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EDITORIAL

Time for a jury of our piers

By Brian Lee



So much depends
on the Harbour.

We swim and fish
in it, we train on it and
many still use it to visit
neighbours — it's our

identity.

During the summer months,
Pender Harbour attracts thousands of
visiting boats and is famous as a refuge
from storms year-round.

It provides curious factoids for
dinner parties — did you know if you
stretched out the shoreline of Pender
Harbour it would cover 32 miles?

We even tout it as a marketing tool
— Venice of the North.

But if you've ever smelled the wa-
ters around Venice you might recognize
how appropriate that nickname could
become.

The truth is, the Harbour's turn-
ing into a bit of a cesspool.

It's been a long time since you
could eat a clam plucked from its
shores — fecal contamination from
your septic field took care of that.

Despite that, the Sechelt Indian
Band has blocked the issuing of new
foreshore leases that cross those tradi-
tional clam beds. And while it seems to
be a political tool, I'm inclined to side
with them.

Having a dock on your property
was fine when the next one was 600
yards down the beach but now that
some sections of the waterfront have
been carved into increasingly tiny sliv-
ers, you can't take a pee without hitting
a neighbour's dock. And it's ugly.

But where else can the boats go?

As waterfront real estate values
continue to rise, developers are eyeball-
ing the the remaining marinas, hoping
to rezone and increase their density.

There's little interest in build-
ing future moorage facilities because
there's less profit in it.

As moorage becomes scarcer
and rates rise we'll see more boats
anchored permanently in the Har-
bour.

And we all know that holding
tanks are kind of like recycling —
everybody says they do it but you
still see a lot of discarded cans at the
landfill.

So, if some clown (who seems
to have a penchant for near drown-
ings) anchors his blue liveaboard off
the Madeira Park wharf, who checks
that he isn't pumping bilge oil or poo
out a thru-hull or that he has enough
power onboard to maintain an an-
chor light at night?

The answer is (mostly) Ottawa.

You can't build a set of stairs
off your porch without applying for a
building permit but it's perfectly fine
to anchor a permanent mooring buoy
off someone's front deck.

It's only the start and the over-
lapping levels of government seem
impotent to contend with the poten-
tial for future problems.

Our Harbour Authority has
been doing some great work lately
but its responsibility extends only to
the end of the government wharves.

It seems practical to create a
true Harbour Authority with a man-
date (and funding) to provide local
input in addressing issues already
faced by other harbours on the coast.

I'd be the last person to sug-
gest we need more scrutiny by civil
servants but all the signs say the boat
that will break Pender Harbour's
back is coming and it seems the
people who live here have very little
power to stop it.

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- 6 - 9 p.m. Bradley/McGillivray Duo, Garden Bay Restaurant (Dinner reservations required)
- 6 - 9 p.m. Aaron Hardie Trio, RockWater Secret Cove Resort (Dinner reservations required)
- 6 - 9 p.m. Ken Johnson Duo, Pender Harbour Golf Club (Dinner reservations required)
- 6 - 9 p.m. Dylan Cramer/Ron Johnston, Painted Boat Restaurant (Dinner reservations required)
- 8 - 10 p.m. Jim Rotondi, Pender Harbour School of Music
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. D & The Hot Club Of Mars Grasshopper Pub
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Doc Fingers & Friends, Garden Bay Pub
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Rumba Calzada, Backeddy Pub
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Brickhouse, Pender Harbour Community Hall

Saturday, Sept. 19

- 8 - 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Pender Harbour Community Hall
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Rumba Calzada, Madeira Park Elementary Schoolyard
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Astrid Sars Quartet, Sunshine Coast Resort
- 1 - 3 p.m. Company B Big Band, The Painted Boat Park
- 3 - 5 p.m. Rakish Angles, Madeira Park Elementary Schoolyard
- 6 - 9 p.m. Aaron Hardie Trio, Painted Boat Restaurant (Dinner reservations required)
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Sunday, Sept. 20

- 8 - 11 a.m. Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Pender Harbour Community Hall
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chris Andersen Trio, John Henry's Marina
- 12 - 4 p.m. Rumba Calzada, Pat Coleman Trio, Outer Bridge Ensemble, Coast Jazz Septet, Seafarers Millennium Park
- 2 - 4 p.m. Laila Biali Trio, Motoko's Art Gallery
- 2 - 5 p.m. Rumba Calzada, Backeddy Pub
- 6 - 9 p.m. Pat Coleman Trio, The Painted Boat Resort
- 5:30 - 8 p.m. Bradley/McGillivray Duo, Garden Bay Restaurant (Dinner reservations required)
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Local residents question legality of Sinclair Bay mooring buoy

The recent installation of a permanent mooring buoy in Pender Harbour has raised questions about who is responsible for enforcement.

Sechelt's Mountain Marine Transportation was contracted to install the mooring buoy in Sinclair Bay this past July.

The *Brooks Bay*, a wooden seine boat, is currently tied to the buoy and, despite some objections by nearby residents, it may stay that way for some time.

Frank Mauro of the Pender Harbour Harbour Authority says they've been contacted about permanent mooring buoys in Pender Harbour and says the directors have personal opinions about the subject but carry no authority to do anything about it.

Private moorage buoys are regulated by Transport Canada under the federal Navigable Waters Protection Act and the Private Buoys Regulations.

Transport Canada does not require an application for a moorage buoy, but one can be fined or found liable for damages resulting from negligent operation or maintenance of the private buoy.

Buoys must be clearly marked PRIV with contact name and details and be placed out of any existing navigation channels, water leases/lots.

The case identifies a potential problem as moorage rates rise and marinas disappear from Pender Harbour.

Issues surrounding waste disposal, bilge contaminants, obstruction to navigation and general unsightliness

Correction: The Spiel incorrectly reported last month that five water license holders were contacted about Weyerhaeuser's planned herbicide application. A total of 12 residents were contacted, five by mailed letter.



The *Brooks Bay* lies in Sinclair Bay moored to what some believe could become a problem for Pender Harbour.

need to be addressed but there seems to be very little local authority.

Mauro points to other harbours like Silva Bay and Ganges Harbour where mooring buoys have become a real concern.

For more information about permanent mooring buoys contact:

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Multiple reports of UFO sighting at Klein Lake July 28

A number of families reported an unidentified light in the sky near Klein Lake on July 28.

April Edwardson was camping and says friend Carrie Hillhouse first noticed the five-foot fireball just after dusk.

Their kids were across the lake at the day beach.

"I honestly thought, 'Oh my god, what did those teenagers do at the day beach,' but soon realized they couldn't have created this thing," says Edwardson.

"It rose at a steady pace then it was halfway up the mountain and stopped. Then it rose quickly above the mountain and then horizontally — still within sight — then just as it appeared it rose into the night sky."

Edwardson says her son Corbett saw the same thing from the day beach on the other side of the lake.

"He says someone yelled, 'Look!' and there was a large round red glow above the lake, feet around. It went halfway up the mountain and stopped. Then it went to the top of the



What was the 'large, round red glow' over Klein Lake on the evening of July 28?

mountain, went sideways, then up in to the sky and was gone."

Other families around the lake reported similar stories of seeing the extraordinary light.

According to UFO BC, a not-for-profit society that gathers and investigates BC and Yukon based UFO sightings, other sightings were reported that same night near Kamloops and Mission.

According to a 20-year study of saucer sightings from coast to coast,

Canadians saw a record number of unidentified flying objects last year.

Canwest News Service reported last month that the number of sightings has skyrocketed since 1989 when 141 were reported.

Last year, there were 1,004.

Experts say that is to be expected because not only has it become easier to report sightings as UFO-dedicated websites provide forms online but there are more satellites and aircraft in the sky meaning more objects to misinterpret.

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Memory Lane opens to traffic



The Memory Lane Thrift Mart Store has three bays full of items for sale.

Despite a slow start, the Memory Lane Thrift Mart Store is up and running.

The store opened in mid-July and will rely on charitable donations of goods to resell.

President Gordon Sanders says sales are slow right now as they're trying to get the operation off the ground.

He says start-up costs have kept their budget tight but they have money in the bank and hope soon to cut their first cheque to their charitable recipients.

Sanders says that 100 per cent of the profits will still go to two charities but one of them has changed since first reported in the Harbour Spiel (July, 2009).

Sanders intended that half of the proceeds from sales of goods at the Francis Peninsula Road location would go to the Sunshine Coast Chapter of Habitat for Humanity but that is not the case now.

The Area A Seniors Housing Society (Pender Harbour Abbeyfield

House) will still receive 50 per cent of the profits.

The second charity has yet to be determined but Sanders says he is talking to the Sunshine Coast Lions Housing Society and hopes to contribute the remaining 50 per cent of the profits to their Greenecourt Village renovation fundraising drive.

The store sells everything from building supplies, clothing and furniture to electronics and appliances.

It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The All Good Community Services Society has yet to acquire official non-profit status.



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Hubbs shows gratitude for local fisherman saving her neck

Joyce Hubbs says the first thing she recalls after suffering a head-on collision near Gibsons last February was a pain in her neck.

Hubbs' car spun and rolled 360 degrees before it stopped. Her first instinct was to get out of the car but her injuries prevented her from releasing her seatbelt.

Luckily for her, Earl Antilla, a fisherman from Pender Harbour with first aid training, was first on the scene.

"He opened the door and held my neck and told me not move," Hubbs says.

"I think I said something like, 'And just who are you?'"

The driver in the other car didn't survive the crash.

Spinal specialists told her later that without Antilla's assistance in stabilizing her neck, she'd likely be a quadriplegic or even dead.

Hubbs had a fractured her C2 vertebra which forms the pivot upon



Joyce Hubbs presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Linda Curtiss (receiving it on behalf of the PHVFD). L-r: Madeira Park Fire Chief Bill Gilkes, Linda Curtiss, Joyce Hubbs, Barrie Wilbee and Jim Cameron.

which the first cervical vertebra, which carries the head, rotates.

Fractures of the vertebrae pose a significant danger if not stabilized immediately because sharp fragments of bone can puncture the spinal cord.

Hubbs was in a neck brace for 15 weeks, has undergone extensive rehabilitation and is only now regaining a little movement in her neck, but she's very grateful for Antilla's help.

"He said he wouldn't take anything but we wanted to contribute something to a good cause," says Hubbs.

To show her gratitude, Hubbs suggested she donate a sum to the lo-

cal fire department and Antilla agreed.

On Aug. 14, Hubbs presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department to assist with training and purchasing of safety equipment.

The donation was assisted by the Pender Harbour Community Improvement Foundation which is set up to accept donations on behalf of non-registered charities in order to issue a tax deductible receipt to the donor.

PHCIF representative Linda Curtiss accepted the cheque on behalf of the fire department.

