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## EDITORIAL

### How to deal with sick people



By Brian Lee

When I had to work for a living, before I took this cushy gig, I was considered something of a germophobe by my co-

workers.

The label was a little unfair, it wasn't so much that I was afraid of germs, I just hated getting sick.

My phobia is justified. When I get a cold, the congestion often lasts for many weeks afterwards with a really deep cough that sometimes startles folks.

When they ask how long I have left, I explain it's the effects of many vulnerable years spent crammed in the backseat of an airtight car while my parents puffed away like Philip Morris executives. (I've looked into it — I can't sue.)

So, I take great pains to avoid getting a cold in the first place.

But my condition made me an easy target for office ridicule.

For years I had a can of Lysol disinfectant spray sitting on my desk.

It was kept there year-round and I wasn't afraid to use it.

If some sniffing snotty-talker came to my office door threatening the germ-free sanctity I believed I was entitled to, I'd throw up a lemon-scented aerosol wall before they could even utter, "Brian, there's cake in the fridge."

(My co-workers weren't all bad — they were mostly women and often brought cake.)

I like to think my tactic succeeded in immobilizing some of the vile contagion but it had another purpose too.

Like bear spray, Lysol was my humane defence against the busybody martyrs who insisted on coming to

work when they were sick.

And it worked.

As they retreated down the hall, hurling expletives back at me, I'd smugly counter with something like,

"Come back when you can breathe through your nose, Typhoid Mary."

It was all in fun — really, they got a kick out of getting dosed with Lysol — but the joke was rooted in the fact that people should stay home when they're ill.

The absurd thing is, many employers encourage the spread of illness throughout the workplace by not offering sick days.

I'm hoping the current flu hysteria will have a lasting benefit in how employers manage their businesses.

I admit, when I lived in Vancouver I used the odd sick day for a sunny winter powder morning on the local slopes. But those days are such a rare gift that if that's what keeps your employee happy and productive, it's a small price.

And it's not just your employees you should be concerned about — think about your customers.

Nowadays I work from home — alone and blissfully germ-free.

But sometimes I have to go out and that's when my condition starts to creep back.

It might be the stuffed-up barista pouring my latte or the red-eyed clerk at the grocer, but all of a sudden I'm back in my old office with no escape from the barrage of zombie-faced sick people.

And you'll know you're one of them as you stand there rubbing your stinging eyes, wondering what was in that aerosol can I just whipped out of my coat.

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### PENDER HARBOUR ROTARY ART AUCTION — NOV. 7

Get to the Garden Bay Pub early for the biggest Rotary fundraiser of the year. Thousands of dollars worth of art often going for a fraction of its value. The preview starts at 5:30 p.m. and silent auction bidding starts at 6 p.m. before the main event auction gets underway at 7:30 p.m.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY — NOV. 11

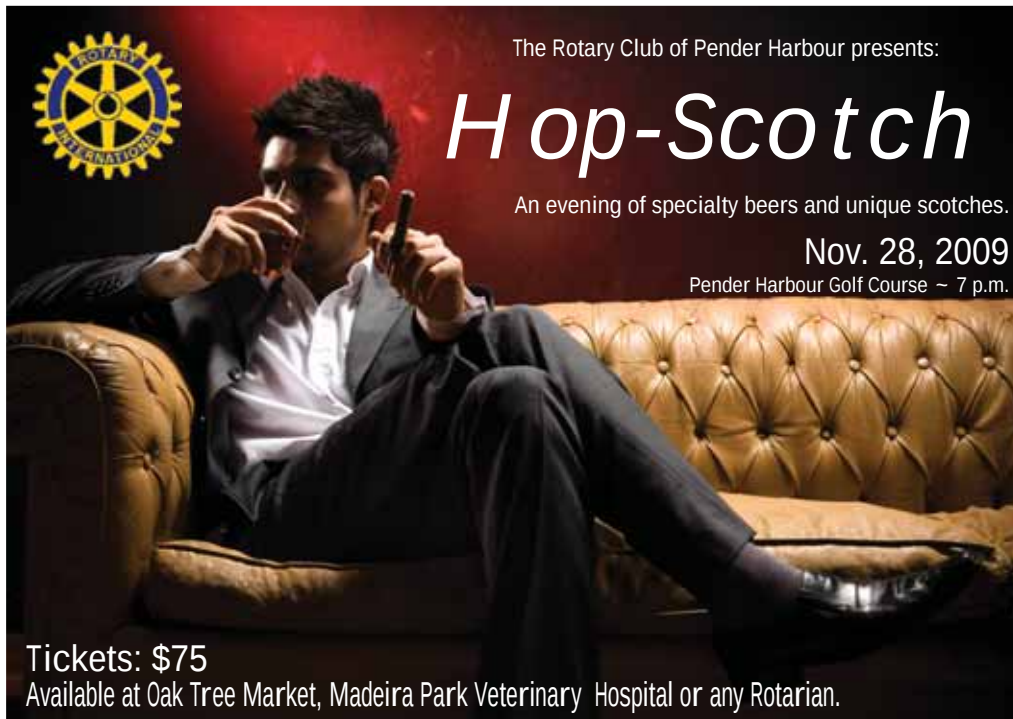
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### P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS LESISMORE — NOV. 21

Blues, rock, funk, soul, spiritual. Hard to label but very easy to listen to, Lesismore are now writing and performing their own material as well as delivering scorching covers of classics. Vocalist Leslie Harris, well established on the Vancouver jazz and blues scene, is accompanied by Curtis DeBray on guitar, Nino DiPasquale on drums, Steve Hilliam on sax, and Lee Oliphant on bass. Lesismore will be at the Pender Harbour School of Music on Saturday, Nov. 21. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$20 each

### PENDER HARBOUR ROTARY PRESENTS HOP-SCOTCH — NOV. 28

Come out for a rare opportunity to try specialty beers and scotches at the Pender Harbour Golf Course. The fundraiser for the Pender Harbour Rotary Club will start at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$75, available at Oak Tree Market, Madeira Park Vet or from any Rotarian.



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## Planned removal of pool mural has artists seeing red

The volunteer board of the Pender Harbour Aquatic Society has found itself in hot water recently over a decision to scrap a mural covering a concrete wall in the swimming pool area.

The board is overseeing an \$850,000 renovation to the aging Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre and has deemed it necessary to remove the mural in order to resurface the wall.

An problem with moisture transfer between the aquatic facility and the high school gymnasium above plagued the facility for a number of years with much of the focus on the shared, below-ground concrete retaining wall on the northwest side of the building.

In 2005, artists Ken Walters and Emily Gray painted an undersea-themed mural on the wall.

Walters volunteered his time while Gray's contribution was funded through a grant obtained by the Pender Harbour Community School.

The artists and their supporters question the board's decision and have been vocal about their wishes to see the mural preserved.

Gil Yard, president of the Pender Harbour Aquatic Society, said it was a difficult decision to remove the mural, but an impermeable membrane must be applied between the concrete and a new tiled surface that is more resistant to damage.

"The bottom line is that we have a warm, humid environment in the pool and we have the cold coming through the wall from outside and this causes a definite chemical imbalance and indeed it's extremely hard on any coating that is on there."

Yard said the primary issues with the wall are deterioration, mainte-



Keith Shaw photo

The mural is full of hidden characters and suggestive elements. How many can you find in this section?

nance and germs and bacteria getting behind flaking paint.

"The rest of the pool is being brought up to 100 per cent code and standards. Leaving one substandard wall in there just doesn't cut it," said Yard.

"That and the advice of the architect and the construction manager are key to the decision that was made."

The mural will be replaced by white tile approximately eight feet high with one tiled row to be decorated by local school kids.

The aquatic society has commissioned a 1.5-foot by four- to six-foot photograph of the mural printed on canvas to adorn the new entrance area.

Supporters of the mural reject to the plan and have launched a petition to protect the artwork.

"After the mural was created, some paint did flake off due to dampness in the wall," said Kathy Gray, Emily's mother.

"That has since been resolved

by fixing the drainage and paving the adjacent parking lot. Ninety-seven per cent of the mural is still in great shape.

"Ken Walters... is prepared to commit to a regular voluntary maintenance schedule, if necessary, at no

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### Royal Canadian Legion #112

#### Pender Harbour 2009 Poppy Campaign

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## Aquatic centre reno (cont.)



It was hoped the pool would open in late September but this photo, taken Sept. 23, shows that wasn't going to happen.

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cost to the aquatic centre, the board or the SCRD."

The mural isn't the only stumbling block the board has been forced to contend with since construction began in June.

The construction completion has been pushed back by two to three months.

Yard said the delay has been caused by the usual hurdles in a construction project of this magnitude like lining up trades people and materials but it's been compounded by a couple of unexpected issues as well.

"We had some mould issues and construction issues that were there in the walls when we ripped those out," said Yard.

"Fireproofing was the other thing between the pool area and the school. It was something that should have been done years ago and wasn't done... so that had to be taken care of."

The fireproofing issue has held up work on other components of the project that couldn't be started until the ceiling was finished.

Yard expects the cost of fireproofing the ceiling membrane to run between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Since it's a code issue that should have been dealt with when the school was built, the aquatic society board hopes the school board will share some of the costs.

The aquatic centre renovation is funded by an \$850,000 loan by Area

A taxpayers by an Alternate Approval Process.

A recent boost of \$407,500 in incentive funds from the federal government has been granted to the aquatic society.

It will cover the cost overruns and allow the project to be finished to a degree not previously possible.

"We were able to add on another whole component to the project — all the change room space is getting retiled and shower areas and wash-room areas — everything is being redone in there," said aquatic centre manager Debbie Cole.

She said the funding and added scope of the project has contributed to the delay but she is excited about the final product.

"Basically the entire inside of the building is new," said Cole.

"That facility is going to be around for a lot of years to come now for the community and we'll never get the opportunity to do something like this again."

Cole said it's likely the facility won't open until early January.

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## Grisly prank investigated at Madeira Park wharf

A calm fall morning at the Madeira Park wharf was shattered Oct. 15 when a dog walker came upon what looked to be two amputated leg bones with hiking boots still attached.

Wharfinger Ian McNee said the mysterious limbs lay below the high tide line near the front of the wharfinger's office.

"I think it was a couple of elk bones that somebody attached some shoes to," said McNee.

"Somebody had gone to a great deal of trouble to do this prank."

McNee immediately alerted the RCMP and within minutes an officer who was at the nearby P. H. Community Policing station arrived on the scene.

He was followed soon after by three other officers in two more vehicles.

Within five minutes more than a dozen spectators arrived on the scene



Ian McNee photo

Grisly prank or a lesson to anyone with an outstanding bill from the Harbour Spiel?

to watch as McNee helped the officers with retrieval.

RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Russ Howard said they took the limbs to a veterinarian for identification just to be sure.

"They were probably a cow or a moose or something. As soon as you

look at it you can see it wasn't human," said Howard.

"Somebody with too much time on their hands, basically."

McNee reviewed his security video but did not find anything suspicious and the RCMP say they are not investigating the incident further.

## Thrift store may soon be a memory

Slow sales, high operating costs and a bum hip might spell the end for the Memory Lane Thrift Store.

Manager Gordon Sanders says it just isn't paying to stay open and with a pending hip operation, he can't run it himself.

"I know that I can't afford to run it over the winter... I could if I could do it myself but I can hardly walk," says Sanders.

Sanders is in negotiations with his landlords, Don and Howard White, but says regardless of the outcome, he will shut it down after Nov. 15.

If it still looks viable, and he's healthy, Sanders says he would like to reopen in the Spring.

Memory Lane will accept offers

on anything in the store between Nov. 12 and 14 in an effort to clear out remaining stock.

As before, all profits from this sale will go to the Area A Seniors Housing Society to put towards Abbeyfield House.

The thrift store opened this past summer at the former highways works

yard on Francis Peninsula Road but suffered setbacks in finding a second recipient charity.

But it was poor sales that forced the decision to close for the season.

