot family native to Asia and was first introduced to North America as a garden curiosity.

Its tenacious and invasive characteristics have made it a garden pest that can readily escape cultivation.

The sap of the giant hogweed is extremely dangerous when touched.

Affected areas are subject to severe burns that usually result in blistering and painful dermatitis.

Blisters often result in purplish to blackened scars while contact with eyes results in temporary or permanent blindness.

To remove giant hogweed, wear eye protection and waterproof gloves and gear at all times when removing flower heads and cutting root crowns.

Do not touch your skin with the gloves and clean or dispose of them afterward.



HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY
Rubus laciniatus

Himalayan and evergreen blackberry species were introduced from Eurasia

in the 1880s and currently dominate much of the Pacific Northwest.

Both tend to form impenetrable thickets due to spreading vines with very prickly stems, though Himalayan blackberry is generally more widespread than its evergreen cousin.

However, both species are extremely competitive on disturbed sites, degrading the quality of riparian habitats along with fence lines, roadsides, and forest edges.

Though they make great pies, blackberries harm valuable stream habitat by preventing the establishment of deep-rooted native shrubs,

which are critical for healthy streams, providing food, shade, and bank stability.



JAPANESE KNOTWEED
Fallopia japonica

Capable of growing through house foundations and cement, the Japanese

knotweed possesses stout reddish-brown stems, rough heart-shaped leaves and seasonal greenish-white flowers.

It favours roadsides, waste sites, wooded areas and waterways.

Roots extend three metres deep, 20 metres laterally and can grow up to three metres (10 feet) in a year.

It can spread into new territories simply with root fragments, clogging waterways and harming native plant communities.

To eradicate Japanese knotweed, you must remove existing stems, cover the area with plastic tarps during the fall and, finally, dig up rhizomes to prevent further growth.

Since it will not compost properly, this knotweed must be bagged and buried deep in a landfill.



PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE
Lythrum salicaria

Purple loosestrife is known for its amazing seed production, with up to three mil-

lion seeds per plant.

This aquatic, perennial weed can swiftly suffocate wetlands, displacing valuable native habitat for both plants and animals.

Loosestrife is thought to be responsible for the modification of more wetland habitat than is the cur-

INVASIVE PLANTS TO WATCH OUT FOR LOCALLY

- **Spotted knapweed**
Centaurea maculosa
- **Orange hawkweed**
Hieracium aurantiacum
- **Canada thistle**
Cirsium arvense
- **Yellow flag iris**
Iris pseudacorus
- **Garlic mustard**
Alliaria petiolata
- **Dense-flowered cordgrass**
Spartina densiflora
- **Tansy ragwort**
Senecio jacobaeae
- **Daphne or spurge laurel**
Daphne laureola
- **Gorse**
Ulex europaeus
- **Himalayan balsam**
Impatiens glandulifera
- **Butterfly bush**
Buddleia davidii
- **Periwinkle**
Soliva sessilis

~Invasive Plant Council of BC

rent development pressure caused by humans.

It grows one to three metres in height and has a stiff, four-sided stem with opposite or sometimes whorled stalkless leaves.

Its purple flowers grow into a dense terminal spike and is sometimes confused with fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*).

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Invasive species (cont.)

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SCOTCH BROOM *Cytisus scoparius*

Scotch broom is probably the best known and most visible of local invasives.

In late May and June it bursts out in bright yellow flowers, decorating

roadways and highlighting the broad expanse of its spread.

It's native to the Mediterranean areas of Europe and was intentionally introduced to B.C. in 1850 by Captain Walter Grant who planted broom at his farm on Vancouver Island.

Regrettably, few realized the invasiveness of this perennial as it

quickly spread up the east coast of Vancouver Island before invading the Gulf Islands and mainland.

Humans encouraged its continued spread as highway departments planted Scotch broom as a bank stabilizer because of its deep root structure and rapid growth.

This weed is a strong competitor with various native plants including those within declining Garry oak ecosystems as well as newly planted coniferous forests.

It competes with native species for available light, moisture and nutrients, especially on disturbed sites.

It's dry, oily properties also make it a considerable fire hazard during summer months.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

If you have an iPhone or Android phone, you can now download the free "Report-a-Weed" app.

It enables you to browse the "Most Wanted" invasive plant list with mug shots and rap sheets.

You can also report a weed online at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/raw.htm.

It's a simple way to report weeds using interactive maps and easy to follow prompts.

To report invasive plants by phone, call the provincial hotline at 1-888-WEEDSBC.

The SCRD is in the process of developing a strategy for the disposal of invasive plants.

Until then, all garden waste (except for giant hogweed which must be bagged and sent to the landfill) can be brought to Salish Soils, 5800 Black Bear Road in Sechelt.

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Legion honours local veterans with cemetery ceremony

With few official records to guide them, two local Royal Canadian Legion members are working to locate the graves of local veterans.

The efforts were prompted by a Royal Canadian Legion command request for local branches to commemorate Canadian veterans.

With that mandate, Mike and Sandy Ryan undertook research to identify veterans from two local cemeteries, Kleindale Cemetery and Forrest View Cemetery on Warnock Road.

"As we were unable to find a list of all those buried in these cemeteries, we wandered the cemeteries and copied down all the names that were legible," says Ryan.