Antilla was halibut fishing.

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Morgan replaces Mayo at Christ the Redeemer Church

Assistant Pastor Jennifer Morgan officially took over the helm at Christ the Redeemer Church on July 1.

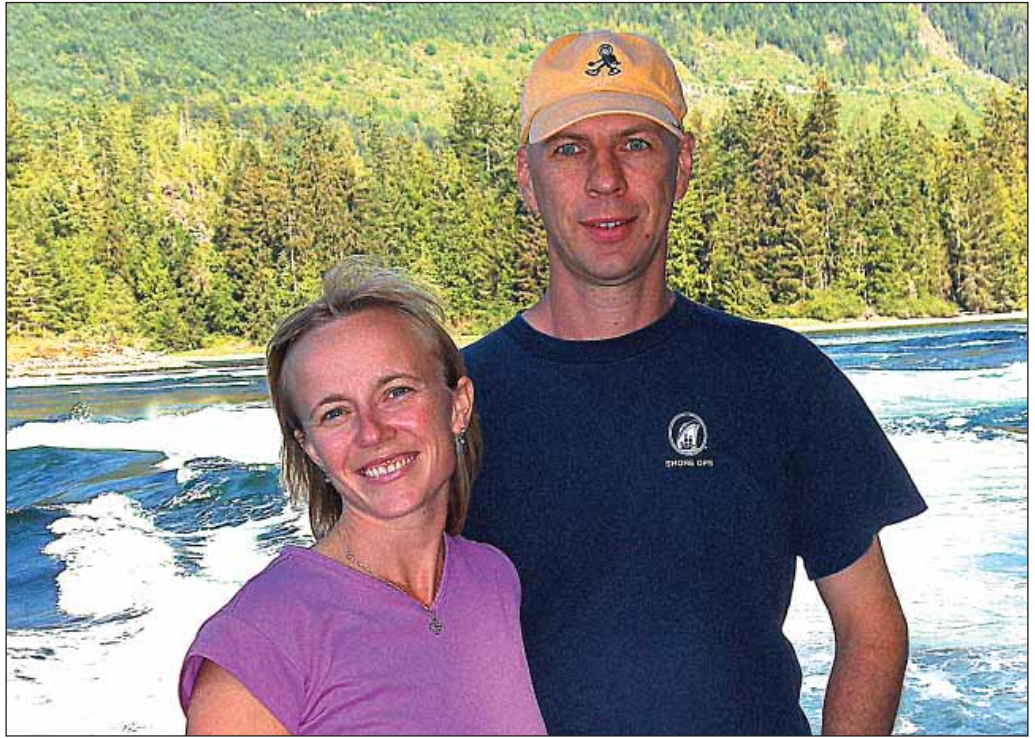
Morgan replaces Senior Pastor Barclay Mayo who is starting up a new church, the Mountain Valley Mission, in Squamish.

Morgan moved from Vancouver to become assistant pastor under Mayo in April of 2008 and says she is happy to assume her new role.

"I really hope that I'll be able to connect more with the community of Pender Harbour," she says.

"I want to connect with the needs of the community as a whole — not just our church community."

Morgan married in April and her husband Kent moved to Pender Harbour soon after.



Alan Stewart photo

Senior Pastor Jen Morgan and her husband Kent enjoying the local scenery at the Skookumchuck Rapids.

PHOTOJOURNAL



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday, September 3, 2009

- 10:30 a.m. Special Planning & Development Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services

Thursday, September 10, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Special Planning and Development Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Planning and Development Services
- 7:30 p.m. Board

Monday, September 14

- 9:00 a.m. Policing
- 10:30 a.m. Transportation
- 1:00 p.m. Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee to review the Strategic Planning and Committee Structure workshops

Thursday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 24

- 1:30 p.m. Corporate and Administrative Services
- 7:30 p.m. Board (held at the P. H. Legion Hall)

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at (604) 883-9061 or by email, ericgraham@dccnet.com.

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Area A APC will meet on **Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.** at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

LANDFILL HOURS

Pender Harbour landfill winter hours go into effect after Labour Day:

Closed: Sunday

Open: Monday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE

All Sunshine Coast Regional District offices will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labour Day.

SPRINKLING HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT

North Pender Harbour sprinkling times:

Houses with ODD numbered addresses on ODD calendar dates

7:00 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Houses with EVEN numbered addresses on EVEN calendar dates

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ABSOLUTELY NO OVERNIGHT SPRINKLING - Reservoirs need full pressure to refill overnight

South Pender Harbour sprinkling times:

The recent warm, dry weather and high water use has resulted in a lower lake storage level than usual for this time of year. In order to maintain enough water in lake storage to last through the summer months, the SCRD is implementing reduced sprinkling times for South Pender water-users.

Odd addresses: Odd dates (1, 3, 5, ...)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ONLY

Even addresses: Even dates (2, 4, 6, ...)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ONLY

NO MORNING SPRINKLING - Further restrictions may be implemented as necessary

For more information, call the SCRD South Pender Office at (604) 885-6877 or visit the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

These regulations are enforced - Hand watering OK at any time in both North and South Pender Harbour.

Who knew garbage could be so complicated?



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

AREA A LANDFILL ISSUE

I have tried
to explain this

issue in the previous two Harbour Spiels and it seems the more I try to explain it the more confused people get.

There are two main options:

1) To expand the landfill into new areas to provide another 16 years or 29 years of useful life at that site and continue landfilling the way we are now.

2) To continue to accept garbage and all other materials currently accepted at the Pender Landfill but, rather than burying the garbage at the Pender Landfill, garbage would be compacted and loaded into containers and hauled by truck to the Sechelt Landfill to be buried.

In option two we will still continue to receive construction material, yard brush, tires, propane tanks and any other materials currently accepted at the Pender Landfill and will handle them the same way as we are currently handling them now.

It is estimated that in option two, the compacted garbage taken to the Sechelt Landfill will put a truck on the highway once every six days.

Presently, all services related to landfills, recycling and administration of solid waste programs are provided by the regional district under the Regional Solid Waste function.

Landfill operations are paid for by the tipping fees charged at both the Sechelt and Pender Harbour landfill sites.

Because the Pender Harbour
September 2009



Should it stay or should it go?

Landfill is relatively small (it receives about 15 per cent of what the Sechelt Landfill receives by weight) and lacks economy of scale, the tipping fees charged at the Pender Landfill do not cover the cost of operating the site.

To make up for this shortfall, surplus revenues from tipping fees charged at the Sechelt Landfill are used to fund a portion of the Pender Landfill operation — about 45 per cent.

The concern from the other regional area directors is the high cost of expanding the landfill into new areas.

If Pender stops burying its garbage at the current site and changes it into a drop-off point for garbage to be shipped to Sechelt Landfill (i.e. a transfer station), there would be savings that would benefit the whole Coast by keeping tipping fees as low as possible.

More options and the cost of

each option are now being investigated.

Any change in the landfill operation has to be approved by provincial ministries affected.

Once all this information is gathered, it will be presented to the SCRD board and, with the board's approval, all options will be presented to Area A to see what the majority supports.

ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER WATER

Legal notice regarding a \$1 million loan for improvements to the North Pender and South Pender Water Works programs was in the Coast Reporter Aug. 14 and 21 issues.

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Luff starts and corrected times: The 20th Annual Malaspina Regatta



The start of the 20th annual Malaspina Regatta wasn't as dramatic as many of the competitors had hoped.

By Brian Lee

From the mouth of the harbour, the log boom seemed huge.

Stretching south from behind Pearson Island all the way down to Martin Island it looked to threaten the start of the 20th Annual Malaspina Regatta.

I'm an observer aboard the *BC Navigator*, a 44-foot ketch captained by Tom Barker.

"I don't know what we'll do

now — it's blocking the course," says Barker as we motor past some curious seals gathered to watch from the rocks near Williams Island.

As we near the starting line for the 11-nautical-mile race, there are already 10 or so boats drifting between Martin and Pearson Islands.

A light northwest breeze ripples the sails while darker water farther out in Malaspina Strait signals better winds near the first mark on Hospital Reef, about halfway to Texada Island.

The log tow isn't as long as it looked from the harbour but as it passes it seems to take the breeze with it.

"No steerage!" someone from a nearby boat yells as we drift near. A rudder is only effective if a boat is moving and, with no wind, the boats are at the mercy of the tide.

Five minutes from the starting blast and the 16 boats gathered for the race are all dead in the water, drifting helplessly.

As the pike poles come out to ward off encroaching boats, the crews struggle to stay behind the start line while maintaining a favourable position. It's not easy to do and as the blast goes to signal the start, the *BC Navigator* is pointing back towards Lees Bay.

"John, let's drop the main and see if we can get the bow to swing around," Barker yells from the cockpit to his son, who is managing the forward sails.

Most sailboats have at least two basic sails called a main and a jib. The jib is the forward sail and Barker hopes there is just enough wind to pull his bow around.



Things looked bad for the *BC Navigator* at the start as the crew sit helpless while the rest of the field heads toward the first mark... behind them.

While we struggle, five boats seem to find wind and slowly move away from the start.

David Twentyman's *Peregrine* and Klaus Sjogren's *Contender* find the early wind and rapidly move away from the rest of field.

"I can see the winner is going to be the first boat to get out to the wind," says Barker, referring to the darker water farther out.

Whether it's seamanship or tide, the *BC Navigator* eventually gets turned around and as she does, her sails begin to fill.

The Malaspina Regatta divides racers into four divisions of boats according to the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet rating system.

PHRF ratings aim to equalize the field by applying a handicap system to finishing times, i.e. a boat may finish the race first but still be beaten by a boat with a faster corrected time.

It can get pretty complicated.

"You have to get them measured to do it properly," says Barker. "But we don't do it properly."

Even in larger races there's an honour system at play and the Garden Bay Sailing Club's races are about



The crew of the *BC Navigator* effortlessly reeling in their competition.

fun.

The regatta's official rules spell out the protocol for registering a protest — but warn that "protests will be frowned upon."

The third step in registering a protest involves presenting the "race committee with a 40-ounce bottle of liquor; if the vessel loses the protest, the 'protest fee' will be forfeited."

Division AA (ratings below 100) are the fast boats — often light mul-

tihulls with no submerged props to hinder performance.

Division A have ratings 100-164, B 165 to 202 and division C are those boats ratings of 203 and higher.

Cariad Bach is a Farrier F31 trimaran captained by David Pritchard and has a PHRF rating of -15.

It's the only negative handicap in the race and there is no doubt it is the
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PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET (PHRF) RATING SYSTEM

PHRF ratings are boat performance handicaps. Unlike handicaps in golf, PHRF ratings are not intended to be a skipper or crew handicapping system to compensate for poor sailing ability. They are based upon the speed potential of classes of yachts and are supposed to be determined from the actual observed performance of yachts on the race course.