"We're doing \$20 to \$30 a day and can't even afford to pay staff," says Sanders.

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David Cox, chef at the Painted Boat Restaurant and a passionate fan of wild mushrooms, shares some recipes Oct. 17 at the P. H. Community Hall. Over 550 people filed through the doors to view various displays as part of the first Sunshine Coast Mushroom Festival.

## please save the pender pool mural



The Pender Harbour Aquatic Society board has approved the destruction of the beautiful undersea mural at the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre. The plan is to grind the mural off the wall and replace it with an approximately 8-foot high wall of white tiles with one row of tiles decorated by children. Reasons cited are that the mural requires constant maintenance and does not fit with the architect's design for the \$1.2 million renovation/renewal project currently underway. Ken Walters and Emily Gray created this mural just 5 years ago. Flaking paint was an issue soon after the mural was created. Fixing the drainage and paving the adjacent parking lot has since resolved this problem. 97 per cent of the mural is still in great shape. Ken Walters has offered to continue to VOLUNTARILY touch-up the mural whenever required. He also has suggested applying some new improved sealants that did not exist when the mural was created. Neither Ken nor Emily were suitably engaged in the decision-making process. They do not expect the mural to remain in perpetuity but would like to come to an agreement with the PH Aquatic Society Board for a reasonable duration that would respect the significant amount of work and passion invested and the opinion of the public. The pool renewal project is being paid for by Area A taxpayers and they deserve a voice.

### **PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION:**

**Copper Sky, PHSS, Blue Water Books, Rona, Egmont Notice Board, Egmont Heritage Centre**

An on-line petition is at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/PenderPool-Mural/> or go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for the group, "SAVE THE PENDER HARBOUR MURAL!!"

## Ninth annual harvest celebration makes for the fairest fall of all

Good weather made for the busiest Fall Faire ever with people packing downtown Madeira Park and the Pender Harbour Legion grounds.

Madeira Park retailers welcomed the business as summer wound down but for everyone else, it was a day for socializing and entertainment.

### PHOTO CONTEST:

Student: Quinn Paul

Adult Amateur: Tanya Healy (first), Bruce Morrison (second), Tanya Healy (third)

### KIDS:

Largest pumpkin: Marshall Curtis

Best-dressed squash: Biada Priest

Bizarre veggie: Paulo Cogrossi

### VINTNERS:

White grape: Ken McDonald

Red grape: Ken McDonald

Cordials: Eric Antila

Sparkling: Ken McDonald

### VINTNER'S TROPHY:

Ken McDonald

### HOMEMAKERS:

Chutney: Evelyn McNee

Cookies: Mary Cochet

Fruit preserves: Rose Simpson

Pie (one crust): Mary Cochet

Pie (two Crust): Mary Cochet

Jam berry: Freda McDermott

Jam other: Freda McDermott

Squares: Mary Cochet

Jellies: Robin Millar

Quick breads: Freda McDermott

Pickles: Sancia Kershaw

Relish: Patti Malcolm

Salsa: Patti Malcolm

### HOMEMAKER'S AGGREGATE:

Mary Cochet



For many kids, the horse rides were the main attraction of the 9th annual Fall Faire.

### HORTICULTURE:

Fall planter: Evelyn McNee

Fresh arrangement: Mary Cochet

Produce basket: Mary Cochet

Fall aster: Evelyn McNee

Dahlias: Evelyn McNee

Chrysanthemums: Evelyn McNee

Apples: Marjory Mackay

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## Samuel J. Walker

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It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of Samuel John Walker, who died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 5, 2009.

Sam is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Margaret Mary, daughters Mary Loraine Morrison (Bruce) and Sharon Jill Pollard (Richard), five grandchildren, Brian (Krista), Kevin, Drew, Leah, Stephanie, and two great grandchildren, Ava and Rylan.

He also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends who admired his presence, wisdom, humour and colourful character.

Sam was born in North Vancouver Jan. 7, 1924. He joined the Armed Forces in 1944 and was in active service in France and Germany. On his return to Canada he joined Canada

Customs, eventually working in the Investigations Department and became regional manager for the BC/Yukon Territory in his later years.

Upon retirement, Sam and Mary relocated to their dream home at Sakinaw Lake on the Sunshine Coast.

He was an active volunteer in numerous organizations, contributing his time to the Royal Canadian Legion #112 for many years; Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, as Commander 1990/91; Pender Harbour Golf and Country Club, as president when the Club opened in 1986; and was involved in the Salmon Enhancement Program at the Lions Park Hatchery.

Sam was a proud family man who was very involved in the "girl's" Highland dancing world. On retirement, his true love was the years he



and Mary spent at Sakinaw Lake. He became an avid fisherman and boater, cruising the waters of Desolation Sound, the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands in their three "Tartan Lassies."

If desired, donations in Sam's memory may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #112 or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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## Bargain Barn bucks bolster health centre

The Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary recently presented a cheque to the P. H. Health Centre for \$20,000.

These funds were raised from Bargain Barn income for the first six months of 2009.

The Bargain Barn is operated by volunteers through the Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary on land owned by the Pender Harbour Community Club.

All income from sales at the Bargain Barn, less minor expenses for heat, insurance, garbage fees and supplies, are donated back into the community.

At the recent P. H. Health Centre AGM, administrator Rick MacDonald made it clear that without funds received from the auxiliary (\$36,700 last year) they would not be able to continue to improve the services they provide.

MacDonald said the funds have been put towards nurses' ongoing development training, purchasing of needed equipment or the funding of key programs like Harbourside Friendships, continuing diabetic education, youth drop-in and women's wellness.

In particular, \$20,000 of last year's donations are earmarked for the 24/7 emergency generator project.

Since grants and tax-based funding don't cover the costs for these programs, it would be very difficult to offer these services without the Bargain Barn's help.

Currently, 50 shifts per month needed to keep the Bargain Barn open.

Sorting and pricing product requires 16 shifts while another team just handles merchandising and display.

Bargain Barn volunteers work



photo submitted

A cheque for \$20,000 from profits at the Bargain Barn is happily accepted by health centre staff board members. (l-r): Sharon Halford (P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary president), Marlayne Williams (P. H. Centre board chair), Rick MacDonald (P. H. Health Centre administrator) and Bill Padgham (Health Centre board treasurer).

four to 40 hours each month.

The Bargain Barn always needs new volunteers and is particularly encouraging our younger Pender population to get involved.

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# Pender Harbour Rotarians keep filling the gaps



District Governor Gordon Dalglish addresses the Pender Harbour Rotary Club at its weekly meeting Oct. 23.

*By Brian Lee*

I was kind of wary of clubs like Rotary as a kid.

All I knew about it was the big gear wheel symbol and I lumped it in the same pile as the Masons, Shriners and Elks.

I didn't really understand what any of them did but assumed the worst — secret handshakes, alien chanting and ritualistic goat sacrifices at solstice.

But our Rotary club keeps popping up in the news with huge cheques to local charities and I was curious.

I decided it was time to confront this little nugget of ignorance by attending a meeting.

It turns out I was a little off — the handshake is the one I'd already mastered and the only things ritualistically sacrificed were the Garden Bay Pub's salmon burgers.

Rotarians meet every Friday at noon in Garden Bay Restaurant and are an extremely friendly bunch.

Every new arrival came over to shake my hand, making me feel like

a hero and somewhat puzzled about what I did to earn such attention.

Finally, Rotarian Fred Baldwin burst my bubble by whispering that it's a Rotary tradition to shake everybody's hand before a meeting — you might even get fined if you don't.

When I ask if there's a high incidence of the H1N1 within Rotary, Baldwin lights up.

"I've been trying to get these guys to start fist bumping," he says referring to the method of touching fists, considered more hygienic by germophobes and more cool by the younger crowd.

This group didn't look like fist bumpers.

Pender Harbour Rotary president John King opened the session by introducing a visiting dignitary.

Gordon Dalglish is our local Rotary club's district governor.

Besides the Sunshine Coast, his area includes the Lower Mainland, the Sea to Sky corridor, the Cariboo region, Prince George region and the North Coast.

He's one of 540 district governors around the world aiming to keep

their district clubs working towards a unified goal — service above self.

With such a lofty title, one would expect Dalglish to have been serious and authoritative but he gave a lively and informal talk in a Scottish burr complete with hand gestures.

Members even heckled at times.

The Rotary Club of Chicago was formed in 1905 as a friendly professional club.

By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents and as Rotary International expanded, it modified its mission.

Clubs began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to serve communities in need.

"I often think of Rotary Clubs as 'gap managers,'" said Dalglish.

"You fill in the gaps in the community left by other social programs and institutions."

This Dec. 18 will mark the sixth year of existence for Pender Harbour Rotary and Dalglish says it's inspiring for such a young club to have accomplished so much in a short time.

What the 32-member club does best is raise money.

Pender Harbour Rotarians have donated over \$110,000 since 2003.

Over \$100,000 of that amount stayed in the community in the form of projects like local trail improvement, support for local festivals and student bursaries.

The remainder contributed to various Rotary International projects throughout the world.

The club is able to raise this amount of money through the many events it either hosts or supports each year.

Rotary members are often seen flipping burgers at events like April Tools or barbecuing salmon at Jazz Fest but by far the biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual art auction held each November.

The Garden Bay Pub hosts the event, which draws people from all over the Coast.



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P. H. Rotary president John King hands PHSS grad Elizabeth Haines a \$1,500 bursary cheque to continue her studies at Trinity Western University.

Much of the art is either donated or offered at very low margins by the artists.

It has raised close to \$45,000 in its seven-year history, providing \$67,000 back to mostly local artists.

Last year the Rotary Art Auction netted over \$13,000 in one evening.

The auction has a silent component where items are bid on throughout the evening before the finale, a boisterous bidding war in the main room of the pub.

This year the auction will take place on Nov. 7 — making for a busy November for local Rotarians.

They're also hosting another fundraiser on Nov. 28.

Hop-Scotch will be an evening of fancy beers and scotches at the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

Tickets will include tastings of rare scotches and beer and, if it's needed, there will even be rides home.

With a couple of big events like this coming up you would have expected the meeting to break out into planning groups.

But the Rotarians don't do that. Meetings are casual, stress-free affairs with discussion, some jokes and minor business.

Planning is handled away from the meetings with individuals reporting back on their progress.

It all makes for a pleasant gathering that ends precisely one hour after it started — after all, it is a work day.

Before the Rotarians could scurry back to work, president King asked the sergeant-at-arms, Rick Smalley, to collect outstanding fines.

Apparently it hadn't been done in awhile as some members dropped more than one loonie or toonie into the jar for infractions like showing up late, missed meetings or a ringing cell

## ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR

Summary of donations since 2003

### MADEIRA PARK

MPES playground fund - \$2,850

"Fishboat" entry sign project - \$2,200

### PENDER HARBOUR

Student bursaries - \$10,700

Youth leadership programs - \$19,500

Skatepark building fund - \$1,000

Coast Longboard Assn. - \$3,750

Maritime Living Heritage Society - \$4,470

P. H. Jazz Festival Society - \$850

Individual donations - \$3,550

Harbour area trails society - \$1,160

Paddling society (dragon boating) - \$5,000

P. H. Medical Centre - \$2,700

P. H. Reading Centre - \$1,000

Auxiliary Coast Guard - \$5,370

Area A Healthy Meals program - \$1,000

### EGMONT

EVFD equipment fund - \$11,150

Egmont Community Hall fund - \$1,000

### GARDEN BAY

Harbour trails project - \$11,650

### ROTARY PROJECTS

Miscellaneous local projects - \$8,950

Coast wide projects - \$3,250

Rotary International projects - \$9,800

**\$110,600**

phone during Dalglish's talk.

Some threw in "happy dollars."

One member stood up and declared he was contributing 10 happy dollars in appreciation of the Scottish district governor's attempt at impersonating a fellow Rotarian from South Carolina.

While I agreed there's nothing like a Scot trying to impersonate an American, I left miffed.