"Many tombstones and wooden markers are no longer legible. Fortunately, many veterans were buried with military tombstones, listing their regimental numbers and units with which they served."

So far, the Ryans have unearthed many names and even a few stories.

FRED CLAYDON

Fred Claydon lost his leg in the First World War before settling the Claydon Road area in Garden Bay.

He enlisted at the age of 16, two years before he was legally eligible, and survived battles at Ypres, the Somme and Courcellette before he should have finished high school.

He celebrated his 18th birthday preparing for the battle of Vimy Ridge but had already become a battle-hardened veteran.

"When they'd dug up this one new trench at Vimy," Claydon recalled in an interview transcript from the University of Victoria military history collection, "they uncovered part of this Frenchman's body. Well,

his hand stuck out of the side of the trench.

"We always used to shake hands with this Frenchie for good luck."

Working as a scout, Claydon survived the heavy casualties and extreme conditions of Passchendaele only to stumble into a German dugout near Amiens.

He carried a scar for the rest of his life from a bayonet wound to his arm from that encounter but reportedly managed to capture the enemy.

Soon after, he suffered a serious wound to his knee that resulted in his leg being amputated.

Claydon sailed back to Canada in the summer of 1919 where he was fitted with a prosthetic leg.

He later purchased 160 acres in Garden Bay with John Daly and worked as the harbourmaster.

Fred Claydon died in 1988 and was buried in the cemetery on Warnock Road.

CANDLELIGHT TRIBUTE, JUNE 8

To honour our local veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 112 will hold a candlelight tribute at each of the two cemeteries on June 8.

At 3 p.m. at the Forrest View Cemetery (Warnock Road), a piper will play while a veteran and cadet place a small white cross and candle on each of the veterans' graves, followed by a minute of silence.

KLEINDALE CEMETERY

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FORREST VIEW CEMETERY

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R. G. Hill
George A. Bellerose
Robert R. Klein
T.E. Earl
Tiffy (Wilfred) Wray
Fred George Claydon
William Paul Malcolm
Edward Knight
Daniel Wayne Scoular
David B. Scoular
Benedict Maass
W. Norman Sleep

The group will then repeat the ceremony at the Kleindale Cemetery.

All community members are urged to attend.

The Ryans are sure that their list is incomplete and ask anyone who knows of a veteran who is buried in either of the cemeteries to contact them at (604) 883-0786 so they can include them in the service.

Their long-term goal is to establish a record of the lives and experiences of all the veterans who have had an association with Pender Harbour.

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• 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
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• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)	883-9853
• Women's Cancer Support	883-9708
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-3663
• Women's Outreach Services	741-5246

local organizations

EGMONT COMMUNITY CLUB

Egmont Day is on June 1 this year. There's plenty to do for the whole family — a parade, fishing derby and dinner make for a full day of fun.

The fishing derby begins at 9 a.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and there will be a dance in the evening starting at 8 p.m. Plus there will be games, prizes and lots of activities for the whole family — all happening at the Egmont Community Hall.

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

On Monday, June 10, the P. H. Garden Club will host Sharon Hanna. Hanna is the author of the B.C. bestseller *The Book of Kale*. She writes, speaks and teaches in Vancouver and received the Mayor's Prize for Environmental Excellence for her gardening program at Queen Alexandra School. She is actively involved with the UBC Botanical Garden, writes for a variety of gardening journals and is now working on a second book for Harbour Publishing. The presentation will be held at the P. H. School of Music at 10 a.m. and admission for non-members is by donation.

P. H. ADVISORY COUNCIL

The P. H. Advisory Council (formerly P. H. Communities Association) is hosting a town hall meeting on June 23 at 2 p.m. in the P. H. Community Hall. All are welcome for an update on what the council has done to address the priorities identified at the last town hall meeting including:

- Year-round washrooms in our communities;
- Transportation in our communities, and
- Bikeways and walkways around the communities.

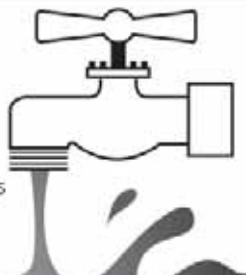
It's been almost a year since the last meeting. What have we done in addressing these priorities?

Come out to find out who we are, what we have done, and how you can participate in making these priorities a reality. Only through your involvement can we continue to have a highly desirable place to live, work and play.

P. H. LIONS CLUB

The Pender Harbour Lions are looking for new members. Do you want to make a difference but don't have a lot of time, tired of giving money to charities that only give a small percentage to their cause?

The Lions Club gives 100 per cent of funds raised back to the community. If you are interested, call (604) 883-0432 or just come to a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall (near the P. H. Golf Course).



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Arnstein performs at benefit for P. H. Living Heritage society

Following his inspiring performances last year, the internationally renowned pianist and composer Peter Arnstein will present a program ranging from classical gems to whimsical jazz at the Pender Harbour School of Music School on Sunday July 21.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. and will benefit the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society.

Arnstein is a virtuoso of the piano and harpsichord who has toured throughout North America and has performed several times as a soloist at the Edinburgh Music Festival.