A yacht's handicap is the number of seconds per mile travelled a yacht should be in front of or behind a theoretical yacht with a rating of 0. Most boats have a positive PHRF rating, but some fast boats have a negative PHRF rating. If Boat A has a PHRF rating of 15 and Boat B has a rating of 30 and they compete on a one-mile course, Boat A should finish approximately 15 seconds in front of Boat B.

Results are adjusted for handicap by the race committee after competitors finish. Because boats in the same class often vary, modifications to the rig, the size of the largest foresail or spinnakers, type of keel, the number of blades and style of the propeller are also factored into the PHRF rating to further refine a boat's individual handicap rating.

Malaspina Regatta (cont.)



Cindy Barker and Paul Kappelli start to relax as the *BC Navigator* sails clear of Klaus Sjogren's *Contender*. Sjogren's Peterson 35 was cheekily referred to as the 'Pretender' by the rest of the club.

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fastest boat in the field.

It and the only other double AA entrant, Dave Zuest's light mono-hulled *Avanti*, start a half hour later than the rest of the field.

As the horn blows to signal the start for the double AA boats, the *BC Navigator* is pulling 5.1 knots from 15 knots of wind speed.

Barker knows that won't be enough to beat the *Cariad Bach* and instead sets his sights on the boats in front of him.

There are still six boats ahead of the *BC Navigator* but we're gaining fast. The *BC Navigator* is the longest boat in the race at 44 feet and has large sails.

Barker says it sails upwind well and we are able to set a course directly towards the marker whereas some of the other boats might have to make an extra "tack" to reach the same point.

A sailboat can't sail within 45 degrees of either side into the direction of the wind.

Unlike a power boat which sets its course in the straightest line to its intended destination, a sailboat may typically have to make a series of zig-zag course alterations called "tacks."

A sailor looks to set a course as near his or her destination while still maximizing wind performance.

Often it's a trade-off — sacrificing a little speed in order to sail a little steeper upwind to avoid an extra tack.

I ask Barker why his boat sails particularly well into the wind.

"It's the boat — the cut of the sails, the angles. It's all about fine tuning and I'm an expert at it," he says with a wry smile.

The *Cariad Bach* breezes by us before we reach the first mark but we've managed to pass *Sancerre*, a

Hunter 38 captained by Lionel Cook and *Frendy*, Charlie Park's Islander 36.

Barker and crew time the tack around the inflatable orange marker perfectly and as we brush within feet of it we pass David Twentymann's *Peregrine* which was forced to take a wider turn.

For a second it looks like we might even pull ahead of *Cariad Bach*, which also took a wide turn, but the trimaran soon lifts up on two pontoons and flits away like a frightened fawn.

The next mark is off the old ship loading facility near Roberts Beach on Nelson Island.

We're picking up speed and doing a strong 6.8 knots into a 16 knot headwind as we pass Andy Paulus' *Wings II*.

As we set a course directly for the next marker it's going to have to be a tight line in order to pull it off without an extra tack.

Paul Kappelli is eyeing the sails.

"Tom, are you pinching?" he asks, meaning is the captain trying to sail too close to the wind, thereby reducing our speed.

Tom's daughter-in-law Cindy warned me there might be two too many captains aboard and as they eye the sails a yell comes from the bow.

"Dad, watch out, the *Contender*'s right in front of us," hollers John,



The *Lady Jayne* is likely the most striking boat in the race for her sleek lines and low profile.

clearly concerned about an imminent collision.

Sure enough, Klaus Sjogren's Peterson 35 appears from behind the curtain of the *BC Navigator*'s voluminous sails and crosses our bow directly in front of us.

We're overtaking her quickly and

a collision looks unavoidable.

John is on the bow feverishly gesturing downwind.

"Dad! Turn hard to starboard," he yells.

The command seems to be one part calculated observation and one

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Malaspina Regatta (cont.)

GLOSSARY OF SAILING TERMS

Aft: Toward, near or at the stern.

Clew: The lower aft corner of a fore-and-aft sail.

Genoa jib: A headsail that extends from bow to behind the mast.

Head sail: A sail set forward of the main mast.

Jib: The foremost sail. It is a for-and-aft sail and is triangular in shape.

Ketch: A two-masted, fore-and-aft rigged boat. The forward mast is the main mast — the mizzen mast, stepped aft of the rudder, is always forward of the rudder post.

Luff: To luff up is to turn the boat's bow right into the wind. A sail luffs when it flutters because the boat is headed too close into the wind.

Mizzen: The aftermost mast of various rigs.

No go zone: Area into which a boat can not sail without tacking.

Reef: To reduce the sail area by folding or rolling.

Sheet: The rope attached to the clew of a sail so that it may be trimmed.

Spinnaker: A lightweight, three corner sail set flying from a spinnaker pole and controlled with sheets from each clew.

Tack: To turn the bow of the boat through the wind so that it then blows across the opposite side.

~ *The Handbook of Sailing*, Bob Bond

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part panic, the rising pitch of his voice exposing just a hint of anger at his captain's inaction.

"He has to give way!" Barker yells back at him.

After a moment of indecision, Barker turns the wheel and we slip by, looking down into the *Contender's* cockpit at a bemused Sjogren, only a couple feet separating the two hulls.

"He was up to some monkey business," says Barker afterwards.

"Trying to take our wind."

With that episode behind us Barker turns back toward the two boats in front of us: the *Cariad Bach* and the *Lady Jayne*.

The *Lady Jayne* is a sleek 20' 4" wooden sailboat built and captained by Nick Loenen. It's the smallest boat in the race by far and the only one without a cabin. It's doing remarkably well and all aboard the *BC Navigator* admire it as it passes behind us on a

tack to windward.

Wings II is still off our port stern and holding with us at seven knots as we approach the second mark. Others are still making the turn at the first mark as we make one short tack before moving around the mark and set a course for the finish line.

The *Cariad Bach* is well out in front as we hoist the spinnaker to travel downwind. A spinnaker is a specialty sail used for improving downwind sailing performance and even with it up, our speed drops to 6.4 knots.

Our speed falls even further as the wind speed sinks to an ominous six knots. With the finish line in sight, the wind continues to drop.

With the *BC Navigator's* low handicap, we need to beat some of the other boats by a decent margin. The dropping wind may give us an edge, by stalling the other racers — but we need to finish first.

With little left to do but wait for



John and Cindy Barker stow the *BC Navigator's* spinnaker after crossing the finish line.

the finish line to meet us, John hands out a beer to each of the crew.

As we slowly cross the line where we started two hours and 26 minutes ago, a horn blasts from the committee boat, the *Lasata* to signal our finish.

Though we finished the 11 nautical mile course 48 minutes behind the *Cariad Bach*, the crew is happy with their comeback.

"It's a position the *BC Navigator* has been many times," Barker says, smiling.

The *Lady Jayne* crosses nine minutes later while the rest of the field struggles with dropping wind.

But it's hard to determine how the finishing order might get juggled around after the corrected times are tabulated.

In the end, the *Cariad Bach* managed to put enough distance between herself and the *BC Navigator* to pull off the victory, with a corrected time of 2:10:45.

The corrected finish sees *Avanti* and *Lady Jayne* take second and third which pushes the *BC Navigator* back to fourth place with a corrected time of 2:29:37.

GARDEN BAY SAILING CLUB

Formed in 1992, the Garden Bay Sailing Club has hosted the Malaspina Regatta for the past 17 years.

For the first three years, the regatta was run by the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron.

Barker says power and sail don't always mix well and the club was formed to promote the interests of local sailing enthusiasts.

Tom Barker and Zoro Szabados formed the group and called it the Garden Bay Sailing Club so as not to conflict with the Pender Island Sailing Club.

"We thought the power squadron was dominated by power boats. So we wanted to do our thing," says Barker.

"It happens in all yacht clubs

— there's always conflict between the power boats and the sailing boats because there's certain things they do and there's certain things we do."

A key difference is that sailors like to race.

The Garden Bay Sailing Club holds a race in Pender Harbour every Saturday year round.

They also teach kids to sail and have combined with the Pender Harbour Community School to create a sailing program intended to teach youth about the basics.

The club owns and maintains two sailing dinghies as well as a 12-foot chase boat for instructors to follow the students.

This past summer, 15 students took part in the five-day session.

Instructor Eliza Kinley and club volunteers provided on-shore instruction in boating and water safety combined with sail days where students learn and practice a variety of basic sailing and safety skills.

Corrected Time			RACEDATE 04-Jul-09		START TIME 11:00 A.M		Garden Bay Sailing Club			
20 th Malaspina Annual Regat										
Boat Code	Vessel Name	Division	Rating	TCF	Skipper	Entry Status	Finish Status	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Corrected Time Behind Leader
74362	Cariad Bach	AA	-15	1.2871	Dave Pritchard	E	F	1:41:35	2:10:45	0:00:00
AVANT	Avanti	AA	96	1.0552	Dave Zuest	E	F	2:11:25	2:18:40	0:07:55
Lady J	Lady Jayne	B	192	0.9129	Nick Loenen	E	F	2:35:00	2:21:30	0:10:45
S1330	B.C. Navigator	A	115	1.0236	Tom Barker	E	F	2:26:10	2:29:37	0:18:52
Pere	Peregrine	B	174	0.9369	David Twentyman	E	F	2:42:01	2:31:48	0:21:03
74299	Frendy	B	167	0.9461	Charlie Park	E	F	2:41:18	2:32:37	0:21:52
PRET	Pretender	A	132	0.9969	Claus Sjorgren	E	F	2:44:19	2:43:49	0:33:04
WINGS	Wings II	A	150	0.9701	Andy Paulus	E	F	2:52:20	2:47:11	0:36:26
WIND2	Windalay II	C	234	0.8621	Doug Stewart	E	F	3:43:27	3:12:38	1:01:53
STAR	Starlight	C	264	0.8291	Zoro Szabados	E	F	4:03:16	3:21:41	1:10:56
MING	Mingulay	B	186	0.9207	Tom Casault	E	F	3:44:33	3:26:44	1:15:59
CASS	Cassis	B	174	0.9366	Patrick Munro	E	F	3:54:15	3:39:24	1:28:39
Celtic	Celtic Sun	C	210	0.8904	Nelli Samaras	E	F	4:07:40	3:40:32	1:29:46
ALT	Altair III	A	156	0.9615	Philip Williams	E	F	3:55:47	3:46:43	1:35:58

Table courtesy Garden Bay Sailing Club

The official placings in the Garden Bay Sailing Club's 2009 Malaspina Regatta.



Debbie Cole photo

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Milner says the sky won't fall if landfill closes

Dear Editor,

This letter is about our landfill, but more importantly, it is about community, environment, choices and taxes.