No goat sacrifice and not even any chanting.

# SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### **Monday, November 2**

- 9:00 a.m. Policing
- 10:30 a.m. Transportation

### **Thursday, November 5, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. Special Corporate and Administrative Services
- 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services

### **Thursday, November 12, 2009**

- 1:30 p.m. Planning and Development Services
- 7:30 p.m. Board

### **Thursday, November 19**

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

### **Thursday, November 26**

- 1:30 p.m. Corporate and Administrative Services
- 7:30 p.m. Board

## 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](mailto:ericgraham@dccnet.com).

## AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Area A APC will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.** in Rm #107 at the Pender Harbour High School.

## STATUTORY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Sechelt and Pender Harbour Landfill sites will be closed on Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11. All SCR D offices will also be closed for Remembrance Day.

## SCR D E-BULLETIN

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is launching an e-bulletin announcing news and recent developments at the SCR D. To receive this e-bulletin visit [www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca) and use the "Sign up for our newsletter" button on the bottom left of the home page.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### *Are you interested in making a difference in your community?*

The SCR D is looking for area residents who would like to provide input on the planning and operation of the South Pender Harbour Water System.

As a committee member, you will also be expected to act as a liaison between the Sunshine Coast Regional District and the water users in the SPHWSA. Applicants must live in the South Pender Harbour Water Service Area.

To apply, send a letter with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, explaining why you are interested in water management and why you want to join this committee to:

Dave Crosby, Manager of Utility Services  
Sunshine Coast Regional District  
1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1  
Fax 604-885-7909,  
[dave.crosby@scr.d.ca](mailto:dave.crosby@scr.d.ca)

**The deadline for submissions is November 6, 2009.**  
**For more information, contact: Dave Crosby at 604-885-6821**

## Area A benefits more than most from new incentive funds



*By Eric Graham  
SCRD Director,  
Area A*

Since the beginning of the year, Area A has been very fortunate in receiving federal and provincial grant funding for “shovel-ready” work projects as well as recreation monies.

Some of the grant money is as follows:

The Pender Harbour Pool received an RINC grant for over \$400,000. Originally, an Alternate Approval Process approved a loan for \$850,000. Unfortunately some of the bids were higher than expected and it looked like some of the job would have to be scaled back.

An RINC grant of \$400,000 for shovel ready projects will allow us to do more than originally planned.

That extra work will delay the opening of the newly renovated pool, possibly until Jan. 1, 2010.

North and South Pender received a grant from the Building Canada Fund for \$1 million.

This grant is contingent on the SCRD matching it with another \$1 million.

This \$2 million is for work on both the North and South Pender Water systems in which an AAP loan referendum was done and recently approved in both areas.

On Sept 24, the federal and provincial governments announced a further South Pender grant, with Ottawa and Victoria putting up \$2,030,000 each.

This requires matching funds from the SCRD, necessitating a South Pender AAP to approve a borrowing bylaw.

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If this is successful, the combination of the two grants (for the South Pender portion) will make possible a desperately needed water treatment plant in South Pender.

With the infusion of about \$4,630,000 in federal and provincial money, this project is now a reality — if the loan referendum (probably in early 2010) is approved.

Both North and South Pender Water Works applied previously and were turned down, but the grant applications were resubmitted and with the hard work of the SCRD staff, South Pender's was successful.

The feds and province felt the need in North Pender wasn't as great, unfortunately, and it's grant application was rejected.

### NEW TRAILS FOR AREA A

On Oct. 7 Ministry of Community and Rural Development and the Island Coast Economic Trust announced \$498,000 in grant money for the hiring of 13 forestry workers laid off due to the recession.

The plan is to start at Hwy. 101 and Egmont Road and connect the hiking trails from Egmont Road to Secret Cove.

This is a tremendous benefit, putting people back to work while enhancing the trail system for locals and tourists.

### OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

On Feb. 4, our area will be honoured by hosting the running of the Olympic torch.

The torch is to come off the ferry at Earls Cove and drive to our high school where runners will carry the torch to the Petro Canada gas station.

They will again drive to the entrance of the highway and Madeira

Park Road and run the torch through Madeira Park to Lagoon Road and down to Francis Peninsula Road.

The Pender Harbour Community School received a grant of \$16,000 to host celebrations at the high school, Pender Harbour Community Hall and the Elementary School where there will be lots of food and entertainment.

Local runners won a chance to carry the Olympic torch as part of a raffle sponsored by Coca-Cola and Royal Bank. I hope everyone will be out to enjoy the celebration and support the runners.

Almost \$6 million of federal and provincial tax dollars — your tax dollars — have come back into Area A in the past six months for infrastructure, hiking trails and to include us in the Olympics in a small way. It is positive news.

Jervis Inlet Resort, Egmont, has presented a cheque for \$100,000 to be distributed to the Egmont Fire Hall, Egmont Heritage Museum, Egmont Community Hall, the Harbour Authority of Egmont and the Lions Park Soccer Field.

This is not federal or provincial tax money but is something that will benefit Egmont and area for many years to come.

It's more positive news, thanks to the future development of Jervis Inlet Resorts, Dark Bay.

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## Rubin offers answers to the garbage question

Dear Editor:

The Pender Harbour Landfill issue is not about getting even for slights suffered at the hands of Sechelt or Gibsons or even the SCRD.

The issue is not about who lives on which side of the Harbour or that we want to “handle our own garbage.”

Clearly, we have been seriously mishandling our garbage for decades.

We have a seriously outdated, poorly maintained, unlined hole in the ground loaded with garbage that is off-gassing and leaching into our aquifers. Yummy!

The issue is:

How do we, as a community on the Sunshine Coast, (yup, we haven’t dug a moat, yet) deal with this serious environmental problem in a way that promotes clean air and water for our great-grandchildren?

Some answers to contemplate while you read the Spiel:

1. We grow up, stop mongering fear, waving pitchforks and pointing fingers in the general direction of all

non-Penderites, or those in non-agreement;

2. We educate ourselves, and not by reading letters to the editor and editorials but by reading the reports done by environmental engineers that conclude the transfer station is far more economical and environmentally sound for many reasons (see [www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca)); and an independent information source on best practices: [www.cool2012.com](http://www.cool2012.com)

3. We learn to count. The estimated increase in truck traffic to Sechelt when the landfill becomes a transfer station is one to two trucks every six days.

That will not tie up traffic, or make as big a carbon footprint as expanding the current landfill site.

4. We recognize that continuing to dig an ever-expanding hole in virgin territory to bury our waste in a watershed is not the way to go, when our waste, once trucked to Sechelt, will create an economy of scale (i.e., big garbage) that will enable the SCRD to receive grants to invest in

best waste management practices (see [www.cool2012.com](http://www.cool2012.com)) that will benefit the environment of the entire Sunshine Coast.

I’m talking leachate controls, and capturing greenhouse gas from garbage already buried, etc.

5. We seriously take care of our own garbage by helping to create the above-mentioned big-garbage-equals-best-practices grants, with our waste, so that the SCRD can eventually remove the organics from all the waste they receive, and create a commercial compost facility.

That facility, once established, would in 10 years reduce greenhouse gases by an estimated 40,000 tonnes — as much as 8,000 cars driven 56 million miles. (Just giving up the fear and anger and working together could probably save half that.)

6. We stand up and speak out, talk to friends, get involved as a community, come together, let go of our fears, write letters to the editors, write, e-mail or phone Eric Graham and inform him that, indeed, there are several hundred of us who want the landfill expansion stopped and the transfer station option to move forward.

Time to stop the fighting and use that energy instead to good purpose. Because, ultimately, the landfill issue is not about fear, payback, power plays or numbers.

It is about our future and our legacy.

Carole Rubin  
Garden Bay

The Pender Harbour Paddling Society would like to thank the generous businesses that contributed to a successful Pender Harbour Final Fall Fling. With four teams from the Gibsons Paddling Club and one from Powell River, the Final Fling Dragon Boat races provided entertainment for the spectators and the participants.

The sponsors were:

Garden Bay Pub and Marina (Ron and Marita), Rona, Off the Hook Seafoods, Trail Bay Source for Sports, Halfmoon Sea Kayaks, Mark’s Work Wearhouse (Sechelt), A & E Home Furnishings, Sunshine Coast Credit Union (Madeira Park), Copper Sky Gallery, John Henry’s Marina, Motoko Art Gallery, Painted Boat (Office and Spa), Pender Harbour Diesel, Harbour Publishing, Mountain View Service, Russell Cameron, Re/Max (Madeira Park), Marina Pharmacy, Prudential Sussex (Madeira Park), Marketplace IGA (Madeira Park), Pam’s Plants, Pender Harbour Golf Club Restaurant, Pender Harbour Resort and the Sunshine Coast Dental Group.

## PAC goes online

Dear Editor,

Due to recent government funding cutbacks, the Madeira Park Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee has decided to look at additional ways to raise funds in the current school year.

One of these new initiatives is the creation of the website [www.mpespac.com](http://www.mpespac.com).

The new website will be a means to communicate, not only to the parents of the children in the school, but also to the community as a whole about the many popular fundrais-

ing events such as the Chicken Sale, Halloween Fun Night, Book Fair and Magazine Sales.

It will also communicate some of the shortfalls currently being experienced by means of a wish list of items or volunteer opportunities desired to improve the school experience for the children.

The site will have a PayPal account set up to make donating easier and for all donations over \$50, a tax receipt will be issued.

Donated money will go toward purchasing items for the school or helping provide funds for field trips

that in the past have been subsidized by the now substantially reduced gaming grant.

Not only will a thriving school system turn out socially responsible children, but it will also help to attract young working families to the area.

We hope that you will take the time to visit the site — suggestions for improvement are always welcomed.

Involvement from the community is always encouraged and very much appreciated.

Eric Stephan

MPES Parents Advisory Committee

## Gabriel apologizes to hunter

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to apologize to the fellow that happened upon my residence at dusk with a bow and arrows on or around Sept. 3.

You had hit a deer with your bow and needed to pursue it, as it was not downed.

The deer, bear, eagle — even the pesky raccoons are my neighbours.

You are too. However, when I happened upon you pursuing your prey by my back porch, I was shocked, and I reacted by lecturing you.

Again, I apologize.

It was hunting season with a bow and arrow; you were allowed to be at my back porch in pursuit of prey.

The buck was injured and needed to be dealt with.

You realized I was upset, and continued on — rightly so.

I guess it grew dark that night, and you were unable to track down your game amongst the acreage of for-

ested land of the adjoining properties.

It rained hard that night and I was somewhat puzzled by the discovery of an arrow stuck in the earth yards from my building.

But that was it. In my mind, other than some embarrassment on my part, the incident was forgotten. I went to work and continued my day.

However, when we arrived late after work, I was confronted with the dead buck, with an arrow in his butt, beside my parking lot.

Sorry, but I didn't know what to do, so I phoned the conservation officer to inquire as to what course of action to take.

The dead deer was upsetting to my daughter who had just arrived with me.

The game was useless and unclaimed.

The officer came the following morning and together we lifted the buck into the back of his truck.

I gave him the additional stray arrow that was discovered and he was

going to look into the situation.

That was my interpretation of what happened.

I am sorry that you and I met in such extreme circumstances.

I realize that you were just exercising your right to hunt — beat the cost of living with meat in your freezer, and see deer as fair game.

I am sorry that the meat was wasted.

I have nothing against hunting, as it can be an ecological and ethical way to eat meat.

However, I'm sure you can understand that from my perspective, this was happening much too close for my comfort.

I want to be friends with my neighbours.

I want to feel safe on my property.

Michael Gabriel  
Beaver Island

## Egmont fire society 'somewhat in the dark' about FUS rating

Dear Editor,

As residents and property owners in the Egmont area, board members of the Egmont and District Volunteer Fire Department Society share the community's surprise and concern at the low rating of our new fire department by the Fire Underwriters Survey.

The crux of the issue appears to be that we require a rated fire engine to replace one of our existing trucks.