He is also a frequent soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

As a composer, Arnstein is a pro-

lific contributor to the chamber music repertoire and he will perform a new piece at this concert inspired by the Sunshine Coast entitled *Hypnotico: Under the Shade of the Cedar Trees*.

Arnstein will also perform on Saturday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Centre in Roberts Creek at 657 Highland Road (opposite the junction of Highway 101 and Lower Roberts Creek Road).

This concert will benefit Music Initiatives 46 which supports music education on the Sunshine Coast.

Admission for each concert will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (18 and under).

Tickets for both venues are available at the door or from Harbour



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For more information please contact the P. H. Living Heritage Society or Shendra Hanney at (604) 883-2214 or shendracollin@dccnet.com.

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Madeira Park Elementary School Garden Club

It's taken three years of hard work and volunteer effort but the Madeira Park Elementary School garden has come of age.

For those three years, the students have shown a budding interest that has grown into a full-bloom enthusiasm for gardening.

With the support of principal Barry Krangle and the imagination of the Pender Harbour Garden Club, a new and much more productive space for gardening has come to fruition.

Today, four large garden beds, surrounded by deer-proof fencing, are complete and ready to grow.

The students would like to thank the following for their efforts, without which the garden could never have happened:

- Paul Van Wersch, who donated all of the lumber for the boxes;
- Dave Marchand for building the boxes;



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- The MPES parents' advisory committee for donating \$100;
- Don White for donating the topsoil;
- Gibsons Building Supplies for supplying the deer-proof fencing and metal posts;
- The two S.D. 46 maintenance men for building a superb fence with two gates, and
- Sunshine Coast Nursery for supplying seeds and plants.

A huge thank you must also go to the volunteers from the Pender Harbour Garden Club who have guided the program and who, under the leadership of Bob Bailey, designed the garden boxes and stepped forward with financial help when the garden might have floundered.

All the volunteers have given freely of their time and the school garden club could not continue without their tremendous support.

Hydrangea: A chameleon that's perfect for West Coast gardens

by Jim Rutherford

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

The hydrangea is a rewarding shrub that grows well in local gardens, and has the interesting characteristic that you can change the bloom colour of most in a couple ways.

Most hydrangeas here on the Coast bloom a sky blue because of our acidic (or "sour") soil, possessing a pH level below seven.

The easiest way to enhance the blue is by using a top-dressing of pine/fir needles, but it does take a while for the needles to compost and leech into the soil.

Even used tea bags will work.

To achieve a pink colour, you need an alkaline or basic ("bitter") soil, i.e. with a pH above seven.

Aluminum sulphate, lightly sprinkled on the soil surface, will help lower the pH of our normally acidic soil.

Composted humus like vegetable scraps, lime and wood ashes will also raise the pH level, but the latter may be a little too severe.

However, it's only beneficial if used sparingly because trace elements (boron, potassium, etc.) concentrated from wood burning are important.

Rhododendrons also thrive in our acidic soil and make good companion plants for hydrangeas.



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Lilacs are another good companion shrub.

When planting or transplanting your hydrangeas, dig in the composted pine/fir needles or rich humus, depending on the installation.

I'm growing *hydrangea arborescens* or "grandiflora" and this one is great.

It can be a little weak in the stem but a bit of support or planting it up against a rock wall will help.

The flower head comes out a lovely, limey white and then turns snow-white regardless of the soil pH

but, for the best results, it likes slightly acid soil.

The hydrangea is reasonably aggressive and divides nicely in the fall and spring.

Cut blossoms dry easily for arrangements and a spray paint can be used to tint the flower heads.

A burgundy or teal colour works best and the result looks very natural.

Dry oasis (florist foam) can be stuffed into an opaque container to provide support for the stems.

Crisscross the stems in a clear vase to get the same results.



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Craig Scales caught a 19-pound chinook (on the scale) trolling down Bjerre Shoals on the morning of May 7 before ending the day with this 36-pound lunker.

Laser treatment of cold sores can ease discomfort

Cold sores, sometimes called fever blisters, are groups of small blisters on the lip and around the mouth that are caused by the herpes simplex virus. The virus usually enters the body through a break in the skin around or inside the mouth. They are spread when a person touches a cold sore or contacts the infected fluid from sharing eating utensils or razors, or through kissing or touching that person's saliva.

A parent who has a cold sore often spreads the infection to his or her child in this way. After the blisters appear, the cold sores usually break open, leak a clear fluid and then crust over and disappear after several days to two weeks. However, if they cause pain or make you feel self-conscious, they can be treated. The most effective way to treat cold sores is through laser therapy. If the lesion is caught in time,

you can prevent the cold sore from breaking out. If you have a full-blown sore, the laser will take away the discomfort and help it to dry up and heal much faster.

The herpes simplex virus that causes cold sores cannot be cured. The virus stays in your body for the rest of your life. Laser treatment can reduce the number of cold sores you get and how severe they are. After being treated with a laser multiple times, there is a good chance that sore won't appear again in the same spot.