As a community, we are facing a very important choice.

There seems to be a lot of confusion on this issue and unanswered questionnaires so this is my attempt to restate the real questions in simple terms:

1. Do we want to expand the dump, increase leachate into our water systems, relocate the road, provide more upgrades, pay higher taxes to make a bigger site for our household garbage?

2. Or do we want to pay lower taxes, have no adverse impact on the environment and transfer our "household" garbage to Sechelt?

Currently, everything we take to our landfill site (appliances, drywall, metal and construction waste etc.) except household garbage and brush is transferred in big trucks down the road.

Notice a change for the worse in air quality?

Big garbage trucks got you stuck behind them on the highway?

This has been happening for years, without a complaint.

If the entire landfill became a "transfer station," our household garbage would still be taken to the landfill by local residents and put into bins.

Garbage pickup would stay the same. The only difference is that it would be then compacted down to almost nothing and trucked to Sechelt as well. This would be no big new impact on our environment.

At the present time, our house-

hold garbage goes into ever-expanding excavations at the dump, which is located in the watershed for Garden Bay Lake, Sakinaw Lake, Oyster Bay and underground springs.

This is a much bigger concern now — and in the future — for our community's water quality, health and safety.

Adding our household garbage to trucks going to Sechelt will at least stop more household garbage piling up over the years and leaching into our watershed.

If we decide to stop expanding the landfill site to bury our household garbage, nobody at the landfill will be losing their jobs.

The weigh scales and attendants who run it will still be there to weigh us in.

The only change is the contents of bins No. 1 and No. 2 will also be compacted, emptied onto the trucks already running and taken to Sechelt.

Contrary to public rumour, the size of our dump does not qualify for any funding to capture the meth-

ane gases for energy sourcing, as the Sechelt Landfill would.

And the transferring of household garbage (according to the SCRD reports) is a big savings on our individual taxes.

So having our household garbage trucked to Sechelt would have a lesser impact on our environment, produce less leachate to our watersheds, reduce our taxes and still allow us to take our garbage to the fully staffed landfill.

If we are truly concerned about the air and water of our community and the planet, we could start by recycling/reducing/reusing at least 25 per cent more of our waste before it leaves our homes.

Today our global environment is at stake.

We all really need to take a well informed look at this issue and make the right choice.

For "all the right reasons," we can let go of our garbage.

Wendie Milner
Garden Bay

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Don't cheat yourself

By Jim Rutherford &
Nolan Sawatzky

Why not have colour year-round?
Fall — let's not even use the
word as we're not ready to give up on
summer.

WINGED EUONYMUS

Winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatas*) — an odd name isn't it — truly is a firecracker.

We've mentioned it before and a good example to look for is right in the entry to Pender Harbour Diesel in Kleindale.

The winged part is the habit of the branch formation.

It isn't much to look at in summer but in fall it really blazes with red

leaves. Plant in any soil, sun to part shade.

COTONEASTER (CORNUBIA)

Cotoneaster or cornubia is part of a large family from low creeping to six to seven metres.

Cotoneaster 'pink champagne' has yellow berries becoming pinkish.

These cotoneasters flower in July, fruiting in November.

Evergreen or semi-evergreen can be seen in the rock faces and crags on the way down the hill to the Horseshoe Bay ferry.

Sometimes you have lots of time to study how shrubs' graceful branches, covered in red berries, cascade from the rocks.

But you'll need lots of room for these.

HAMAMELIS (WITCH HAZEL)

In the tree/big shrub category, try hamamelis or witch hazel as a foundation plant at the back of a perennial border or a feature plant in mid-range.

Witch hazel is valued for bright fall foliage and clusters of interesting

yellow to red blooms that typically appear in winter.

Most witch hazel are fragrant and bloom over a long period of time.

They appreciate rich organic soil.

Prune only to guide growth and remove poorly placed branches and suckers.

GINGKO BILOBA (MAIDENHAIR TREE)

We all likely had to study this ancient survivor from prehistoric times in botany class.

Now stand back as varieties can grow to 70 to 80 feet though most mature at 35 to 50 feet.

The fall feature occurs when leathery (bilobate or split in sections) light-green leaves of spring and summer suddenly turn gold.

Often used in urban settings, they're very tolerant of heat and acid or alkaline conditions but flourish in deep, loose, well-drained soil.

STEWARTIA (S. OVATA, MOUNTAIN STEWARTIA)

Give this one a try, you won't be disappointed.

It grows 10 to 15 feet tall and wide and turns orange to scarlet in fall.

But that's not all, folks. In spring it shows off fresh green leaves with white flowers resembling single camellias in summer.

Even the bare branches are interesting, as the smooth bark flakes off in varying degrees, depending on the species.



Winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatas*)

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PHOTINIA

It's a snap to grow, but can suffer considerable damage if temperatures remain below -12C for prolonged periods. You know what we mean about last winter.

Not to worry, photinia takes pruning very easily and recovers quickly.

Top pinch the plants to encourage colourful new growth.

All bear small white flowers in early spring, followed in fall by red or black berries that may last into the winter.

Don't allow new growth to get away from you and make long bare switches.

Many photinias can be converted to small trees by limbing up or they can be trained as trees from the very beginning.

For best growth, give the plants plenty of room and soil that's not too rich.

PIERIS

Pieris is a broadleaf evergreen.

Elegant in foliage and form all year, these plants make good companions for rhododendrons and azaleas, to which they are related.

Most plants form flower buds in autumn that resemble strings of tiny beads in greenish pink, red or white

and give you a subtle decorative feature in winter.

Flowers open from mid-winter to mid-spring.

New spring growth is often brightly coloured (pink to red to bronze). Remember: acid soil (add peat moss) and keep it well-drained but moisture retentive.

At a glance, that's some colour for your garden — year round.

Don't be afraid to buy these plants and shrubs now when you can see some of the foliage you're getting.

And don't forget to water well until nature takes over.

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Over 400 riders passed through local mountain bike trails this past July in the seven-stage BC Bike Race. This trail, AC/DC, was finished the night before the race as builders completed a 60-foot bridge spanning Anderson Creek above the Hydro line that connected the two ends of the trail.



The 2009 Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival opened with 'Chamber Music Doesn't Bite,' a concert featuring three short performances by six different musicians. Here Alexander Tselyakov (piano), Roger Cole (oboe) and George Zukerman (bassoon) make history in the first official performance featuring the Pender Harbour School of Music's new grand piano.



Hilmark Boats came from Campbell River to show off their handcrafted wooden row boats.



Keray Farrell's *Grey Owl I* sits next to Dave Symons' People's Choice Award winner *Gargoyle*.



The Judges Choice Award winner was Jim Dwinnell's *Cymru*.

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GARGOYLE Dave Symons

Take a tip from a tourist – there's wonder at your doorstep

*By Cheyenne
Lightbourn*



Every year, the summer months of June, July, and August transform the Sunshine Coast from a peaceful collection of local-oriented towns into a bustling travel destination.

Tourists and travellers flock from all over to experience the beauty our quiet little region offers and any local will tell you that the winter and summer are like the Jekyll and Hyde of the Sunshine Coast.

Visitors are often baffled by the beauty that is kept so pristine and special here.

The mostly untouched forests, the beaches, the ocean, and the abundant wildlife are foreign to so many of our visitors and are regarded as unique and valuable features that seem to be getting harder and harder to find.

For the second summer in a row, I worked at Egmont Marina Resort in Egmont, the “least developed” end of the Sunshine Coast.

Working at a resort, I come face to face with excited travellers swelling with compliments about the natural beauty of my home.

I've grown up on the Sunshine Coast and am accustomed to the en-

thusiasm most show when visiting.

I have also grown up surrounded by the natural beauty that they come to see.

I have grown used to being around the trees and the ocean, and birds and plants and a whole slew of other animals that call the Sunshine Coast home.

I have grown so used to it that, in the past few years, I have almost forgotten just how lucky I am to live in a place like the Sunshine Coast.

I almost forgot about the thrills that hide among the trees and in the lakes and ocean.

It dawned on me when I was going about my business at work, a customer commented on how lucky I am to work, let alone live, in such an amazing place.

Though I hear it all the time, I stopped for once and thought about the comment.

I looked back at the customer, smiled and agreed wholeheartedly.

After the conversation ended something stayed with me that day and even now.

It seemed I'd begun to take the place I live for granted.

The beautiful, natural and safe place that I had grown up loving, but somehow forgot about along the way.

My love for the Sunshine Coast was renewed that day and ever since

I have been making an effort to re-discover the defining qualities of my home.

The destinations that tourists come to see are what I've been trying to target along my journey of rediscovery — the Skookumchuck, the colourful local businesses and restaurants, the trails and beaches.

And, though these destinations feel like my back yard at times, I feel I'm seeing the Coast through new eyes.

I'm attempting to see the Coast through the eyes of a visitor — and succeeding.

I've discovered that the Sunshine Coast has a lot to offer or a lot more than I would have thought.

A tourist taught me something about my home that I hadn't learned from my 16 years of living here.

Because of that tiny little reminder from a stranger, every day I find renewed delight by what's in front of me.

If you find yourself wondering why people come here, go out and see what they see and rediscover the wonders of your neighbourhood.

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My dignity is forever injured but no harm to me other than that — thanks to you all.

Naomi Jackson

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Louise McKay** and **Louise Todhunter** for their unflagging support for the Area A Seniors Housing Project's campaign to raise funds to build an Abbeyfield House in Pender Harbour.

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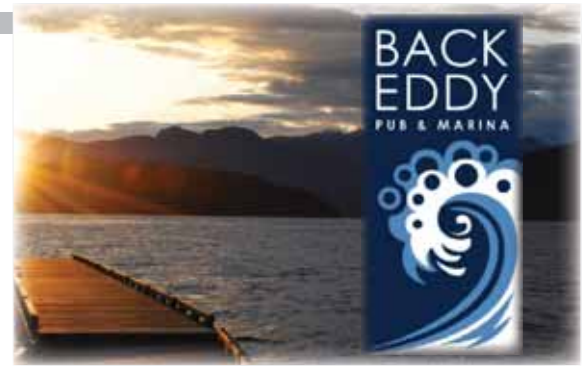
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Pee-mail and poo-pourri



By John Wade

**Hi John,
My three-year-old cat Molly is peeing and more recently pooping all over the house.**

Last July, I started to see puddles of pee at our back door.

I eventually collected a pee sample from the floor and had it tested but the vet found nothing wrong.

We were seeing pee at the back door and also the window ledges in our bedroom, the top of my dresser, the kitchen table.

Molly was always trying to get outside any chance she could.

Things seemed to get better for a while before my Mom came to visit and brought her cat. We kept the cats separated at all times but before my Mom's visit was over I was seeing pee at the back door again, every day.