We are looking at repairing an engine for a six-month approval and/or buying a newer one for a longer term solution.

An ongoing complication is that the FUS has not indicated definitively that these fixes will result in accreditation. Despite our complying with

their detailed application and information requests, the FUS tells us only that we may reapply for further assessment at a later date.

The department and society are in good financial shape and we plan to purchase a newer fire truck in the near future. Will this result in accreditation? We don't know. We can only speculate. Has the financial meltdown affecting the insurance sector meant their risk criteria are under review? Would residents be better off looking for alternative insurance options, exploring community-based co-op approaches, for example?

In the absence of concrete information from the FUS, we are somewhat in the dark and speculation can run wild. We are diligently pursuing

accreditation via the only channels the insurance industry makes available to us, as well as with our MP and SCRD Area A Director.

In the interim it's important to recognize that the department is active and effective, responding to calls. You're safer in your home and on the roads because we're here.

In the summer we even fought a bush fire, and were commended by the Forest Service for our first response in their jurisdiction.

We will keep the community up to date regarding our struggle with the accreditation process and thank you for your patience until we are successful.

John Pass  
(for EDVFD Society Board)



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For our January schedule of swim times, swim classes and fitness programs, visit [www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca) under Services.

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## Harvey saves own skin after vicious dog attack

Dear Editor,

On Oct. 9 my dog Harvey and I set out for a nice long walk about 12:50 p.m.

We only got as far as half a kilometre to just below the old Beaver Island Grocery when a Rottweiler crossed the road with a determined gait and did not back off when I began shouting at it.

I scooped Harvey up and started backing away shouting even louder.

The Rottweiler was soon in our space and I kept spinning to keep my back to the Rottweiler while clutching Harvey to my front.

I am now screaming and my spinning brought me to the opposite side of the road.

I felt two heavy paws on my shoulders and I trip forward.

Harvey fell out of my arms and the Rottweiler grabbed Harvey by the hind end and lifted Harvey out of my reach.

Harvey is a Parsons Russell Terrier, stands 14 inches high and weighs 15 pounds.

As I am scrambling towards the Rottweiler with hopes of rescuing him, Harvey saved his own life by twisting around and biting the Rottweiler on the face.

The Rottweiler dropped Harvey. I grabbed him and am now screaming for help over and over.

I am moving away from the Rottweiler and, luckily, hear a car coming towards us.

As I moved towards the centre of the road I notice a man standing between the trailer under renovation and the parking lot of the old grocery store.

He is looking towards me and talking on a cell phone.



photo submitted

Some of Harvey's 30 sutures.

The vehicle has now stopped and the driver and his wife, Gary and Karen Strong, drive Harvey and me to the Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital.

Harvey was in surgery for two hours.

He has 30 sutures; 18 on one side where the flesh was torn open by the lower jaw and 10 where the canine teeth bit on the other side and 2 for smaller punctures.

The Rottweiler's teeth met inside Harvey's body.

When Harvey's wounds were being flushed on one side, the solution was squirting out the wounds on the opposite side.

Harvey could not stop shaking until he fell asleep about 11 p.m. that night.

I write this painful recollection to warn people to be on guard.

Rottweilers are unpredictable.

The one that attacked Harvey and I was not provoked. Harvey was on a leash and did not bark.

The Rottweiler saw us first and stalked us down.

Will it be a small child next?

To the people who own a vicious breed of dog, erect adequate fencing.

A six foot high fence, topped with an additional two feet of barbed wire should suit your needs for security.

A proper fence will give those people out walking or jogging a slightly better sense of safety when passing your properties.

Prior to Oct. 9, it was always a hard decision on which direction to walk on Francis Peninsula. Exactly 700 metres on either side of our driveway there are two properties that front Francis Peninsula that have Rottweilers fenced in.

It was gut-churning time to walk by either property as the guard dogs would react with leaping and noise.

Now I will have to drive to an area deemed safe for the longer walks that Harvey and I both enjoy.

And for those times that a vicious dog is on the loose I will now be armed with a pepper spray.

Bobbi Bennett  
Francis Peninsula

## Renovation update from the pool board

Dear Editor,

A renovation of the Pender Harbour Pool has been underway since last spring.

Any major construction project is likely to run into unexpected issues and the pool renovation has been no exception.

Complexity was increased by the requirement of having to bring the facility up to code, health regulations and, of course, the unknowns that appeared during demolition.

Our overall goal remained the same and that was to provide the very best aquatic facility possible for the residents of our community.

Virtually the entire facility, with the exception of the pool itself, will be renewed.

Decks, drainage, mechanical components, walls, ceilings, dressing rooms, the workout area and exterior components will be completely renovated.

This ensures that the final product will be the best that can be accomplished and something that all community members can use with pride.

One decision that had to be made involved the mural created several years ago by Ken Walters and Emily Gray.

Serious consideration was given to its retention but during demolition it became apparent that deterioration from moisture required the wall to be stripped and treated with a permanent coating that would be resistant to moisture.

The interior pool volume of air is both warm and humid and the wall transmits cold from the adjacent ground.

Maintenance of this surface is a continuing concern and the chosen solution was a tile finish to minimize future deterioration and maintenance. This process would also minimize health concerns.

The decision also allows local input by having our school children contribute artistic tiles as a partial wall treatment.

To preserve the mural, we have had it professionally photographed in a manner which will allow it to be displayed in the new lobby of the pool and become part of the rich history of the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre.

Leaving one deteriorating wall in a facility that was undergoing a full renovation was not in the best interests of the community.

The foregoing is an effort to place the mural decision in context and thus assist in understanding the

rationale behind it.

While there will no doubt be those who are disappointed by our decision, the board unanimously believes that the decision is the right and only outcome that makes sense, under the circumstances.

It is also in the best interests of the community.

Our sole objective has been to make the pool renovation the best that it can be and, as volunteers, the board has nothing to gain by creating controversy.

It is our hope that the community will recognize and support its volunteers in this process!

Those of us who have been involved with the evolution of the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre from old to new are truly excited as the dream becomes reality.

The opening is now anticipated to be at the end of December, and we look forward to sharing the facility with both old and new friends at that time.

Gil Yard, chairman  
Pender Harbour Aquatic Society



# Lesismore

Saturday, Nov. 21

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## Gray claims moral rights to pool mural

Dear Editor,

By now you have hopefully read or heard about the decision to remove the mural at the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre.

When the mural was unveiled in 2005, I was 17 and felt like I had truly accomplished something major.

Ken Walters found hope and purpose through mentoring me.

I appreciated this amazing learning opportunity which inspired me to pursue art.

Later that year I was accepted into the prestigious Emily Carr University. In May, I graduated with a BFA in Ceramics, with a focus on green architecture.

Since grad I have painted a mural for the city of Vancouver, and built a green wall at the Iris Griffith Centre. However, I have been feeling disillusionment with pursuing art as a profession during this recession. Why make art? Is it significant to others?

The news of the mural's removal sadly reaffirms my disillusionment that our culture doesn't value art, unless, of course, it's a famous masterpiece. However, the community's reaction to this issue has uplifted me. Over the last few weeks they have been supportive by showing that they do care about local art, and that they want the mural to remain.

Although this decision was reached by the Aquatic Board during the summer, I have only recently been informed. The reasons stated for removing the mural are inadequate and incomplete. If a legitimate reason for removing the mural had been presented to me, such as an engineering report regarding mould in the wall, I would have acquiesced.

However, the wall and thus the

mural, is not in disrepair and we have volunteered solutions.

Through research I have learned that we as artists have moral rights under the Canadian Copyright Act.

It would be unreasonable for me to pursue legal action as I feel that this is my hometown and we should be able to work it out.

I'm hoping that these rights will be respected and our opinions will now be incorporated in the decision

making process.

I would like to negotiate with the Aquatic Board to reach an agreement that will allow the mural to stay for a certain amount of years, which would respect both the artist's efforts and also the public's opinion.

There is a solution and we can save the mural if that's what the community truly wants.

Emily Gray  
Egmont

Pender Harbour Rotary Club

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# ART AUCTION

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## Dump debate takes a serious turn

Dear Editor,

The dump debate has suddenly become a debate about something much more serious.

The question now is whether or not Area A can get fair treatment on any issue from the current regional district regime.

The district made its latest dump-closing proposal to the people of Area A on June 13 and then took a poll.

The poll came back over 80 per cent against the proposal. But instead of respecting the expressed wishes of the people, Gibsons mayor Barry Janyk unapologetically announced to the Sept. 24 meeting in Madeira Park that he will vote to close the landfill regardless, and every other director but our own followed suit.

This represents a revolution in the way the regional board operates that could be fatal to all Area A interests, not just waste management. Under its founding principles the board is required to respect the right of individual areas to make their

own decisions on local issues. Local autonomy has been abused over the years but never on an issue of such high profile as closing the landfill and never when local opinion had been stated so strongly.

Board backroom types will try to say that waste management is a coast-wide issue, but in Area A it is a local issue as long as we are operating our own landfill and taking care of our waste locally. We have upgraded our landfill with fencing and leachate control that meets federal drinking water standards, we have successful separation and recycling programs that made us one of the first communities in BC to reach 50 per cent waste reduction, and we are perfectly capable of continuing this good work until we have our own zero-waste facility that will be a source of community pride, using Area A tax dollars to employ Area A people. Our regional neighbours may not think it is cost-effective for us to do such a thing ourselves, but if we had let them decide for us on strict cost-efficiency grounds we would

not have our own high school, health centre, swimming pool, golf course or soccer field, either. The minute we close our landfill and become a client of the Sechelt system we do lose local control of waste management and become powerless partners in whatever grand schemes the SCRCD has in mind. This will begin with a multi-million-dollar upgrade to control leachate and biogas problems at Sechelt, and will progress to an even more costly processing plant that we will pay more than our share for because of our large land base and low population, just as we pay more than our share for most joint functions we partake in. The big issue is not whether it's cheaper to landfill our garbage 50 kilometres away than doing it here (debatable) but that once we stop doing it here we commit ourselves to new tax expenditures in the millions that will create jobs in Sechelt while it kills jobs here. But according to Mayor Janyk and co., it is their decision, not ours, and they have their minds made up.

What to do? We should all back Eric's demand for a proper referendum. If you see a petition demanding a referendum, sign it. Go to the waste committee meeting at 1975 Field Road 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and back Eric's call for a referendum. We should all write Donna Shugar and demand our democratic say without delay. (Donna Shugar, Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt BC V0N 3A1. Fax 604 885 7909 Email: donna.shugar@scrd.ca.)

If we swallow this garbage, we don't deserve to live in an independent community with its own services.

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## Border collie takes Shih Tzu



By John Wade

Hi John,

**My dog's name is Maggie. She is a three-year-old Shih Tzu.**

**Last summer she was bitten by a border collie whose owner said that his dog would love to play with Maggie.**

**When he opened his gate the border collie immediately attacked Maggie, and grabbed her. She screamed so loudly a neighbour, came running out of her house.**

**I checked Maggie but I didn't see any marks. The next morning I went to pick her up and she cried, so I checked again.**

**There were two broken marks on her skin. She healed but now she's so scared of big dogs, I don't know what to do.**

**-Annette**

Hi Annette,

You learned a lesson about how well people know and can control their own dogs the hard way.

Lots of people take the chance but I won't anymore.

I decide what dogs mine interacts with if for no other reason then a lot of dog owners just don't understand the role of a responsible dog owner.

They don't understand that if they can't recall their dog in simple situations — let alone those like yours — then they've no right subjecting others to a "my dog is good with other dogs" scenario.

The insurance industry reports a pay out of more than \$1 billion per year in homeowners' liability claims resulting from dog bites.

That's dogs biting people, of course, but it gives you a sense of why I wouldn't trust what anyone has to say about their dog any more then I would trust a friend with a sense of humour to set me up on a blind date.

You've got your work cut out for you.

The first thing to do is get your dog to pay attention to you in a wide range of scenarios that have nothing to do with other dogs but are distracting nonetheless.