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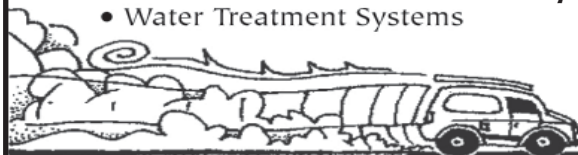
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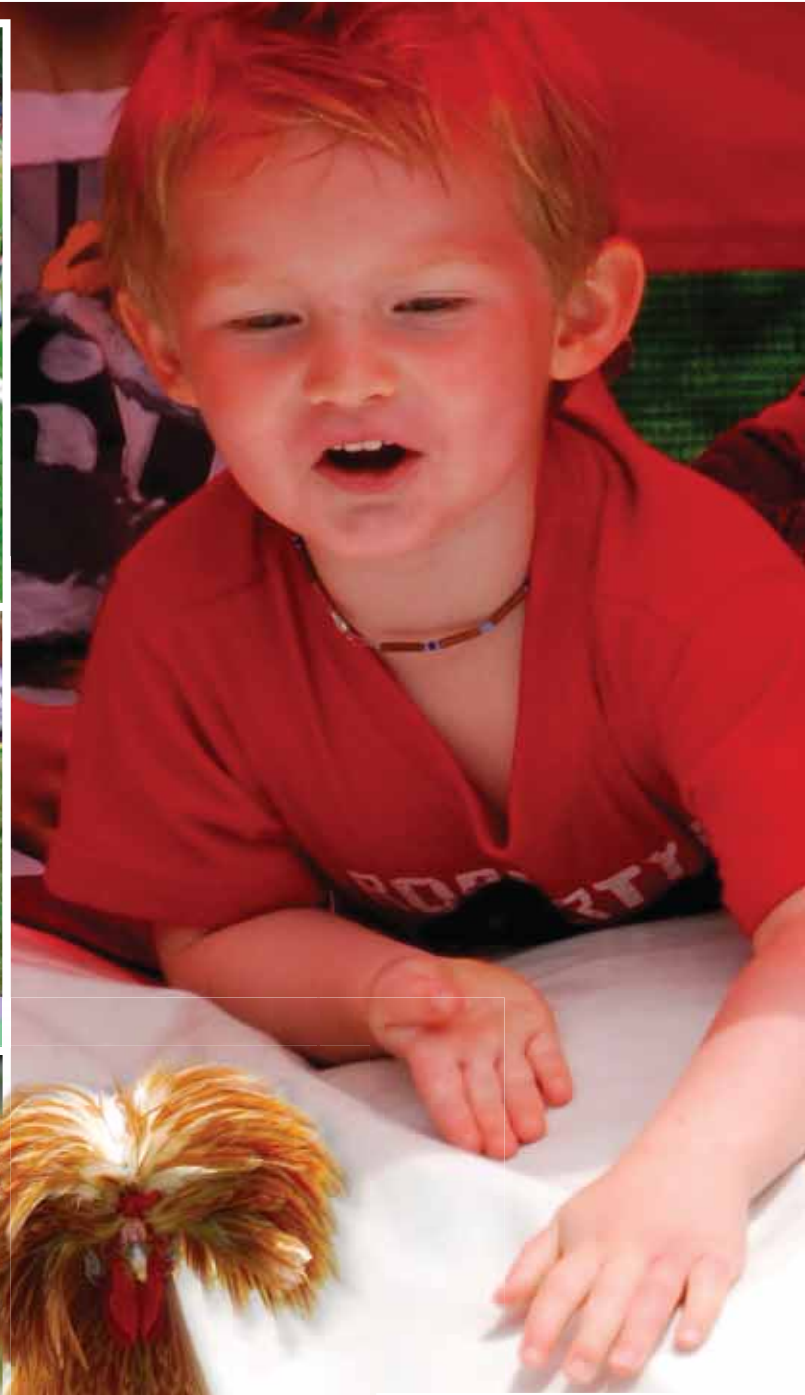
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May Day 2013



Beginner lessons for ladies a success



By Jan Watson

Sixteen women took a five-week set of beginner lessons which wound up with a three-hole "Fore The Ladies" tournament on Tuesday May 14.

Junior winner was Nadine Jay-Reid with Savannah Cote runner-up while the low gross winner was Lori Chmilar.

Rosemary Bonderud and Denise Lillies tied for the longest drive and KP on No. 6 was Evelina Steele.

Drive closest to the line was Patty Johnston while Rosemary Bonderud won the chipping contest.

Wine and apples followed at the Clubhouse restaurant.

MENS' CLUB

Money Ball on April 23 saw a team event with winners Andrew Barker, John Duggan and Jamie Tufford with combined score of 217.

KP on No. 3 and No. 6, Merv Oleksyn.

April 30 stroke play low net winner was Jamie Tufford with 65 and runner up was Andrew Barker 69. Bruce Forbes won both KPs

May 7 saw a Stableford Tournament and the winner, after a count back, was Mike Reid with 22 pts.

KP on No. 3 was Lorne Campbell and on No. 6, Alex Kerr.

A May 11 Stableford was won by Wayne Babcock with 21 points after count back with Andrew Barker.

KP on No. 3 was Bob Ducich and on No. 6, Lorne Campbell.

May 14 stroke play winner, with low net score of 66, was Bob Ducich.

LADIES' CLUB

A hidden score event April 25 was won by Carolyn Kirkland with 82.

On May 2, a team event (winners decided on average low net score) was won by Lorna Lycan, Lori Wilson and Kathy Needham.