**Thanks very much,
Andrea**

Dear Andrea,

I'd say you've got a cat that is especially territorial by nature and became aware of another cat on or near the premises and started to leave pee-mails to let everyone know of the

intruder's audacity.

To some cats, uninvited guests are about as welcome as Michael Richards at the next Million Man March.

Cats that give up on the litter box generally do so for three reasons; illness, dirty litter box (cleaning won't do, they have to be replaced) and territorial infringement.

Note that Molly's soiling patterns are vantage or access points to the outside. Her trying to get outside is another clue. She wanted to go kick some kitty keister.

Finally, to add insult to injury, rather than stand loyally behind the supreme ruler of the household (her), you started cheating on her with another cat right in the catrimonial home. No big surprise here. Number one in the Cat's Rules for Living with Humans is, "If by your rules they do not play, make them pay, make them pay, make them pay."

For a territorial cat being merely physically separated from a cat in the same house isn't really separation.

It's like separating a man from his television remote, putting him in front of a television locked on to the soap opera channel he can't turn off.

He's not going to be thinking, "Oh, well... at least I can't see it."

He may not start peeing and pooping all over the place but he'll raise a stink somehow.

I'm not sure why she would be pooping now too.

It's not usual but maybe she's thinking you're not getting the message she's sending through her pee-mail and thinks that maybe you'll pay more attention if she leaves some

poo-pourri as well.

Either way you'll have to find a way to discourage other cats from coming onto your property and/or try denying visual access.

If worse comes to worst, you can set a live trap and, if it's not a feral cat, stick a collar on it with a note for its owner informing them of the dismal life expectancy of cats allowed to roam neighbourhoods with a warning that next time they can bail the cat out at the shelter.

— John

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So there you are: the bags are all packed, pets are at the kennel, the oven is safely turned off.

And you think, I wonder if there is anything special I need to do before flying to (insert your destination here)?

Yup! There is.

Well before heading off to most parts of the world, you will want to visit your local travel clinic to find out what health issues should be on your radar, what vaccines you should be getting and other precautions you should consider.

In fact, some destinations won't even let you in unless you have certification of immunization. (But even if they did, would you really want to take a chance with yellow fever, malaria, hepatitis or Japanese encephalitis?)

If you are planning to travel internationally, start out with a visit to the travel clinic in your community.

For residents of Pender Harbour and district this means the Sechelt or Gibson's Health Unit.

Not only should you be aware of special vaccinations needed for travel, but your routine immunizations should also be up to date.

In Canada that includes diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

The travel clinic will know which vaccines are recommended and which are mandatory for your particular destination.

They will also give you the time frame for receiving a full course beginning weeks in advance of travel.

In other words, start your travel planning early with a visit six to eight



Before travelling here, make a visit to your local travel clinic.

weeks or more prior to travel.

Vaccinations are not the only medications that may be needed.

If you are travelling to an area where malaria occurs, you will need to obtain a supply of anti-malarial medication.

With the vaccinations and other pre-travel medications out of the way, what else should you know about travelling abroad?

Again, the travel clinic can help with information on health and hygiene, avoiding traveller's diarrhea — not an unrelated topic — and even provide supplies you might need such as mosquito nets, water purifiers, repellents and more.

Staying healthy during travel is usually a matter of common sense with a bit of extra attention given to insect, food, water and security precautions.

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Travel clients should contact either the Sechelt or Gibsons health unit at least six to eight weeks in advance of departure to book their 30-minute consultation and immunization appointment.

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VIRGO: AUG. 24 – SEPT. 23

Virgos value knowledge highly. They make good teachers and advisers while avoiding positions of high power. Often shy, Virgos hide their sensitivity under a self-controlled surface, often masking deep pain and sexual deviance.

LIBRA: SEPT. 24 – OCT. 23

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Chlorophyll has a vital function: that of capturing solar rays and utilizing the resulting energy in the manufacture of the plant's food—simple sugars which are produced from water and carbon dioxide. These sugars are the basis of the plant's nourishment—the sole source of the carbohydrates needed for growth and development. In the food-manufacturing process, chlorophyll itself breaks down and thus is being continually "used up." During the growing season, however, the plant replenishes the chlorophyll so that the supply remains high and the leaves stay green.

In late summer, the veins that carry fluids into and out of the leaf are gradually closed off as a layer of special cork cells forms at the base of each leaf. As this cork layer develops, water and mineral intake into the leaf is reduced, slowly at first, and then more rapidly. It is during this time that the chlorophyll begins to decrease.

Often the veins will still be green after the tissues between them have almost completely changed colour

~ wikipedia.org

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily September high temperature is 17.6° C and our average daily low temperature this month is 12.1° C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 14.8° C.

September averages 1.8 days with temperatures above 18.1° C.

The highest September temperature recorded is 26.6° C (Sept. 3, 1988); the lowest September temperature recorded is 3.9° C (Sept. 27, 1972).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

September averages 10 days with rainfall and a total of 63.1 mm for the month.

September has an average of 212.4 hours of bright sunshine, and the highest daily rainfall recorded is 69.4 mm (Sept. 1, 1983).

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~ September ~

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Sept. 2	9:46 am -L, 5:19 +XL
Sept. 3	10:38 am -L, 5:42 pm +XL
Sept. 4	11:14 am -L, 5:56 pm +L
Sept. 5	11:43 am -L, 6:06 pm +L
Sept. 6	12:29 pm -L, 6:17 pm +L
Sept. 7	1:21 pm -M, 6:35 pm +L
Sept. 8	2:04 pm -M, 7:01 pm +L
Sept. 9	3:09 pm -M, 7:29 pm +L
Sept. 10	10:01 am +L, 4:08 pm -S
Sept. 11	11:12 am +L, 5:12 pm -S
Sept. 12	11:44 am +L, 6:21 pm -S
Sept. 13	1:53 pm +XL, 7:41 pm -S
Sept. 14	2:42 pm +XL, 7:52 pm -M
Sept. 15	8:09 am -XL, 3:34 pm +XL
Sept. 16	9:14 am -XL, 4:16 pm +XL
Sept. 17	10:16 am -XL, 4:56 pm +XL
Sept. 18	11:04 am -XL, 5:17 pm +XL
Sept. 19	11:55 am -L, 5:37 pm +XL
Sept. 20	12:45 pm -L, 6:00 pm +L
Sept. 21	1:44 pm -L, 6:29 pm +L
Sept. 22	2:29 pm -L, 7:02 pm +L
Sept. 23	3:16 pm -M, 7:39 pm +M
Sept. 24	10:11 am +XL, 4:08 pm -M
Sept. 25	11:13 am +XL, 5:17 pm -M
Sept. 26	12:30 pm +L, 6:36 pm -M
Sept. 27	1:19 pm +L, 7:55 pm -M
Sept. 28	2:16 pm +L, 8:51 pm -M
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~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

PENDER HARBOUR & DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society will reconvene for its first meeting of the fall season on Sept. 15 at 7.30 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School. There will be no speaker for this meeting and instead there will be a report on the Federation of B.C. Naturalists annual fall meeting that was recently hosted by the PHD-WS here at the Iris Griffith Centre. Anyone interested in hearing about this annual meeting is welcome to attend. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

1ST ANNUAL SUNSHINE COAST MUSHROOM FEST

Celebrate the rainforest's bounty at the first annual Sunshine Coast Mushroom Fest, October 16-18, 2009, featuring David Arora, acclaimed author and mushroom expert, who will speak Saturday evening at the Pender Harbour Community Centre and lead a foray on Sunday. Saturday afternoon's free event includes mushroom displays, slide presentation, dyeing and cooking demonstrations, and produce vendors. Look for mushroom specials at our local restaurants. Costs and registration: Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre, 604-883-9201.

SERENDIPITY PRE-SCHOOL

Serendipity preschool has space in our Tuesday and Thursday classes. People can call and leave a message at (604)883-2316.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Come and enjoy our Start-Lunch Tuesday Sept. 29. This will be our first gathering for the 2009/2010 year and it will take place at the School of Music in Madeira Park, doors open at 9:30 a.m., the gathering starts at 10:00 a.m. Members, non-members and drop-ins are always welcome.

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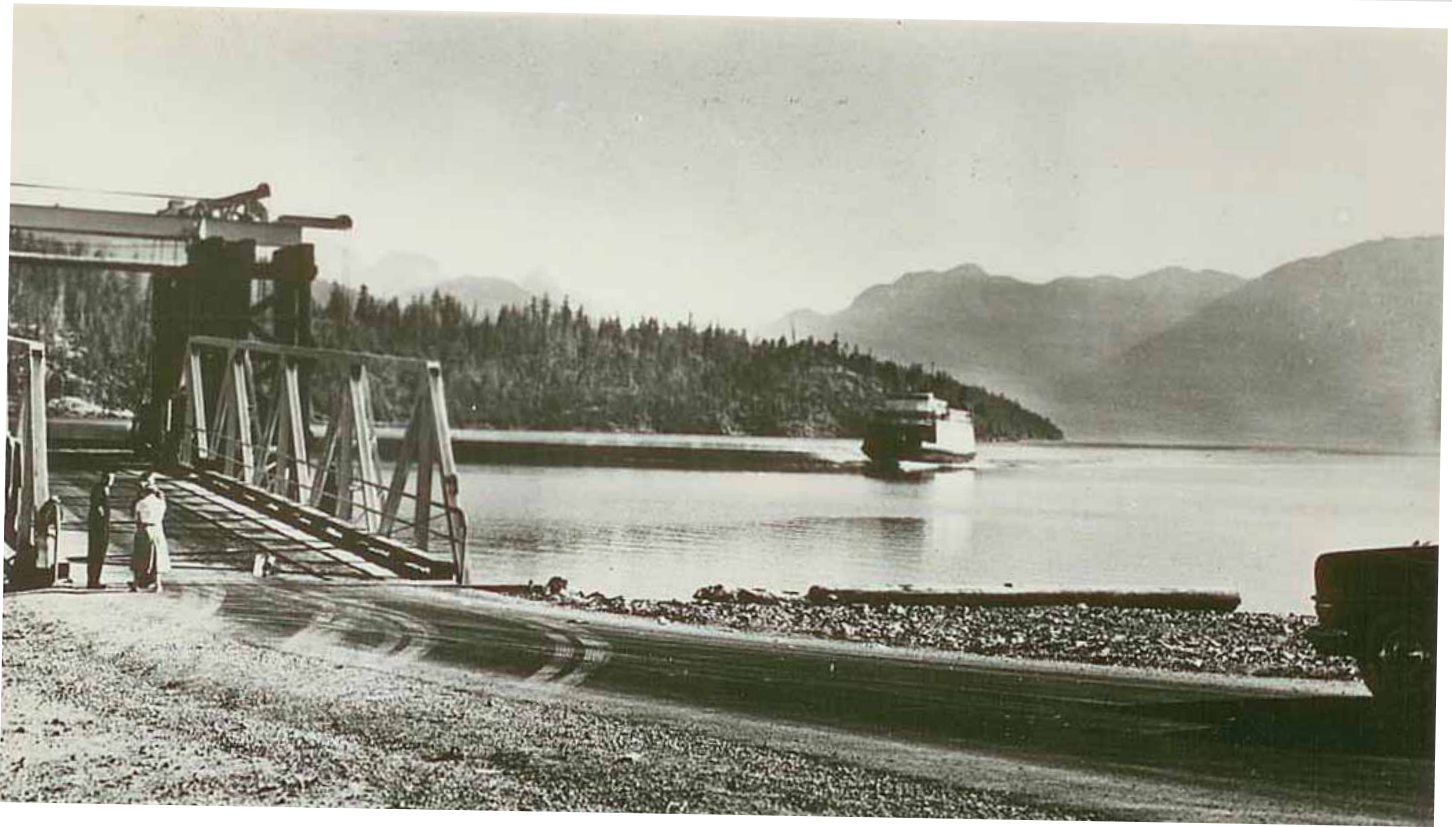
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The *MV Quillayute* coming into the recently built ferry terminal at Earls Cove in the mid-1950s.