Start in the house and then work near traffic, skate boards, squirrels etc. and when you've got the dog sitting, coming and staying, start doing the same thing in the vicinity of a dog park.

Far away at first but closer and closer to the fenced area as time goes by.

In the interim you've got to find a few dogs that are as close to comatose in temperament or highly trained to behave calmly around other dogs and work at getting your dog performing a few commands around them.

Also, start associating whatever it is your dog loves — treats, a toy etc. — with the training around other dogs.

I think it would be wise to work with a trainer to help you decide when it's time

to go to each new level.

— John

*If you have questions for John, send e-mail to: [johnwade@johnwade.ca](mailto:johnwade@johnwade.ca) or visit his website at [www.johnwade.ca](http://www.johnwade.ca)*



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## High wattage bulbs for fall

By Jim Rutherford &  
Nolan Sawatzky

Last time out we touched on layering.

It's more than fashion — the placing of bulbs in containers or beds according to their depth requirements and topping them with a perennial herb.

When faced with a maze of gorgeously coloured panels (likely colour enhanced) on bulb boxes, don't blow the budget on the fanciest ones and most expensive.

### COLOUR

We find the newer the variety ("New" in big bold labels), the weaker they can be.

Let nature do the colour mix for

you.

We tend not to use yellows and reds side by side — it's just too shocking.

Apeldoorn in the name of a tulip speaks of a good gene pool.

Apeldoorn Elite blooms yellow during mid-season with an orange blush.

Other than that, colouring in the tulips like a parrot, perhaps tone on tone, without getting all dizzy on the colour wheel will suit best.

Queen of the Night, a near black tulip, flowers in early to mid April.

It grows 24 to 30 inches and is a reliable and more exotic looking one.

Check the labels for late bloomers to provide colour after the early varieties have faded.

Aladdin is another reliable tulip with lily-flowering (pointed) petals.

Angelique is a double-late tulip — a true prize winner of all the peony-shaped bloomers.

It is excellent purchased as a cut flower. Note: With many cut flower tulips, freshness might be a concern if the petals are transparent.

Red Riding Hood is our favourite — even the name is fun.

Tulipa greigii hybrids are low

growing (eight to 14 inches) and bloom in April/May.

The flowers are long-lasting, often with multiples to a stem and the leaves often stippled with brown, rust or purple.

Purchase in pre-grown pots for an easy way to get quick colour.

Tip: Don't drive yourself crazy! Tulips are deer fodder so protect them or lose 'em.



### DAFFODILS AND NARCISSUS

Say no more — they're mostly deer-proof but we have seen some extreme fancies get a nip from the deer.

There's more to life than King Alfred daffodils.

Because of popular usage, the word daffodil is the common name of all the varieties in the division.

The common name, narcissus, is used for all other types.

### NOLAN DISHES THE DIRT

Any well-drained soil will do for these bulbs — sun for tulips and sun to some shade for daffs.

Continual wetness is the death of all these bulbs. Light soil does not refer to the soil's actual weight but

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defines how easy it is to work.

Texture often refers to the size of the individual soil particles.

Porosity is used to describe the ability of the soil to drain.

## ELLEN'S GENERAL POTTING RECIPE

- One part top soil
- One part peat moss
- One part coco earth

Flavour with two handfuls of manure and a pinch of bone meal. Bon appetit!

## JIMMY'S TOOL TOWN

A bulb planter is best — so aptly named. A hollow tube with foot grips on either side to dig a hole without disturbing the surrounding plants.

A nicely pointed spade or deep trowel will work.

For the correct depth we mark off the tool — once brushed clean — with black electrical tape.

For some reason this tape sticks to the tool and really grips itself.

Mark gradations of six to eight inches or whatever is recommended on the planting label.

For larger borders use a good big shovel for planting bulbs in clumps (drifts) for best effect and to proper depth.

This is a great time to get everyone involved.

Kids will love digging little gopher holes to depth for the bulbs before dusting with harmless bone meal (don't inhale).

Raking up leaves and any other debris around the garden is great sport and what a chance to get rid of possible nesting or hiding places for rodents and other pests.

Slugs and snails can't stand the

heat so hot-compost the leaves.

Raked into a pile (politely hidden from view), the heat of decomposition kills both them and weeds so they don't get an early start on plants.

While you're at fall clean-up, rake under your rhodos or azaleas — it's a great time to apply parasitic nematodes to the soil that show root

weevil damage (notched leaves).

We use a package of plastic picnic utensils to mark the boundaries or spots where we've planted bulbs.

We always forget and plow into them after they've bloomed but let the foliage die down naturally.

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It may be difficult to get a word in edgewise when your dentist or hygienist is busy providing treatment, but discussion about your dental health will help our professionals provide you with the best of care.

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### 1) *How can I improve my dental health?*

Everyone's mouth is different, and your dentist can give you guidelines for at home care. They can advise you on the best toothbrush, the right way to floss, or whether you need to increase/decrease your fluoride intake and how often you need to come for a visit.

### 2) *What can you do to improve my dental health?*

Your dentist and hygienist can help you optimize the health of your mouth. But they do need to hear from you of any problems you're experiencing. Even if you think it is minor, telling the dentist about any pain, discomfort or abnormalities means a solution can be found sooner to improve your daily comfort and prevent problems from getting out of hand.

### 3) *How is my dental health now?*

A general exam for the mouth will include looking for any lumps or bumps that don't belong; gauging bone density if osteoporosis is a concern; checking for teeth grinding and making sure everything is functioning properly.

### 4) *Should my medical doctor be informed?*

Changes inside your mouth can signal certain conditions, such as vitamin deficiencies or osteoporosis; diabetes and some cancers. Your dentist will know which symptoms need to be brought to your GP's attention.

### 5) *What information does the dentist need from my medical doctor?*

The dentist needs to know what medications you take and any changes in your overall health status. Do you have allergies to drugs or latex? Have you had heart surgery, joint replacement or cataracts removed? Your general health affects your mouth and the treatment you need.

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A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Troy Callewaert and his staff at the Madeira Park IGA** for supporting Fall Faire in every way possible, which helped it make the best one yet.

Carol Krych  
P. H. Fall Faire Society

A Harbour Seal of Approval to all the **volunteers** who helped us, **Nonie, Sancia, Linda, Alan, Glenn, Rick** — to name a few of you. Thank you so much for your help, you made it so much easier for us.

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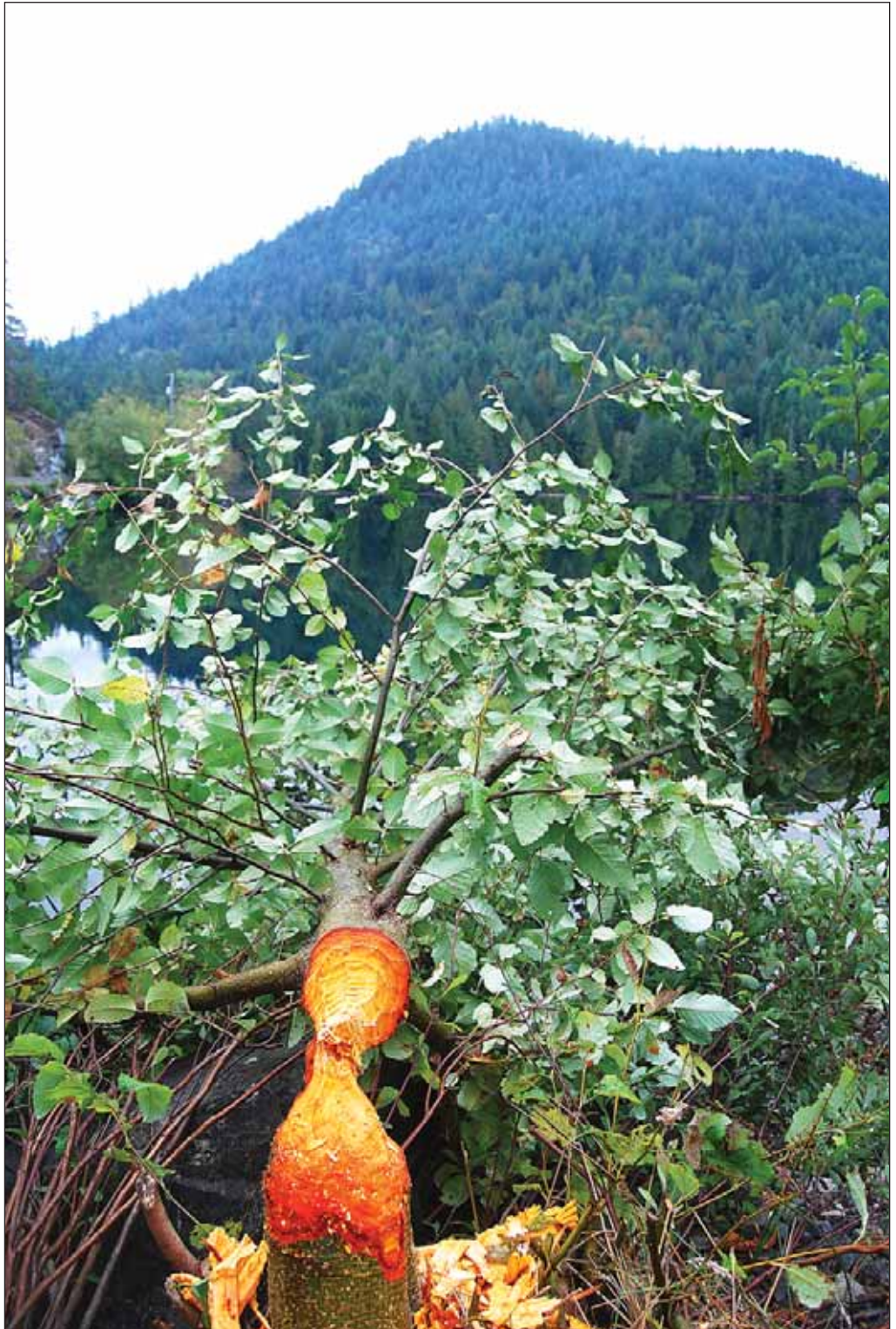
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## PHOTOJOURNAL



Senseless vandalism has been plaguing the alders around Garden Bay Lake recently.

# Gettin' wood and pickup Pilates

By Brian Lee

It seemed like everybody used to burn wood for heat in the winter.

Firewood was plentiful and just about every family had a chainsaw and a beat-up pickup truck.

I was the only boy in my family so it fell to me to ensure that there was always a stack of dry firewood in the box beside the wood stove.

It was no small chore when it was cold out because Dad would keep the thing stoked and burning so hot that sometimes it felt like I needed a crew to help me keep up.

Eventually, I learned some firewood supply management tricks.

When it was cold, I'd stack an extra wheelbarrow load on top of the usual stack.

If it was really cold, like five below, I'd stack another row on the concrete floor in front of the box.

After awhile I knew I'd need about eight to 10 wheelbarrow loads to last the four days around Christmas.

To ignore these rules risked getting soundly shaken from an early morning slumber.

Dad would be waiting impatiently while I slogged through the rain with the wood I should have brought in the night before instead of watching Three's Company.

When it came time to get a load of firewood, everyone had to go.

Mom, Dad, sisters, dog and I all piled into a pickup but the expendable ones, the dog and me, would ride in the back.

This was probably as illegal then as it is now but it was locally recognized that endangering the life of your child in this way was an acceptable hazard.

For some reason I always liked getting firewood.

When we'd get to the chosen spot I'd have a half hour or so to go exploring while Dad was cutting rounds off some long-ago fallen fir tree, always with a warning from Mom to watch out for devil's club.

It was some kind of hobby back then to collect the biggest and cleanest tree bracket fungi.

People would paint or draw scenes on the white underside of these fungi and we were always on the lookout for a really good one. The bigger, cleaner and whiter, the better.



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6 - 8 p.m. (Pender Harbour)  
Madeira Park Legion  
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**Monday, November 9**  
5 - 7 p.m. (Gibsons)  
Gibsons & Area Community Centre  
Rm. 209 - 700 Park Rd.