Runners-up were Connie McGill, Jackie Grant and Denise Jones.

May 9 was Blind Teams. Winners, with a combined net score of 213, were Helen Krantz, Cathy McEachern and Jan Watson.

May 16 the ladies had to guess their gross score for the day and the

winner who was spot on was Denise Jones.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

On May 10, the first scramble of the year was held and three teams had fun with the winners, at one-under par, June Maynard, Carolyn Kirkland and Jan Watson. Next one is slated for June 14.

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~Chi Chi Rodrigues



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We've all done stupid things but you took something of huge sentimental value to us so please do the right thing and return the picture.

Rob and Kelly Uri

A big Harbour Seal to **Russ Jones, owner of the Madeira Rona store**, for demonstrating that he cares very much about his customers.

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Paul and Ilana Hoelzley

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Troy Callewaert of MarketPlace IGA** for his continual support for so many activities and events at Pender Harbour Secondary School. Thank you for helping the PAC to provide a broad range of programming to our kids.

Paola Stewart

PHSS Parent Advisory Committee

Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to our **community volunteer coaches at PHSS** for their hours of dedication and support to physical activity and sports. Thank you also to Mark Heidebrecht, Paige Mullins and Michele Mocellin for being the teacher sponsors and active coaches of many of these extra curricular sport activities. We really appreciate the extra mile.

Paola Stewart

PHSS Parent Advisory Committee

Harbour Seals to **all our hard working volunteers** for making a very successful May Day BBQ fundraiser. The community support is appreciated very much.

Walt Wickson,
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Safety and senior drivers

By Kathy Bergman, RN

Age alone does not make an older adult an unsafe driver.

Many older adults continue to be safe drivers and make decisions to avoid driving situations in which they feel less confident.

However as we age, changes in abilities make some activities more difficult.

Here are examples of concerns you or your family member may have experienced:

Vision — you may notice glare and find it difficult to see in the dark or things in your peripheral vision.

Physical — you may feel weak, stiff, experience pain or move slowly

Cognition — you may have difficulty remembering things, making decisions or coping with distractions

Reaction time — you may find it difficult to react quickly

WARNING SIGNS OF UNSAFE DRIVING

Have you been involved in near or minor collisions?

Do you seem distracted by the radio or passengers talking to you while driving the car?

Do other drivers honk at you?

Do you lack confidence when driving?

Do you miss stop signs or traffic lights?

Do you get lost, forget where you parked your car or where you are going?

Do you have problems changing lanes or merging?

Do your family or friends refuse to drive with you?

If these warning signs reflect your situation, maybe it is time to make some changes and have your driving evaluated.

June 2013



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The following are some safe driving strategies:

- Choose a vehicle that is easier to drive, such as one that is automatic and has good visibility.

- Make sure the vehicle is in good working condition.

- Make sure the seat, steering wheel and mirror are properly adjusted.

- Limit driving at night, in bad weather, or on limited access highways

Maintain a safe following distance.

- Take regular breaks when driving long distances

- Have regular medical checkups including a regular eye exam and ask your medical doctor about your ability to drive.

- If you are diabetic, some effects of the disease, such as blood sugar levels, may affect your ability to drive.

Varying blood sugars may make you feel sleepy, dizzy, confused and

less alert.

Poorly controlled blood sugars may cause you to experience blurred vision or a sudden loss of vision.

PHHC FACILITY CHANGE

The PHHC has responded to the needs of the community by changing the President Resource Learning Room into an additional treatment room to facilitate additional needs for triaging client care.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

Harbourside Friendships meets weekly on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

June 6: Egmont Museum/brown bag lunch at the Iris Griffith Centre.

June 13: Slo-Cat journey around Pender Harbour. Bring your own lunch or eat at the Copper Sky.

June 20: Year wrap-up with a picnic at the Lions Park. Outdoor (weather permitting) games and a potluck lunch.



1. What is a “boom boat?”

- ☐ a. Charge launcher to clear inlet slopes of snow
- ☐ b. Early 1960s Egmont jet boat known for noise
- ☐ c. Slang for gas (not diesel) powered fish boat
- ☐ d. Craft used to organize bundles of logs

2. What year was Francis Peninsula/Beaver Island linked to the mainland by a bridge over Canoe Pass?

- ☐ a. 1932
- ☐ b. 1945
- ☐ c. 1955
- ☐ d. 1972

3. Which Farrell is credited with the design of a popular (over 500 built) BC commercial fish boat?

- ☐ a. Allen
- ☐ b. Barrie
- ☐ c. Keray
- ☐ d. Larrie

4. Where is “Hardscratch?”

- ☐ a. Francis Peninsula
- ☐ b. Hotham Sound
- ☐ c. Oyster Bay
- ☐ d. Secret Cove

5. What was the last name of the “Portugese Joe” associated with Irvines Landing?

- ☐ a. Reid
- ☐ b. Gonsalves
- ☐ c. Silvey
- ☐ d. Dames

6. The Cheekeye Dunsmuir hydro line crossing the Sechelt Peninsula passes over what local lake?

- ☐ a. Lyon
- ☐ b. Sakinaw
- ☐ c. Ruby
- ☐ d. Mixal

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Compass comes to Pender Harbour

By Joan Foster and Jonathan Kline

Pender Harbour has boats of all descriptions and all but the smallest share something in common — a compass.