Earls Cove is named after an early pioneer in the area and was linked to Saltery Bay on August 21, 1954 by Black Ball Ferry Ltd. (Canada). According to the Sunshine Coast Museum, the *MV Quillayute* was an all-wood vessel, built in 1927 by the Winslow Marine Railway and Shipbuilding Co. for Sound Ferry Line of Seattle, one year before the company was absorbed by the Puget Sound Navigation Company. In 1951 Black Ball Ferry's Alexander Marshall Peabody had the ferry reconditioned and sent to BC to be part of his new ferry service. It was the first ferry to serve the Horseshoe Bay-Gibsons run and it later worked the Earls Cove-Saltery Bay route.



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Team Green prepares for another run at the world cup

The Harbour Spiel caught up with Team Green last month training on a local hill.

Scott Smith, Sandy Charlton, Rylan English and Bricin Lyons grew up racing the scenic Garden Bay Road hill.

The four are eyeing a number of high profile international races in the coming months in the U.S. and Brazil.

Smith is the defending world champion in the sport and currently sits second in the 2009 rankings.

So far this year he's finished first, third, fifth and 14th in races from Vernon to France.

He took second place in Eastbourne, England on Aug. 23 but remains in second place overall as he was beaten by points leader and fellow Canadian, Mischo Erban.

Neal Smith, Scott's dad, says he's poised to pass Erban in coming races.

"Scott's strength is on tough and twisty courses and he has a number of races like that coming up."

Circumstances — and some new sponsors — have made it possible for Smith to attend most of the races but it's not so for some teammates.

If you'd like to help sponsor a Team Green member or the whole team contact Bricin Lyons at (604) 685-2373.



Above: Team Green. l-r: Scoot, Sandman, Raggie and Striker. (Missing: Mike Roosen.)

Below: It's about the tuck... and drafting. Team Green bombing Garden Bay Road.



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Pender Harbour's first map: 1860



By Gary Little

Captain George Henry Richards of the Royal Navy arrived in the colony of Van-

couver Island on Nov. 9, 1857 aboard *H.M.S. Plumper*.

He was the Second British Commissioner for the San Juan Islands Boundary Commission.

His mission was to conduct surveys to help resolve the boundary dispute with the United States relating to the path of the international border through the Gulf and San Juan islands between the mainland and Juan de Fuca Strait.

Richards and his crew were also asked to survey the lower mainland coast of the colony of British Columbia which had been formed in 1858,

a few months after the arrival of the *Plumper*.

In the summer of 1860, they surveyed the Sunshine Coast and Howe Sound in considerable detail, the first formal reconnaissance of the area since George Vancouver's famous survey of 1792.

Richards prepared several hand-drawn charts of the Sunshine Coast for the Admiralty.

One of the large-scale charts he prepared is shown here: a view of Pender Harbour.

This is the first known chart to show Pender Harbour in detail — George Vancouver passed the entrance on June 17, 1792 while on his way to the northern extremity of Jervis Inlet.

Richards was responsible for naming several landmarks on the Sunshine Coast.

On this chart, for example, the names Pender Harbour, Garden Bay, Pearson I., Martin I., Charles I., Williams I., Mary I., Skardon Is., Francis Pt., Henry Pt., Gerrans Bay, Cecil Hill, and Harbour Peak appear for the first time.

Two other names on the chart were changed later: Norman Pt. is now Daniel Pt. and Mt. Arthur is now Mt. Daniel.

Pender Harbour (as well as Daniel Pt. and Mt. Daniel) are named

for the master of the *Plumper*, Daniel Pender, who likely directed most of the field work for the survey.

The survey of the Sunshine Coast was the one of the last performed aboard *H.M.S. Plumper*.

She was decommissioned in late 1860 and relieved by *H.M.S. Hecate*.

Richards continued his surveys of British Columbia waters until December 1862 when he sailed home to England on *H.M.S. Hecate*.

He later served as Hydrographer of the Navy from 1864 until his retirement in 1874.

He passed away in Bath, England on Nov. 14, 1896 at the age of 76.

A high-quality modern reproduction of the 1860 chart of Pender Harbour is on display in the reception area of the Royal LePage Sunshine Coast office at 5485 Wharf Road in Sechelt.

Gary Little is a realtor with Royal LePage Sunshine Coast and is well known for his interactive maps of the area — real estate for sale, waterfalls, and exploration. Find out more about him at www.GaryLittle.ca. This article is adapted from his "Historic Maps of Pender Harbour" presentation which he gave at this year's Wooden Boat Festival in Madeira Park.

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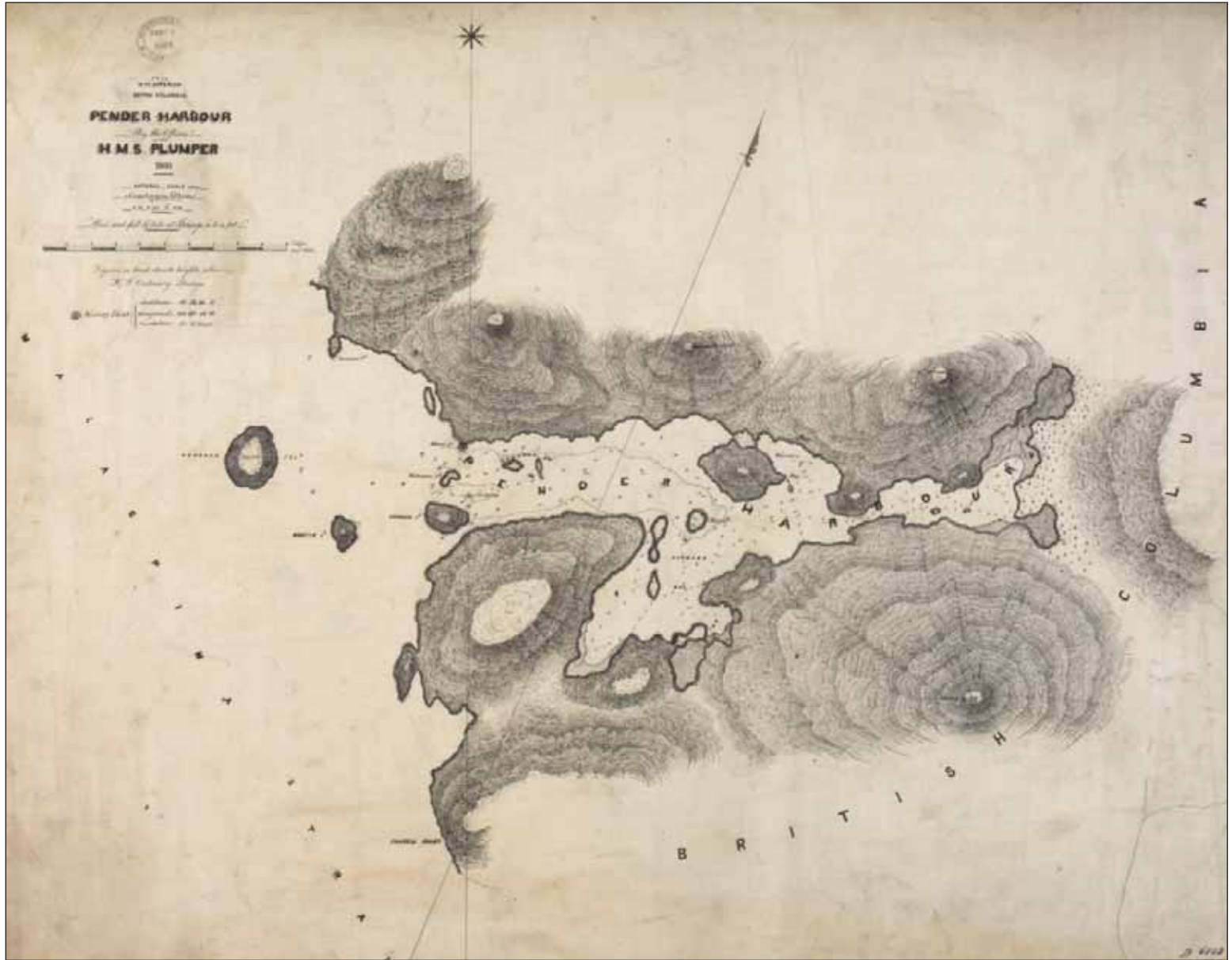
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This is the first known chart to show Pender Harbour in detail. Though George Vancouver passed the entrance on June 17, 1792 while on his way to the northern extremity of Jervis Inlet, it wasn't until 1860 that Captain George Henry Richards surveyed the area aboard *HMS Plumper* for the Royal Navy.

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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESSES FOR NORTH & SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER

Alternative Approval Processes for *North Pender Harbour Water Initiatives Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 617, 2009* and *South Pender Harbour Water Initiatives Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 619, 2009* are currently in progress.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) awarded the SCRD a \$1.0 million grant toward the implementation of projects identified in the Area A Water Master Plan. The grant is contingent on the SCRD borrowing an equal amount to the grant and so requires the SCRD to approve a \$1.0 million loan. **Without the subject borrowing, approval of the grant will be withdrawn by FCM.** In order to proceed, two separate elector approval processes must be undertaken as the grant and the loan will be split between the North Pender Harbour and South Pender Harbour Water Service areas based roughly on the population in each area.