**Tuesday, November 10**  
5 - 7 p.m. (Sechelt)  
Seaside Centre  
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More information about the CEEP process and events,  
please see [www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca) or contact Dion Whyte at 604-885-6819.

You don't see much tree fungus art anymore and I feel no lingering emptiness because of it.

By the time I got back from my wandering, the sharp smell of fresh pitch told me it was time to start splitting and stacking.

When I was small, Dad would split the rounds and we'd both throw the pieces toward the pickup where I stacked it.

The only penalty for an errant chunk of wood connecting with the side of the truck would be a stern look telling me to be more careful.

Trucks seemed more expendable back then, which might explain why fewer people supply their own firewood today — it just doesn't make good economic sense to throw wood at a \$50,000 F-350.

Later, as we got older, I split the wood while my sisters stacked it.

I revelled in my promotion from stacker to splitter and took a considerable amount of pride in being the pit boss.

Inevitably, one of the sisters would get clipped by my highball wood-throwing antics and I'd get demoted while the injured sister recovered from her injury.

Lunch would be sandwiches with lime juice and since there was always a fire, we'd cook the sandwiches using a forked stick.

It absolutely ruined them but I never thought to question it.

A similar dessert of charred marshmallows would follow before we'd get back to work.

After ensuring the truck was sufficiently overloaded, Dad would try to leave a little slot at the back for the gas can and sharp tools, and then just enough more so the soft tissue of the

son and dog would keep it all from banging around.

The ride home was the most unpleasant part of the whole exercise.

To avoid injury from the spine jarring bottom-outs suffered on the way down, I learned to stretch out and support my entire body weight on three limbs as I strained with the fourth to foil the escape attempts of the dog.

It was a mixture of stretching, static tension and zen-like balance — a kind of pickup truck Pilates.

When we reached the highway I'd be forced to change from the

aforementioned "Spider Web" pose to the "Cocoon," huddling behind the pitch soaked load to avoid the stinging pellets of rain.

Hunched down and blinded by a windy vortex of fresh sawdust, the Cocoon pose required concentration.

I'd try to identify our relative position to home by shifts in the load as we lurched around corners — all the while hoping the rattling tailgate would hold.

## FIREWOOD FAQ:

### 1. WHAT IS A FULL CORD?

Four feet x four feet x eight feet long and has a volume of 128 cubic feet. Spring is the best time to acquire your wood to insure it is good and dry come winter.

### 2. HOW MUCH WOOD DO I NEED FOR ONE WINTER?

If you have a traditional fireplace burning three to four nights a week, you will probably require about two cords. If you have a fire going all day, every day, you could burn up to 10 cords.

### 3. WHAT IS SEASONED WOOD?

Seasoned wood is wood that has been cut and been on the ground for nine months or longer. Although the outer pieces of the wood can still be damp, the inside of the wood will be dry.

### 4. DO I NEED A PERMIT TO CUT FIRE WOOD?

Yes. You can get a permit online at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dsc/Permits/Firewood.htm>

Firewood can be cut from roadside logging debris in designated cutting areas. The Ministry of Forests website has maps identifying which areas are currently open for firewood cutting and require you to print the map(s) and attach it to your permit. For any other areas of interest that are not listed on the website, MoF suggests contacting the Sunshine Coast Forest District at (604) 485-0700.

# Area A Seniors' Housing Outreach Healthy Meal Program



## Sample Three Day/Four Week Menu *Healthy, ready to heat meal delivery for \$10/entrée*

Supported by: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #112, Sunshine Coast Credit Union, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Union of BC Municipalities and our volunteer food preparers and drivers.

Three meals available each week

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Grilled chicken breast with rice pilaf and roasted zucchini, mushrooms and peppers</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Herb rubbed pork roast with roasted root vegetables and green beans</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Seafood casserole (frozen) with grilled vegetables</li> <li>· Coleslaw</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul> |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Maple glazed grilled salmon with wild rice, steamed cauliflower and some colourful vegetables</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Roasted chicken with roasted baby red potatoes, brussels sprouts and carrots</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Frozen meat lasagna</li> <li>· Coleslaw</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>                                |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Meat loaf, mashed potatoes &amp; gravy with fresh vegetables</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Grilled halibut, mashed yams and green vegetable</li> </ul>                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Chicken pot pie (frozen)</li> <li>· Coleslaw</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>                           |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Breaded chicken thighs with fresh tomato vegetable sauce</li> </ul>                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Salisbury steak and roasted potatoes with herbs, grilled green beans with lemon and garlic</li> <li>· Salad greens</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Frozen fish cakes</li> <li>· Coleslaw</li> <li>· Soup of the day</li> </ul>                                  |

**Note: Vegetables may change according to availability.**

**Meals will be delivered on Mondays except in the case of a statutory holiday — delivery will then be on Tuesday.**

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## Que sera, sera

By Cheyenne  
Lightbourn



In Pender Harbour we are lucky to have tons of locally fabricated, public art scattered here and there, decorating and brightening up our quirky little town.

Some is old, some is new, but all of it is loved and very personal to the local residents.

Every piece of public art is a meaningful and decisive part of our community's personality.

When a piece of our community is in jeopardy, we strive to protect or preserve it, because our love for our home is strong and sentimental.

Now that the Pender Harbour pool's beautiful mural painted by locals Ken Walters and Emily Gray is facing extinction, that determination for preservation is frantic and strong.

In the second week of October, I was sent an invitation to a group that was petitioning to save the Pender Harbour pool mural.

Emily Gray, one of the two local artists who painted the mural and a recent graduate of Emily Carr University, had started the group to raise awareness about the Aquatic Society Board's decision to get rid of the mural in the process of renovation at the pool.

The group has accumulated a whopping 247 members interested in preserving the beloved mural.

However, the board does not seem to be budging on its decision.

This whole project is funded by Area A taxpayers, so many thought that they should have a say in what happens to the mural.

Apparently, they are wrong.

The Aquatic Society Board has a vision for the pool.

They want it "bright" and new.

And since Eric Graham left it to the board to make the decision of whether to scrap, or keep the mural, there is almost no chance it will survive the renovations.

I have heard many justifications for the destruction of this wonderful piece of public art, though.

Other than the fact that it does not jibe with the new vision, according to a local lifeguard who was given a tour of the new pool on Oct. 15, there is "mould in and behind the wall."

If destroying the wall was just a "vision" thing, then obviously there would be a little room for petitions and objection, maybe even negotiation.

But if there is mould in the wall and safety is an issue then, however unfortunate, the mural should be torn

down.

Even if there is mould, rendering all of the petitions futile, it is still amazing to see everyone pull together to save a piece of art and a piece of the community.

There are so many caring people here and we are lucky that so many would stand up for something like a mural.

It will be unfortunate if the mural is destroyed — it's tragic, horrible even.

But we still have the memories of the mural, and the artists who painted it.

And knowing the creative and amazing people that live here, I am sure that there will be more murals to come.

But for now, investigation and innovation may be the mural's only hope.

Get all the facts, talk to someone who is in charge.

If you are really concerned, do something instead of just signing your name.

Actions always speak louder than words.

There may be a chance or there may not but, in the end, whatever will be will be.



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| • Bridge Club .....                                         | 883-2633 |
| • Chamber of Commerce, P. H. & Egmont.....                  | 883-2531 |
| • Christ the Redeemer Church .....                          | 883-1371 |
| • Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61 .....                      | 883-2572 |
| • Community Choir .....                                     | 883-2283 |
| • Community Club, Egmont .....                              | 883-9206 |
| • Community Club, Pender Harbour .....                      | 741-5840 |
| • Community Policing .....                                  | 883-2026 |
| • Community School Society .....                            | 883-2826 |
| • Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department .....         | 883-2555 |
| • GRIPS (Recycling Society) .....                           | 883-1165 |
| • Garden Bay Sailing Club .....                             | 883-2689 |
| • Gardening Club .....                                      | 883-0295 |
| • P. H. Golf Club .....                                     | 883-9541 |
| • Guides, Brownies, etc. ....                               | 883-2819 |
| • Harbour Artists .....                                     | 883-2807 |
| • Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.) .....       | 883-2764 |
| • Health Centre Society .....                               | 883-2764 |
| • Health Centre Auxiliary .....                             | 883-0522 |
| • Hepatitis C Connection .....                              | 883-0010 |
| • InStitches (1st Monday, 11 a.m., PH Health Centre)....    | 883-0748 |
| • Iris Griffith Centre .....                                | 883-9201 |
| • Lions Club, Egmont.....                                   | 883-9463 |
| • Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.) .....        | 883-1361 |
| • P. H. Music Society.....                                  | 883-2689 |
| • P. H. Paddling Society .....                              | 883-3678 |
| • Pender Harbour Choir (7:30 pm Tues).....                  | 883-9273 |
| • Piecemakers (quilters, 1st & 3rd Wed. 9:30 a.m.) .....    | 883-9209 |
| • Power & Sail Squad (2nd Wed. Legion).....                 | 883-0444 |
| • Red Balloon Parent & Tot drop-in.....                     | 885-5881 |
| • Reading Centre Society .....                              | 883-2983 |
| • Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub) .....              | 883-1350 |
| • Royal Cdn Legion 112 .....                                | 883-2235 |
| • Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....                        | 883-9994 |
| • St. Andrew's Anglican Church .....                        | 883-9927 |
| • St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.) ..... | 883-2563 |
| • Seniors' Housing Society (3rd Thur.).....                 | 883-9883 |
| • Serendipity Preschool .....                               | 883-2316 |
| • Suncoast Players .....                                    | 883-9277 |
| • Sunshine Coast Community-based Victim Services .....      | 885-0322 |
| • TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).....                      | 883-3639 |
| • Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening) .....                  | 883-9270 |
| • Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS).....                    | 883-9853 |
| • Women's Cancer Support .....                              | 883-9708 |
| • Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.) .....                 | 883-9313 |
| • Women's Outreach Services .....                           | 741-5246 |

## ~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

### PENDER HARBOUR LIONS CLUB

The Pender Harbour Lions have a drop-off box for used glasses at the P. H. Health Centre. This is part of our effort to support the CNIB Glasses Reconditioning Program. Please donate used glasses so others may benefit.

### P. H. AND DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Duane Sept will be our guest speaker on Nov. 17. Duane lives on the Sunshine Coast and is a well-known biologist, photographer and author of many books. He will give a talk and a presentation on the mushrooms of our coast. Time and place of the meeting is 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School.

### PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR

Suncoast Singers and the Pender Harbour Choir will blend their voices on Friday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. at the P. H. Community Hall. Familiar choruses from works by Haydn and Mendelssohn, as well as Mozart, Verdi, Vivaldi, Faure, Elgar and Holst will be performed by more than 70 voices. A modern Ave Verum by B.C. composer Imant Raminsh will add to the rich and varied program. Tickets \$15.

### PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Come Nov. 10 for an opportunity to display your arts and crafts and to share your talents with members. Tickets for our annual Christmas luncheon will also be available. On Nov. 24, Troy Callewaert will bring us up to date with the Christmas Happenings in Madeira Park's IGA. These gatherings will be held at the P. H. School of Music from 10 a.m. to noon.

### MPES SILENT AUCTION FIELD TRIP FUNDRAISER

The MPES silent auction will run from Thursday, Nov. 26 to Saturday, Nov. 28 at the P. H. Legion with a quiz night on Saturday evening as well. Donations are greatly appreciated. Call Pauulet Hohn (883-9464).

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Robi Petraschuk photo collection

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(l-r): Gail Whyte, Robi Petraschuk, Esther Duncan, Bonnie West, Doreen Lee, Brenda Scoular, Joyce Clay.