Soon, a new “Compass” will arrive in the Pender Harbour area and we are hopeful that the community will welcome her with open arms.

This Compass is a yellow Labrador retriever dog and will be seen wearing her blue training jacket while she undergoes training to become a guide dog for the visually impaired.

She is aptly named because once fully trained, she will lead the way for a visually impaired or blind person.

We have volunteered to raise Compass for the BC and Alberta Guide Dog Services.

Volunteer raisers receive their puppy at the tender age of seven weeks and return it at 15 to 18 months when the puppy goes into full-time professional training, requiring an additional four months.

Volunteers who act as puppy raisers attend bimonthly training sessions, meet monthly with the puppy supervisor and participate in events to further public awareness of this wonderful program.

The BC Guide Dog Services is a non-profit organization whose function is to provide trained dogs to assist visually impaired or blind individuals in all aspects of their lives.

The program involves fundraising, dog breeding, puppy raising and support services for the people who eventually end up with the dogs.

The BCGDS also works with their sister charity, Autism Support Dogs, and some of the dogs are trained to support autistic children and their families.



BC Guide Dog Service photo

It has been shown that these dogs can dramatically improve the lives of an autistic child and his or her family.

The cost of training these dogs (approximately \$40,000 per dog) comes from fund raising events, donations and private organizations.

Initially, our job is to socialize the dog, meaning the puppy goes everywhere we go — as long as she wears her blue guide jacket.

Compass will visit local restaurants, grocery stores, banks and maybe even the golf course.

Guide dogs in training get to have fun and play but not when they are wearing their blue jackets.

They must learn that when they are working, they are on a serious mission.

When you see one of these jacketed dogs in training, please refrain from petting the animal without asking the handler.

We are looking forward to this challenge but the sad day will come when our Compass will go on to more

intensive training and we will have to say goodbye.

Please feel free to stop and talk with us about the program or the dog — unless it looks like we are in the midst of a puppy temper tantrum.

Finally, there are a number of ways you can help support this program — you can sponsor a puppy, make a financial contribution or even choose a name for a puppy.

Check the website of the organizations (www.bcguidedog.com and www.autismsupportdogs.org) for ways you can help this wonderful program.

Maybe you will even want to become a puppy raiser yourself.

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JUNE ASTROLOGY

GEMINI: MAY 21–JUNE 21

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. Until June 25, your personality, image, and confidence in yourself continue to expand to new levels. Gemini, you are seeing whole new possibilities — your vision of life is panoramic. However, after June 25, your vision of life will become myopic. Excercise caution around heights and when crossing streets.

CANCER: JUNE 21–JULY 22

Those born under the sign of the crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities, and don't like surprises. June is generally a warm, protective cycle, although with Jupiter in the background in your chart, there may be some sense that you are not truly living or experiencing your life to the fullest. Your close personal relationships tend to be private and possibly involve some sacrifices. Escapist tendencies and the temptation to shirk everyday responsibilities will be strongest around the full moon. Avoid drugs, drinking and the Internet.



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June 22	9:56 am -XL, 5:44 pm +XL
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June 26	1:29 pm -XL, 8:34 pm +XL
June 27	7:45 am +M, 2:27 pm -XL
June 28	9:10 am +M, 3:25 pm -L
June 29	10:25 am +M, 4:22 pm -L
June 30	11:39 am +M, 5:22 pm -M

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

A reliable shelf companion for watching the night sky



By Theresa
Kishkan

Recently I bought a copy of *Skywatcher's Companion: Constella-*

tions and Their Mythology (Heritage House) by Stan Shadick. I intend to give it to some young children I know but, in the meantime, I've been reading it myself. And I have to say, it's a wonderfully informative and clear guide to the night sky and its stories.

There's a good introduction to both the sky and how to look at it as well as to mythology itself and its relevance to constellations.

"Each culture's stories, or myths, are known collectively as mythology.

They were created to explain such mysteries of the natural world as why storms occur, why the seasons change and why crows do not sing like other birds. Myths linked to stars and groups of stars (constellations) give us insights into how ancient people tried to make sense of the world they lived in and the sky above it."

The introduction also offers a concise timeline of ancient civilizations so the reader can easily determine the relationships between the evolution of cultures and how they saw their place beneath the sky. How they saw that sky as a grand narrative lighting up their story

on earth with its joys and sorrows, its dramas and comedies.

Twelve sky-charts show the night sky by month in 2008 but from different locations: Chicago in January; London, England in May; kayaking towards the western horizon on Lake Superior in June; Vancouver in November, looking northeast. Each chapter links the constellations shown to the myths that lend their rich stories and names to the formations.

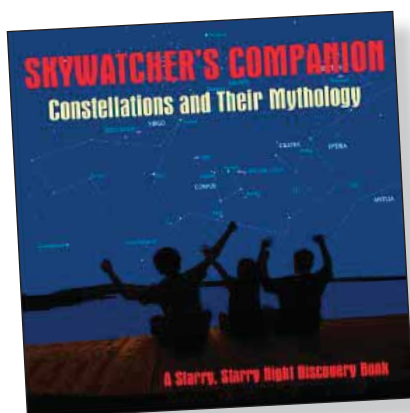
Sidebars provide interesting information about the myths as well as aspects of astronomy. *Skywatcher's*

Companion is a quick read initially but its value lies in its usefulness as a resource to return to when a particularly bright group of stars catches our eye and asks to be identified. A summer evening, maybe, with a campfire nearby, and the sound of loons – a good time to watch for meteorites and ponder their origins.