North Pender - Bylaw No. 617 proposes to borrow, by way of debenture, \$407,100 with the debt to be repaid within a twenty year period from the date of issue of the debenture. The costs and repayment of the debt will be recovered through a parcel tax in the North Pender Harbour Water Service Area. The parcel tax would amount to approximately \$52 per parcel on an annual basis until the debt is retired.

South Pender - Bylaw No. 619 proposes to borrow, by way of debenture, \$610,700 with the debt to be repaid within a twenty year period from the date of issue of the debenture. The costs and repayment of the debt will be recovered through a parcel tax in the South Pender Harbour Water Service Area. The parcel tax would amount to approximately \$57 per parcel on an annual basis until the debt is retired.

Elector Response Forms

Eligible electors who are opposed to the adoption of the bylaws may complete an Elector Response Form. Forms are available at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt; the Pender Harbour Satellite Office (former South Pender Harbour Water Office) located at 12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park, BC during their regular hours and on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. ON Wednesday, September 23, 2009.** Elector response forms must be in the possession of the Corporate Officer by this time as postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as date of submission. **PETITIONS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX.**

More Information:

More information on the AAP may be obtained by contacting Angie Legault, Manager of Legislative Services at 604-885-6825 or Selina Statnyk, Deputy Corporate Officer at 604-885-6813. Information on the water improvement projects may be obtained from the Infrastructure Services Department at 604-885-6806.

NOTE: Official Notices were published in the August 14th and 21st editions of the *Coast Reporter*.

Campbell on winning streak



By Jan Watson

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The men played their 54 hole event Aug. 7, 8 and 9 and the 2009 champion is Lorne Campbell with a gross score of 227.

The runner-up was Don Matheson with 235. The low net winner was Brian Disney with 210.

The ladies played their event (also 54 holes) on Aug. 6, 12 and 13 and have a new champion this year.

Mary Carlsen shot a gross score of 288 and runner-up was Reni Ducich with 292.

The low net trophy went to another first-time winner, Connie McGill with 209.

The ladies deserve a lot of credit with double the participation of the men and they all braved horrendous conditions with torrential rain to finish the final round.

MEN'S CLUB

Unfortunately my last month's news was lost in Brian's computer meltdown so I would like to mention a couple of items from June.

One of the dreams of any golfer is to shoot their age or better.

Well, on June 30 Eldy Gandy did just that.

He shot a 76 which gave him 2nd place in the individual stroke play event. The winner with 74 was Lorne Campbell.

Aug. 4 was stroke play, 1st low gross was Lorne Campbell with 74 and 2nd was Rusty Ellis with 76.

The next stroke play was Aug. 11 which saw Campbell and Ellis tied for low gross with 78.

Low net was also a tie between Wayne Babcock and John Cameron with 67.

Kp on No. 3 was Andrew Barker and on No. 6, John Forward.

LADIES CLUB

The Aug. 6 match was for low putts and the winner was Jan Watson with 29.

Second was Mary Carlsen with 30.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT & SCRAMBLE

On Aug. 7 there was a record turnout with 37 ladies playing, including visitors from England, Washington, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton and Saskatoon.

The winners with 34 were Lorna Lyan,

Mary Ball, Marianne Bekei & Mary Hawkes (the ringer from England).

Second, after a tiebreaker, were Heather Cranston, Elaine Park & Moni Langham with 36.

As always it was a fun night and

hopefully the girls from the health centre will be back (even if Kathy is away) for the next one on Sept. 4.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES

This event had not been rained out for several years until July 6 and Aug. 10 when Mother Nature crossed us up.

Aug. 3 saw the BC Day Scramble and the winners were Blake Priebe, Gerry Reiter and Kathy Needham with 32.

Second were the Reed family, Bob, Diane, Duncan and Spencer, with 33.

Kps on No. 3 were Connie McGill and Bob Brooks and on No. 6, Pat Hallborg and Blake Priebe.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

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The best view on the Sunshine Coast: Mt. Hallowell lookout tower

Mt. Hallowell is the second highest peak in the Caren Range at 1,250 metres.

The peak sits within the 3,000-hectare (7,400-acre) Spipyus Provincial Park and offers unparalleled views of the Strait of Georgia and Vancouver Island, Jervis Inlet and the peaks of the Tantalus Range in the east.

Because of its 360-degree vantage point, the peak is the site of a former BC Forest Service lookout tower which is still intact.

It's possible to hike from the washout on the mine road near the Malaspina Substation (13 kilometre roundtrip).

The former supply trail can also be accessed by driving up Trout Lake Road from Halfmoon Bay.

Continue on Trout Lake Road for about 12 kilometres and at the junction stay left.

At 18 to 19 kilometres look for some flagging and a small, non-descript pullout on your left in a grove of mature trees. (Many sources report that a red cable spool marks the trail-head but it is now invisible.) If you emerge from the trees into a clearcut, you've passed it by 300 metres.

A two-kilometre hike passes through forests and wild blueberry scrub before meeting a steep climb to the top.

The road is in decent condition but a 4x4 is recommended.

Vehicle access to the Caren Range is only possible from July to October due to snow accumulation.

Recent clearing of brush (2008) along the last section of the road has allowed passage without destroying your vehicle's paint job but you still might want to leave your Escalade at home.



The view looking southwest over Pender Harbour from Mt. Hallowell.



The former forestry lookout is still intact and dry enough to spend the night. Please respect what may be the last fire lookout on the BC Coast.

Cookin' with Coleman

By Shane McCune

Like many a kid in the 1960s, Pat Coleman got hooked on music playing in a high school rock band.

But he fell under the spell of jazz guitarists — “Lenny Breau, Joe Pass, Wes Montgomery, mostly,” he told the Harbour Spiel — and has been making his living with his mellow sound since 1970.

British by birth, Coleman has been an indispensable leader and sideman in the B.C. jazz scene for so long it would be easier to list the artists he hasn't worked with.

Coleman brings his trio (Bob Murphy on organ, Darren Radke on bass) to Pender Harbour on Sept. 20 but he also tours with a quintet that features Juno-winning bassist Ken Lister (also appearing at this year's Jazz Fest), Mike Allen on tenor sax, Nanaimo-based Monik Nordine on alto and Buff Allen (another Juno recipient) on drums.

Terms such as “postbop” and “modal” frequently crop up in descriptions of Coleman's style, but don't let that intimidate you.

Like the masters who inspired him, he's a lover of melody; he can improvise with the best, but it's never beep-and-squawk pyrotechnics.

When he spoke to the Spiel recently, Coleman was mixing a live recording of the quintet and with any luck he might get it finished in time to bring a few copies of the CD to Madeira.

“I might try to get, say, 50 one-offs to take with me,” he said.

“It's live and it sounds really great, and everybody's pretty excited about it.”

Coleman teaches jazz part-time at Vancouver Island University (for-

merly Malaspina College), as have Lister, Nordine and Buff Allen.

“I like my job,” he said.

“It's good 'cause they give me professional development time off so I can go and do whatever — as well as have a steady job.”

Between teaching in Nanaimo and frequent studio gigs, Coleman

needn't stray far from home, but he still loves touring. And the PH Jazz Fest is one of his favourite stops.

“It's one of the most beautiful harbours I've ever been in in my life.”

The Pat Coleman Trio plays at two venues on Sept. 20 — the Madeira Park government wharf and the Painted Boat.

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Real estate market update



By Alan Stewart

With all the talk of a “booming” real estate market returning to the Lower Mainland, Pender Harbour home sellers are scratching their heads and wondering where all the buyers are.

There are a number of factors affecting the market in Pender Harbour, which has seen a much slower recovery than other areas of the Coast.

While there have been 58 per cent as many detached home sales in Sechelt this year compared to 2007 and 82 per cent as many as 2008, Pender Harbour sales have declined to only 32 per cent of what they were in 2007 and 68 per cent of 2008.

Pender Harbour real estate has been attractive to two particular buy-

ANNUAL HOME SALES BY SUNSHINE COAST AREA

Detached home sales	Gibsons	Roberts Creek	Sechelt	Halfmoon Bay	Pender Harbour/Egmont
2007	169	36	209	40	62
2008	108	29	149	39	29
2009	94	25	123	32	20

Dropping sales numbers could mean good opportunities for buyers.

ing groups since it broke away from its reliance on fishing and logging to support most of the local economy.

Because of its relatively easy access to Vancouver, security, the abundance of waterfront and view properties available at prices that are dramatically lower than those in Vancouver, and amenities often not found in a small town (pool, clinic, music school, restaurants, schools and shopping) both retirees and recreational buyers have driven demand and influenced prices.

The global economic recession has had a dramatic impact on both of these buying groups.

Many people's plans for retirement have been significantly set back as their stock portfolios have declined in value.

Recreational buyers appear to be sitting tight on their money, wanting

to be sure that the worst is over before releasing any “rainy day” money that they may have available for down payments or outright purchases.

Add to that the tightening of the credit market, particularly for second properties, and it suggests a relatively slow recovery.

So what is selling in Pender Harbour this summer?

Since June 1, 2009 there have been four home sales noted by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver:

1. A one-bedroom cottage on a 1+ acre view lot on Francis Peninsula Rd. offered at \$245,000;
2. A two-bedroom, 1,000 sq. ft. home on 1+ acre on Beaver Island offered at \$309,000;
3. A 1,000 sq. ft. new view home on a half acre lot in Daniel Point offered at \$429,000;
4. A half-acre lakefront cottage on Sakinaw Lake which was offered for sale at \$499,000.

The three homes sold on average for 97 per cent of their asking price.

So, to sell, properties have to be priced sharp or reduced to meet the buyer's expectations.

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If you have nothing to hide, why object to a search?



By Shane McCune

The thousands who watched Vancouver's annual Celebration of Light this year were being watched themselves. Scores of wireless cameras peppered the West End, monitored by police from a central location.

Do a few days of fireworks attract enough mayhem to justify such an outlay? Of course not. This was a test run for, you guessed it, the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The Vancouver Police Department set up its electronic eyes and control bunker with \$430,000 from Big Brother in Victoria and an undisclosed sum (the city asked for \$2.1 million) from the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit.

Civic officials insist the closed circuit TV system will be dismantled after the Games, but skeptics note that the control centre is a permanent structure, and the provincial government has pledged \$1 million for non-Olympics-related cameras in Vancouver, Surrey and Kelowna.

Britain has gone gaga for CCTV, with an estimated 4.2 million cameras, or about one for every 14 Britons. Yet a 2008 report by U.K. police chiefs indicated CCTV solved only three per cent of crimes.

Micheal Vonn of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association says Canadian police no longer tout the cameras as a general deterrent.

"So what they say is it will help us catch the bad guys after the fact, at least," she said. "But . . . when you actually look at the collated data it doesn't change the clearance rate of crime to date."