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### THE DAYS

### BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 ~ **Len Best.**  
Nov. 2 ~ **Carrie Hillhouse, Charles Lee and Ann Wutzke.**  
Nov. 3 ~ **Charlene Cote, Sue Rayment and Trevor Ross.**  
Nov. 4 ~ **Sandy Boyd and Brennan Bennett.**  
Nov. 5 ~ **Tanis Zayshley, Colton Ed-wardson and Terry McLean.**  
Nov. 6 ~ **Kathie Atherfold and Max Scoular.**  
Nov. 7 ~ **Joni Mitchell.**  
Nov. 8 ~ **Eleanor Reid, Ryan Boyd and Gerry Matheson.**  
Nov. 9 ~ **Matthew McKimm and Mark Harding.**  
Nov. 10 ~ **Tom Duncan and Nicole MacDonald.**  
Nov. 11 ~ **Marge Campbell and Lo-retta McDonald.**  
Nov. 12 ~ **Roger Duncan, Dwayne Knock and Cooper Pantages.**  
Nov. 13 ~ **Hunter Edwardson, Tanya Cummings, Paul Jones, Darrin Jordison and John Maveety.**  
Nov. 14 ~ **Mary Dumaresq and Amber Kincaide.**  
Nov. 15 ~ **Josey Bennett.**

Nov. 16 ~ **Ray Hansen.**  
Nov. 17 ~ **Biada Priest, Rodney Kam-merle, Bev MacDonald and Barb Watt.**  
Nov. 18 ~ **Amanda Ross.**  
Nov. 19 ~ **Cheryl Jensen and Dennis Levasseur.**  
Nov. 20 ~ **Umeyo Kishimoto, Jill Wagner.**  
Nov. 21 ~ **Keray Farrell**  
Nov. 22 ~ **Jennifer Girard, Alysa English, Brooke Fraser and Anne Fraser.**  
Nov. 23 ~ **Dodie Edwardson, May Silvey, Dave Daiken and Wayne Griffith.**  
Nov. 24 ~ **Maggi Guzzi and Chase Campbell.**  
Nov. 25 ~ **Neil Remmem, Paul Gau-det and Leah Pockrant .**  
Nov. 26 ~ **Gary Griffith.**  
Nov. 27 ~ **Betty Sladey and Natasha Landry.**  
Nov. 28 ~ **Julia Reid and twins Paige & Lexi Pauls.**  
Nov. 29 ~ **Pete Hannah, John Mc-Donald, Myrna Pickering and Marie Coombes.**  
Nov. 30 ~ **Les Fowler and Brayden Zayshley.**

### NOVEMBER WEATHER

Our November average daily high temperature is 8.8 C and our average low is 5.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 7 C. The highest Novem-ber temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985).

November averages 55.8 hours of bright sunshine and 19 days with pre-cipitation. November's average monthly rainfall is 148.5 mm; snowfall is 2.5 cm. The highest November daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island is 50 mm (Nov. 3, 1989); snowfall is 9.6 cm (Nov. 25, 1985).

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## OF NOVEMBER

### HALLOWTIDE

#### ALL SAINTS' DAY - NOV. 1

In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church made Nov. 1 a church holiday to honour all the saints. This feast day is called All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day used to be known as All Hallows (Hallow being an old word meaning Saint or Holy Person). The feast day actually started the previous evening, the Eve of All Hallows or Hallowe'en.

#### ALL SOULS' DAY - NOV. 2

On All Souls' Day the Roman Catholic Church remembers the dead — not just the great and the good, but ordinary people. Families visit graves with bunches of flowers and in church the names of the dead may be read out on request.

According to tradition, a pilgrim returning from the Holy Land took refuge on a rocky island during a storm. There he met a hermit, who told him that among the cliffs was an opening to the infernal regions through which flames ascended, and where the groans of the tormented were distinctly audible. The pilgrim told Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, who appointed the following day (Nov. 2, 998) to be set apart for "all the dead who have existed from the beginning of the world to the end of time." The day purposely follows All Saints' Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory.

All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day are know collectively as Hallowtide.

### NOVEMBER ASTROLOGY

#### SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Scorpios will be especially sensitive to the smell of bleach during the October lunar cycle.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21)

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trend-setters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. Sagittarians are usually the naked ones in the hot tub.

### Skookumchuck viewing times ~ November ~

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

|         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| Nov. 1  | 9:53 am -M, 2:29 pm +L   |
| Nov. 2  | 10:43 am -M, 3:03 +L     |
| Nov. 3  | 11:29 am -M, 3:41 pm +M  |
| Nov. 4  | 12:14 am -M, 4:21 pm +M  |
| Nov. 5  | 12:58 pm -M, 5:05 pm +M  |
| Nov. 6  | 7:49 am -M, 1:46 pm -M   |
| Nov. 7  | 8:38 am +XL, 2:49 pm -M  |
| Nov. 8  | 9:28 am +XL, 3:53 pm -M  |
| Nov. 9  | 10:16 am +XL, 5:04 pm -M |
| Nov. 10 | 11:04 am +XL, 6:08 pm -L |
| Nov. 11 | 11:49 am +XL, 7:01 pm -L |
| Nov. 12 | 12:31 pm +XL, 7:47 pm -L |
| Nov. 13 | 7:56 am -M, 1:20 pm -L   |
| Nov. 14 | 9:05 am -M, 1:57 pm +L   |
| Nov. 15 | 10:00 am -M, 2:34 pm +M  |
| Nov. 16 | 10:47 am -M, 3:11 pm +M  |
| Nov. 17 | 11:29 am -M, 3:49 pm +M  |
| Nov. 18 | 12:08 pm -M, 4:26 pm +M  |
| Nov. 19 | 12:58 pm -M, 5:05 pm +S  |
| Nov. 20 | 1:43 pm -M, 5:46 pm +S   |
| Nov. 21 | 8:10 am +XL, 2:31 pm -M  |
| Nov. 22 | 8:44 am +XL, 3:25 pm -M  |
| Nov. 23 | 9:10 am +XL, 3:55 pm -M  |
| Nov. 24 | 8:59 am +XL, 5:19 pm -M  |
| Nov. 25 | 10:20 am +L, 6:02 pm -L  |
| Nov. 26 | 10:55 am +L, 6:37 pm -L  |
| Nov. 27 | 11:33 am +L, 6:41 pm -L  |
| Nov. 28 | 7:31 am -S, 12:16 pm +M  |
| Nov. 29 | 8:41 am -S, 12:58 pm +M  |
| Nov. 30 | 9:38 am -M, 1:49 pm +M   |

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## Long-serving health centre nurse Linda Szabados retires

*Compiled by Michael Ross*

During the recent AGM of the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre a very special lady, Linda Szabados, was recognized on the occasion of her retirement for her dedication to the Health Centre and the many residents of Area A who have benefited from her gentle nurturing care.

Linda was born at the original St Mary's in Garden Bay and was raised in Pender Harbour.

A graduate of Vancouver General Hospital's nursing program, Linda's career saw her working in Ucluelet and Langley before moving back to the Harbour in the late '70s.

While Linda was working at the Wilson Creek adult day care centre she got the idea for starting the Harbourside Friendship Group in 1991 to serve our local elders.

This group still operates under the umbrella of the health centre and receives generous funding from the P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary.

Linda also served as a board member for the Sunshine Coast Home Support Society.

Linda's strong principles guided her decision-making in her nursing practice and she is much appreciated for her compassion, commitment, understanding of family dynamics and warmth, especially with palliative patients during a stressful time.

On behalf of the board of trustees, the staff and her many grateful patients, Michael Cyr presented Linda with a lovely bouquet as well as a present for some recreational time with her husband Zorro.

Participants at the AGM also heard about the many new programs the staff have developed for the community as well as plans to install an



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Michael Cyr presents Linda Szabados with a bouquet at a recent ceremony in honour of her retirement.

automatic generator to allow uninterrupted operation of the clinic during power outages and other local emergencies.

Janet Thomas was also recognized upon her stepping down as chair of the Health Centre Auxiliary.

Doug Davis presented Janet with a bouquet and thanked her for her leadership and for all the auxiliary support to the health centre.

The funding from the Pender Harbour Bargain Barn is critical to the functioning of the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

Without it programs such as Women's Health, Youth Clinic, scholarships to assist local students registered in health care programs and critically needed medical equipment purchases that support the baby drop in center, home care and palliative services would not be possible.

The P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary was a major contributor to the "It's Ours" campaign that allows the Pender Harbour Health Centre to operate without a mortgage.



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Doug Davis presents a bouquet to outgoing Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary chair Janet Thomas

So don't forget to drop into the Health Centre to learn how the centre can benefit you and renew your family membership.

Please also support the Health Centre by taking your surplus items after your fall cleaning to the Bargain Barn.

## Albatross lands on local golf course



By Jan Watson

It's hard to believe that the season is almost over.

We have all been so lucky with fabulous weather which has lasted right up to the time of writing in mid-October.

Alex Kerr had a second albatross (that's 3 under par). This time it was on the fourth hole — two shots and in the hole.



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Very exciting but too bad he was unable to see it go in.

Even I got lucky on Sept. 17 with my third Hole-in-One.

It was on hole No. 3 and was witnessed by Carol Reid and Shelley Stunell on ladies' day.

Unfortunately I did not have my quarter in the pot but thank goodness had insurance to cover the refreshments.

### MEN'S CLUB

On Oct. 6 the club held a modified Stabford and the winner with 44 points was George Grout.

Tied for second were Ron Needham and Terry Cowan with 42 points.

Kp on No. 3 was John Cameron and on No. 6 it was Blake Priebe.

### LADIES CLUB

Sept. 17 saw the first round of the Turkey Shoot which is a two-day eclectic tournament.

Moni Langham got off to a great start and led at the end of the day,

but she was passed at the post in the second round held on Oct. 1.

After a tie-breaker, Wendy Had-dock was the winner beating Helen Krantz after they both ended regular play with a net 57.

Wendy got the turkey and I'm not sure if Helen got the pope's nose or a pumpkin pie!

A Low Net event was held on Oct. 8 and the winner was Lorna Lycan with 64.

It was also Low Putts for the front nine and there was a tie at 16 between Helen Krantz and Moni Langham.

The back nine was also tied between Bev Provost and me with 13.

### COMING EVENTS

On Nov. 21 we have Lobster Fest and then on Nov. 29 the

club hosts a Grey Cup Party

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## Landowners asked to help protect endangered turtles

By Michelle Evelyn

In the soil, just inches below the surface, many tiny turtles — each the size of a loonie — lay nestled in their underground home near the shoreline of Sakinaw Lake.

Landowner Pat Pelly had no idea that a nest filled of baby turtles was in her yard until she began digging to install some stairs.

The hatchlings that Pat had discovered were western painted turtles — British Columbia's only native freshwater turtle.

Our Pacific Coast population of this species is federally endangered and provincially red-listed.

The Pender Harbour region provides key remaining habitat for these imperilled turtles.

When Pat found the turtles, she contacted the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre staff who put her in contact with me and Dave Stiles.

We are local biologists studying western painted turtle populations as part of the larger Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project which aims to identify and protect critical habitat for threatened wildlife on the coast.

With Dave's help, Pat was able to relocate the nest and hatchlings to a safer spot on her property and protect the nest with a predator exclosure.

For now, the turtles are resettled in the nest where they will spend the entire winter.

Pat can look forward to watching them emerge and head for the lake next spring.

Dave and I are working with private landowners to monitor turtle populations and protect and enhance turtle habitat in the Pender Harbour area.



photo submitted

Western Painted Turtle hatchlings discovered in a yard near Sakinaw Lake.

Community members living around lakes and wetlands in the region often have vital nesting, basking, foraging or overwintering habitat on their property.

Landowners find it relatively easy to maintain and create turtle habitat without impacting human use of their property.

Turtles and humans can easily coexist.

We are so grateful to landowners for helping conserve these precious turtles.

The turtles have been around in this region for generations and are a vital part of our local heritage.

If you are lucky enough to have baby turtles on your property, it is a wonderful thing.

If you are a landowner and wish to work with the Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project to conserve turtles, please contact me and Dave at [coast-wildlife@gmail.com](mailto:coast-wildlife@gmail.com) or (604) 989-1007.