This winter I saw information for a book I'd completely missed when it was published in 2011, *The Codex Canadensis and the Writings of Louis Nicolas*, edited by François-Marc Gagnon, translated by Nancy Senior (McGill-Queen's University Press). It sounded like a book I'd love so I ordered a copy. I'm glad I did for this codex provides an extraordinary window into the natural and human history of our country.

A codex simply means a book made up of sheets rather than a scroll (letting the reader explore at random, rather than reading sequentially by unscrolling the rolled papyrus or parchment). However, the term usually refers to a handwritten book for which the leaves or pages may or may not be bound.

For centuries the authorship of *The Codex Canadensis* was uncertain but recent scholarship, involving handwriting analysis and historical detective work, points firmly to Louis Nicolas, a Jesuit priest who came to Canada in 1664, returning to France in 1675. He was very interested in the flora and fauna of the New World and in the aboriginal people as well. He drew what he saw and his attention to detail is wonderful. He wasn't a particularly gifted artist — his images are often lopsided and quirky rather than accurate — but he knew this and lamented:





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"How passionately I wish I had a little of that fine genius and a little of those strong ideas with which good painters, philosophers and poets are said to be born."

Still, his work is charming, if naive. And there's delight in recognizing elk, miner's lettuce and woodpeckers among these pages.

He had odd ideas about some of what he found in the New World. He insisted that plants smelled better in Europe, that seeds brought from France lost their strength and nourishment in Canada and he sneered (perhaps understandably) at the wine grown from the native grape. He felt that animals had less "spirit," noting that Indians agreed with him, telling him "our hunting dogs have infinitely more wit than their own."

Nicolas wrote extensively on the moose and rhapsodized on its place in Canadian gastronomy:

"The best part of the animal is the head ... The tongue makes an exquisite dish when simply boiled ... The very long and very wide nose tastes no less exquisite. When simply flambéed and boiled, it is very delicate."

He proposes sending 10,000 or 12,000 moose to France each year to introduce his countrymen to its gourmet potential. (This might be an idea for our local elk ...)

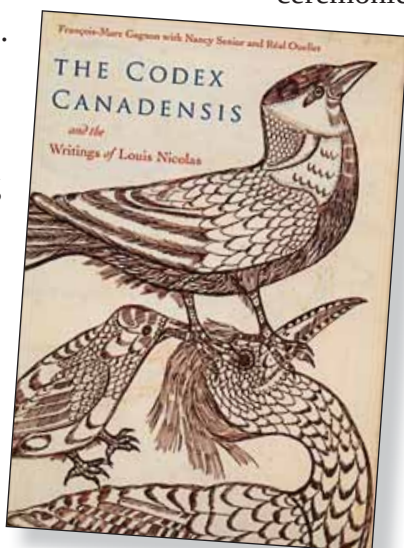
Nicolas's *Codex* is filled with material that is of great interest to ethnographers and general readers alike. He spent less time trying to convert First

Nations people to Christianity than he did observing them, recording their language (one of his accomplishments was an impressive Algonquian grammar), and taking detailed notes on ceremonies and material culture.

I don't think the book is available in our local libraries but anyone interested in seeing it can view the virtual exhibit online at Library and Archives Canada, www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/codex/index-e.html.

The original manuscript is in a museum in Tulsa, Okla. And textiles artist Heather Cameron is working on a project based on images from the *Codex*

Canadensis which can be viewed at her website, www.truestitches.blogspot.ca/p/blog-page.html.



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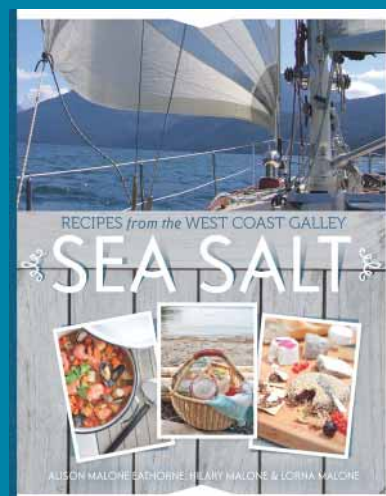
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Wei Hsu: The first non-native resident of Pender Harbour



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 XXXV ~ 1884

(Continued from Harbour Spiel, May 2013 issue)

Wei Hsu turned 44 in September of 1884. By all accounts the physical toll of old injuries and years of labour had slowed him. Mary Hsu's diary entries hint at increasing worry for her father's health around this time and it seemed she shouldered much of the physical work required around their home. Conveniently, as their supply business grew, Wei Hsu was able to move from more demanding physical jobs like fishing into that of a shopkeeper.

It was a job he was well suited for. He'd lived much of his life working around white men and had learned to defuse any potential racist hostility by keeping them entertained. Mary Hsu once wrote of her Dad's approach to white men, "If you make them laugh, they don't rob you."