Still, what harm do they do? The BCCLA noted that while there is nothing illegal about visiting a psychiatrist, debt counsellor or weight loss clinic, not everyone would want to be seen doing so.

But mostly, people just don't like to be filmed. A Toronto academic demonstrated this by pointing his own camera at merchants who filmed their customers. He found that "the same people who claimed that only criminals were afraid of cameras had an instantly paranoid (and sometimes violent) reaction" when the tables were turned.

The civil libertarians also reject the "why would you object" defence of search and seizure by police, and they won a major victory this summer.

In July the Supreme Court of Canada, in a 6-1 decision, threw out the trafficking conviction and five-year

sentence of Bradley Harrison, who was nabbed when Ontario Provincial Police officer Brian Bertoncello searched his rented van and found 35 kilograms of cocaine worth between \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million.

Trouble was, the officer had no good reason to pull over the van, much less search it. Initially he turned on his flashers because the van had no front licence plate, but then he saw an Alberta plate on the back — and Alberta doesn't require a front plate.

He told the court he followed through because other motorists saw him turn on his flashers and waving the driver on would somehow damage his "integrity." Also, he was suspicious because the van was travelling at exactly the speed limit, he knew drug couriers often used rental cars, and so on.

The trial judge called Bertoncello's testimony "contrived" and the search a "brazen and flagrant" breach of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. But the judge said acquitting Harrison would be an even worse affront to justice. In a split decision the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed.

In a 6-1 decision, the Supreme Court of Canada disagreed.

"The price paid by society for an acquittal in these circumstances is outweighed by the importance of maintaining Charter standards," wrote Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin.

"Police officers are expected to adhere to higher standards than alleged criminals."

The decision outraged many. Nobody likes to see a criminal get off scot-free. But that's necessary sometimes to drive home the message that trampling personal rights is a crime, too.

"The only way we can discipline the police to be vigilant about citizens' Charter rights — this is the only tool we've got," Vonn said.

I noted that every conversation I've had about privacy rights inevitably boiled down to that perennial question: If you have nothing to hide why would you object to a search?

That, Vonn said, is looking through the wrong end of the telescope.

"I think the right lens to look at this through is: If you're not doing anything wrong, what are the police doing peeping down your blouse, looking in your handbag, checking your trunk, etcetera?" she said.

"That is one of the tiny little nuances... that keeps the democratic balance that is so delicate in line."

Hoy offers rich personal stories from an unfamiliar perspective



By Theresa Kishkan

In July I spent a night in Lillooet and was charmed by the Miyazaki House.

Built in the late 19th century in the Second Empire mansard style by Caspar and Cerise Phair, the house was donated to the town of Lillooet by its second owner, Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki.

Dr. Miyazaki's story is an extraordinary one. Born in Japan in 1899, he came to Canada as a boy

and studied medicine, taking advanced training in osteopathy in the U.S. because of Canada's non-white exclusionary laws. When people of Japanese ancestry were relocated to internment camps in 1942, Dr. Miyazaki expected to go to a road camp but instead was sent to the Bridge River-Minto area to care for the Japanese there.

In 1945, the Phairs' son Artie invited Dr. Miyazaki to move into his home to serve Lillooet after the town's only physician died. After the war, Dr. Miyazaki purchased the house and lived there with his family for the next 38 years until failing health took him to Kamloops where he died in 1984.

In Lillooet, Dr. Miyazaki was instrumental in providing health care but also in establishing an ambulance service and a volunteer fire department. He delivered babies on the outlying reserves, often walking for miles in snow when his car was stranded in winter. He never refused a call. He was elected to the village council in 1950, the first Japanese Canadian to hold public office. He was named Officer of the Order of Canada in 1977.

Because I wanted to know

more about Dr. Miyazaki, I located, through the interlibrary loan system, a small booklet called *My Sixty Years in Canada* which Dr. Miyazaki wrote to

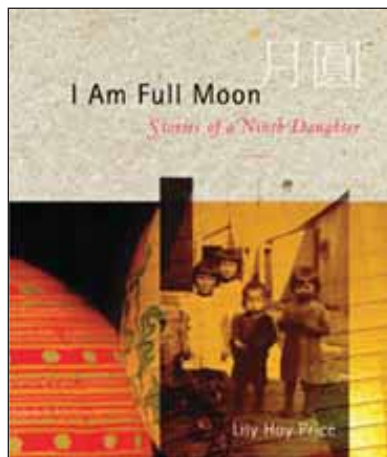
record not just his own story but also whatever else he was able to tell about his chosen community. The booklet was typed and mimeographed, obviously a labour of love.

I began to read Lily Hoy Price's *I Am Full Moon: Stories of a Ninth Daughter* (Brindle and Glass, 2009)

just after my discovery

of the Miyazaki story. Lily Hoy Price is the daughter of pioneer Chinese photographer C.D. Hoy whose photographic record of early Quesnel and Barkerville is one of the treasures of this province. (Interested readers should look for *Faith Moosang's First Son: Portraits of C.D. Hoy*, the book which accompanied a travelling exhibit of C.D. Hoy's photographs in 2000.)

I Am Full Moon chronicles Lily Hoy Price's girlhood in Quesnel, a town of 300 people when she was born there in 1930. There were 12 children in her family; they initially lived in a tiny house, nine girls sharing an attic room and the boys in



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a room with their parents. A larger house came later as her father's store prospered.

During the hot Cariboo summers, Lily and her siblings picked wild strawberries to sell to the Nugget Café. She crossed the Quesnel River on a railway trestle bridge, jumping off the tracks onto the cement footings high above the river when she heard the train whistle. On Dominion Day, Lily's older sisters rented horses from Carrier people in town from their remote Reserves to participate in the rodeo.

"I think of the Quesnel of my childhood as a Brigadoon," writes Hoy Price, "a village hidden in time, yet to be discovered." It's brought vividly to life in this lovely memoir. The reader shares the pleasures and difficulties of young Lily as her family experiences tragedy and success. There are unexpected secrets, and lots of laughter.

I Am Full Moon is a beautiful book, illustrated with some of C.D. Hoy's photographs as well as other Hoy family photos. I thought how valuable it is to have such stories available to us, to bring the quieter chapters of our collective history to life.

My family has always made a habit of stopping in little museums in small towns to see the way they

remember and present their history. I think of Princeton with its wonderful mining display and poignant video footage of the last run on that stretch of the Kettle Valley Railway. Or the Clinton Museum — a house and barn crammed to the ceilings with artifacts and mementoes. Closer to home, the Egmont Heritage Centre has fine displays of baskets, old engines, and the tools that helped to build that community. Always under the threat of funding reductions (or elimination entirely) in hard economic times, these museums are important repositories of our material culture. I look forward to the day when we have physical representation of our own Pender Harbour history, our artifacts and archives curated and displayed for the public.

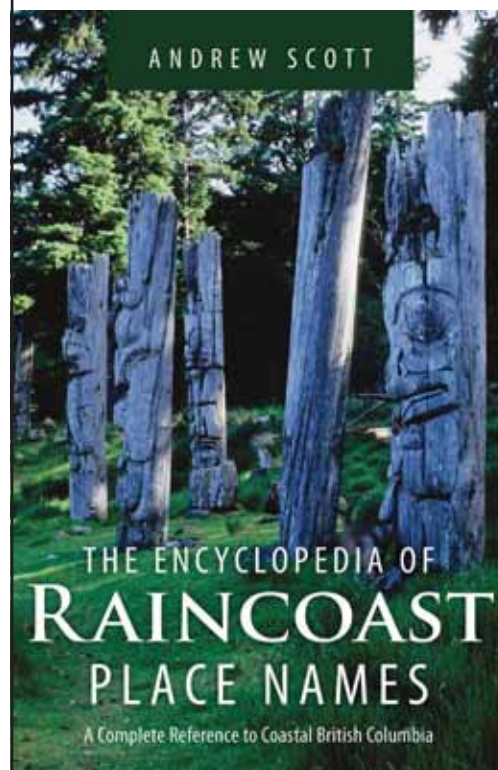
Books like Lily Hoy Price's *I Am Full Moon* and the neglected memoir of Masajiro Miyazaki offer us such richly personal stories told from what is often an unfamiliar perspective. How often we might have eaten at a Chinese restaurant or stopped in a grocery store in a far-flung community and wondered at the family behind the business. Or how, in Lillooet on a warm summer afternoon, we might have lingered in front of a Second Empire house with an unlikely name and yearned to know its story.

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SEPTEMBER

- Mon. Aug. 31.....Pender Harbour Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon
- Sun Aug. 30.....Sunday Jam with TBA - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.
- Sept. 3-6.....Harpdog Brown - Garden Bay Pub
- Sun Sept. 6.....Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters with Harpdog Brown - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Sept. 6.....P. H. Legion/Off the Hook Seafood Dinner - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.
- Mon. Sept. 7.....Labour Day - SCRD offices closed
- Tues. Sept. 8.....First day of school
- Sat. Sept. 12.....Crossroad Grill Rodz 'n Hogz - Crossroad Grill, 10 a.m.**
- Sun Sept. 13.....Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Sept. 14.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Tues. Sept. 15.....Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society meeting - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Sept. 15.....All boaters must carry proof of competency to operate motor driven pleasure craft
- Fri. Sept. 18.....13th Pender Harbour Jazz Festival - various locations, 3 days**
- Mon. Sept. 21.....Area A Seniors Housing Healthy Meal service resumes
- Tues. Sept. 22.....First day of Autumn**
- Wed. Sept. 23.....Elector response forms (N. and S. Pender water AAP) must be returned - SCRD office, 4:30 p.m.
- Sat. Sept. 26.....Author Andrew Scott (Raincoast Place Names) - Bluewaters Books
- Sat. Sept. 26.....Bull kelp basket workshop with Joanne Waters - Fibreworks Studio, 10 a.m.
- Mon. Sept. 28.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Tues. Sept. 29.....P. H. Women's Connection Start/Lunch - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 30.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.



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| 8:30 a.m.                    | 9:40 a.m.                    | 12:50 p.m.  | 11:40 a.m.  |
| 10:05 a.m. (Sat only)        | 11:10 a.m. (Sat only)        | 3:10 p.m.   | 2:00 p.m.   |
| 10:50 a.m.                   | 12:00 p.m.                   | 5:35 p.m.   | 4:30 p.m.   |
| 11:00 a.m.                   | ♥ 1:35 p.m.                  | 7:40 p.m.   | 6:40 p.m.   |
| ♥ 12:30 p.m.                 | 2:15 p.m. (Daily except Sat) | 9:35 p.m.   | 8:35 p.m.   |
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| ♣ 6:55 p.m.                  | 8:40 p.m.                    |             |             |
| 7:35 p.m.                    | 10:35 p.m.                   |             |             |
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