As the summer traffic passing through Pender Harbour picked up, Wei Hsu became the face of the business while his friend Qwuní seemed to continue his role as provider of fish for the operation. As the sales of processed fish was overtaken by that of gear and staples, Qwuní could easily keep up with the demand. When he couldn't, like during the busy summer salmon runs, Lucy Hsu would accompany him while her husband tended store.

For many years, Wei Hsu's physical pain was blunted by daily doses of opium. It also had the added benefit of muting the call of his addiction but for the most part, he managed to cope with his daily duties. His wife not only tolerated his opium use but encouraged it. Lucy once told her daughter that the poppy removed the grimace from his lips and returned the smile of the man she married. Though

smoking opium allowed him to cope with his frequent bouts of pain, it may have also contributed to an emotional gap in their marriage.

Lucy had been married to Wei Hsu for 23 years. During that time they mined for gold near Boston Bar and built and lost a fish processing business in New Westminster. They suffered the loss of many friends through violence, accidents and disease but they had found relative happiness in the home they had literally stumbled upon by accident.

For almost half of their marriage they had lived in Pender's Harbour. It had been a hard life but one for which they were both well-equipped. They made a good team where many of their individual skills filled a niche the other lacked.

Because of that, the two had a strong working bond but it was no secret theirs was no longer a romantic relationship. They enjoyed a deep affection for one another but even their daughter understood the two had long abandoned any physical intimacy.

So it was all the more surprising, in that fall of 1884, when Lucy could no longer hide the fact that she was pregnant.

Lucy Hsu turned 38 that October and may have believed she was too old to get pregnant. Without that lapse in judgment, her husband, daughter and later historians may never have learned of her affair with Wei Hsu's best friend, Qwuní.

It's unclear when their romantic relationship began but evidence suggests that Qwuní and Lucy had been more than friends for many years before her pregnancy. Since the day in 1873 when they met Qwuní for the first time, it was Lucy who was able to best communicate with him. Qwuní knew little English but he and Lucy's native tongues were the

it might have happened...

bridge that allowed them all to become close friends. Even 11 years later, the two could still converse with greater ease than the others who relied on a mixture of English, Shishalh and Chinook jargon.

Despite the signs, no one was more surprised, or hurt, than Mary. Her prolific diary posts around this period reflect a young woman who is angry and confused. It's clear Mary was not only upset by her mother's betrayal of her father but by also by the knowledge that her friend Qwuní had betrayed her.

Qwuní wasn't a confrontational man and left Pender Harbour immediately. It's unclear where he went but it seems he did so without argument. Much of Mary Hsu's diary entries were illegible during this period but she describes Qwuní's departure as, "... the crab that hides under the rock."

Lucy Hsu moved from the family home and lived for a time in the shack vacated years before by Inix after her husband Smqáma's murder. Mary remained with her father and, after a number of months, a cool truce developed in which the three worked alongside each other with Lucy returning to her home on the Skardon Islands each evening.

Eventually, Qwuní returned and by the next spring it seems Lucy and Qwuní were living together on the islands with a baby boy while Wei Hsu and Mary lived on the mainland.

It was a pragmatic solution to what must have been an awkward situation. The four depended on each other because there was no one else.

And so it was into this uneasy alliance that Charles Irvine visited Pender Harbour in the spring of 1885.

Continued next month.



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives.

The above is one of Mary Hsu's seven surviving diaries now housed in a variety of private and archival collections.

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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.

JUNE

Sat. June 1.....Egmont Community Club presents Egmont Day - Egmont, all day
Sat. June 1.....Documentary *A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet* - Iris Griffith Centre, 2 p.m.
Sat. June 1.....Serenade, a concert featuring Jena Wren and Ken Johnson - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
Sun. June 2.....Sunday Jam with Russell Marsland and Mark Vance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Fri. June 7.....Mexican dinner - Clubhouse Restaurant, 5 p.m.
Fri. June 7-9.....10th annual P. H. Blues Festival - various locations, three days
Sat. June 8.....Royal Canadian Legion veterans candlelight ceremony - Forrest View Cemetary, 2 p.m.
Sat. June 8.....P. H. Legion garage sale (non-heavy donations accepted June 7) - PH Legion, all day
Mon. June 10.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Sat. June 15.....Documentary *Salmon Confidential* - Iris Griffith Centre, 2 p.m.
Sat. June 15.....Playback (one night only) - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Sun. June 16.....Father's Day
Sun. June 16.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. June 17.....BC Transit Futures Bus will be at Madeira Park - IGA parking lot, 3-6 p.m.
Sun. June 23.....P. H. Advisory Council hosts a town hall meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 2 p.m.
Sun. June 23.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. June 24.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Mon. June 24.....A Celebration for Seniors - Madeira Park Legion, noon
Mon. June 24.....P.H. Health Centre Auxiliary general meeting - P.H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
Thurs. June 27-29.....Jason Buie Band (three nights) -- Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
Fri June 28.....Prime Rib night – Clubhouse Restaurant, 5 p.m.
Sun. June 30.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3 with Jason Buie - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

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



FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective to June 25, 2013 ~

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Langdale

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10:05 p.m.

*Saltery Bay

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9:25 a.m.
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