The Wildlife Project is supported by the Habitat Stewardship Program, Habitat Conservation Trust Founda-

tion, Indian Isle Construction and West Coast Log Homes.

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## Fishing for buyers



By Alan Stewart

A greedy and uneducated fisherman gets in his boat without checking the tides or the weather forecast and heads blindly into the ocean with the heaviest line and largest lure available in hopes of catching the biggest fish in the sea.

When he comes to a place that he feels may offer him a chance of success, usually based on the recommendations of other uneducated, greedy fishermen, he lets out his line and sits back in hopes of a giant fish spotting his lure and taking the bait.

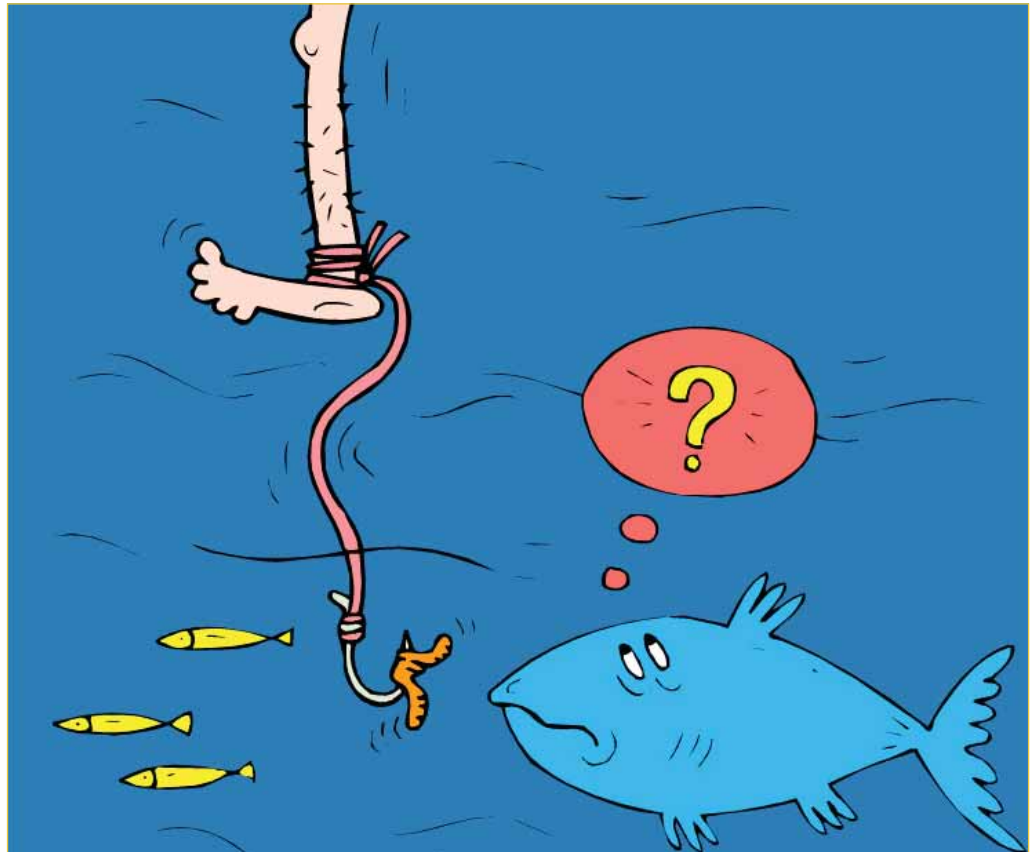
Little does he know that in the dark waters beneath his boat, countless fish are nibbling at the lure with no hopes of ever consuming it, it's simply too big for them.

Other large fish, which could in fact take the bait swim by and inspect the lure carefully, but the heavy line suspending it is too obvious for them to ignore.

Despite their interest, they don't bite.

The bigger, older fish are wise and don't strike at their prey without careful scrutiny.

The wise fisherman takes advice from those who know the sea and



have proven their skill by catching many fish.

He prepares for an excursion by identifying the types of fish that are in the area, he choose an appropriate lure ensuring the tackle is not too heavy.

When he puts out his line, he carefully measures the depth he wants the lure to be placed at and then adjusts it as the tide rises or falls.

Then he reels in his meal.

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## Put the memory back back in Remembrance Day

By Shane McCune



At 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 many Canadians will pause for two minutes of silence to honour fallen soldiers from a century of wars and peacekeeping missions.

Thousands will gather at cenotaphs or other memorials for solemn ceremonies, some of which will be aired on TV and radio along with a host of documentaries and specials about our military, past and present.

Almost all these observances will have in common three words: “Lest we forget.”

There is a sad irony to that phrase. Because even though public participation in Remembrance Day is widespread (perhaps due to mounting casualties in Afghanistan), Canadians seem to be forgetting the roots of these rites.

Last year a poll commissioned by the Dominion Institute revealed that only 46 per cent of Canadians knew that Remembrance Day marked the end of the First World War. Forty per cent thought it marked the end of the Second World War, and one in six believed it commemorated D-Day, June 6, 1944.

“Presumably the latter group believed June falls in November each year,” Dominion fellow J.L. Granatstein wrote ruefully at the time.

Asked who Canada’s foes were in WWI, only 16 per cent could name Germany and Austria from a list of five countries. Two in 10 picked Russia, 15 per cent chose Japan — and eight per cent thought Canada fought France.

It’s probably a good thing there are no Canadian veterans of the Great War left to hear that 37 per cent of their fellow citizens — 45 per cent of those aged 18-34 — believed the U.S. entered the conflict before Canada.

Jack Granatstein blames educators for this ignorance. A military historian, he says his field is a “pariah” in university history departments, and their disdain for the military is passed on to those who develop and teach high school courses.

If schoolchildren do hear anything about the two world wars, he says, it’s likely to focus on the internment of civilians and the bitter divisions between Quebecers and

the rest of Canada over conscription.

All worth studying, says Prof. Granatstein, but so is the role that war, especially the First World War, played in nation-building. He even suggests that Canadian troops’ stunning victory at Vimy Ridge in April 1917 might be “the crowning achievement of the Canadian people.”

Now, some would say his view of our history might glorify war. Fine, tell the whole story: Canadian troops were unquestionably among the most valiant in France and Flanders, but they also acquired a reputation for savagery, lack of discipline and the highest VD rate among allied forces.

If that’s a little too raw for high schoolers, we should at least teach them what a profound impact the First World War had on the nation as a whole. Out of a population of only 8 million, a total of 619,636 men and women served in the forces, and of these 66,655 were killed and another 172,950 were wounded.

The overwhelming majority of Canadians lived on farms or in small towns, and many rural communities struggled to survive the loss of most of their able-bodied young men. Revulsion at the carnage fuelled a peace movement, social unrest, the rise of left-wing political movements and a corresponding backlash — the first red scare.

How many high school graduates are aware that the Halifax explosion of 1917 was the largest man-made explosion until the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima?

How many know that fully one in 10 Canadians joined the army in the Second World War, or that by the war’s end Canada had the world’s third-largest navy and fourth-largest merchant fleet?

Women’s rights, the urbanization of the nation, the shifting of financial and cultural ties from Britain to the U.S. — so much of what makes us who we are was forged in wartime.

I suppose a grounding in modern Canada history is a lot to ask of a school system that has trouble teaching kids to read. But parents should pressure their school boards and provincial politicians to make sure high schoolers don’t head into the big wide world without understanding the struggles and strengths that created their country.

And no, an automated text message of “lest we 4get” each Nov. 11 won’t do.



## Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names: Stories from Aberdeen



By Theresa Kishkan

How many times have you wondered how on earth a particular place got its name?

Does the name reflect geography, human history, weather, does it honour a marriage, a death, does it commemorate a battle or a beloved home on the other side of the world?

In 1909, Captain John T. Walbran published his *British Colum-*

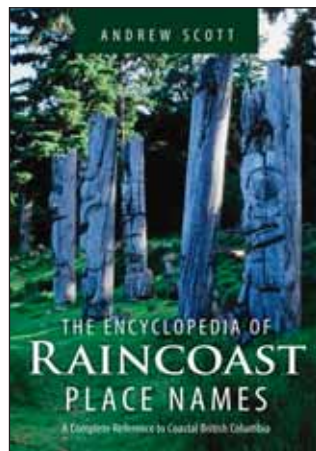
*bia Coast Names: Their Origin and History*, a landmark book of its kind. Drawing on his service with the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company and later as master of the Canadian Government Steamship *Quadra*, the book offers us some 1,500 entries from Actaeon Sound to Zuciarie Channel.

The captain was an observant and opinionated man; his book is full of quirky detail and a kind of endearing cranky tone. You won't find "Bella Coola" in the book. Look instead for "Bela Kula" — though the author concedes that "the local spelling used by the postal authorities is Bella Coola." He goes on to tell the reader that Alexander MacKenzie called the place "'Rascal's village,' on account of the hostile manner in which his party had been received."

It's a book to savour but of course it contains errors and it's hardly comprehensive. A hundred years later, Sunshine Coast writer Andrew Scott has given us a worthy successor to the captain's book. *The Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names: A Complete Reference to Coastal British Columbia* (Harbour Publishing) is a magnificent work.

The introduction is a small

masterpiece of historical concision. It offers a brief history of coastal exploration and introduces us to the early hydrographers involved in marine surveying. Scott's sources could provide an interested reader with several years of fascinating study and he doesn't ignore the vast resources of the internet.



So what about the place names themselves? There are more than 4,000 entries, beginning with Aberdeen Point (and there are seven more entries before we reach Captain Walbran's first one) and concluding with Zuciarie Channel again, though there are seven entries in the Z section, compared with three in the Walbran.

You won't find Madeira Park in Walbran, though there's an entry in Scott.

Pender Harbour is included in an entry on Pender Island in Walbran, essentially a paean to Daniel Pender of the surveying vessels *Plumper*, *Hecate* and *Beaver*. Scott extends this information to include Pender Rock (north of Prince Rupert) but does provide a brief description of Pender Harbour as well.

But the differences are not simply quantitative. Scott is a meticulous researcher and builds admirably on



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## Point to Zuciarie Channel

the earlier work. Anyone who read his columns in the Georgia Straight newspaper (alas, no longer a feature of that publication) knows that he is also an adventurer. He's kayaked to many of the places he's written about in this book, evidenced by some of the photo credits — Cox Island in Haida Gwaii; Flores Island in Clayoquot Sound.

The writing is succinct and vital, as in this entry on Point No Point (a place I know well):

"Point No Point (48°23'30" 123°59'19" Between Sooke and Jordan R, S. end of Vancouver I.). Point No Point first appears on a map of Vancouver I. in 1897. Its official name — adopted in 1957 — is Point No Point (Glacier Point). On the 1900 edition of Admiralty chart #1911 it appears as Glacier Point (Point No Point) instead. It is not known how the unusual, double-barrelled moniker arose. The more familiar name supposedly refers to the feature's ambiguous or deceptive appearance when viewed from certain angles. 'It's a promontory that's a point from one side, not the other,' writes Vancouver I poet Jane Munro, who uses the name as a metaphor for uncertainty in her 2006 book *Point No Point*. A rustic resort, still flourishing in the 2000s, was established there in 1952 by retired nurse Evelyn Packham."

Staging points for liquor smug-

glers during the Prohibition (Rum Island), emblematic birds (Raven Bay), daughters of naval officers (Ellen Island), smallpox outbreaks (Quarantine Bay), places of deep significance to aboriginal people (Kildidit Inlet, Musqueam, Quisitis Point) — the book can be read as historical text posing as a gazetteer, or vice versa.

By organizing the material as an encyclopedia, the author imposes an orderliness to geography and nomenclature that are by their very nature arbitrary and capricious. And this is one of the book's greatest delights — that a reader can plunge in at any point and become enchanted and educated at the same time.

Captain John T. Walbran is honoured by several place names of his own: Walbran Island (SE of Bella Bella), Walbran Point (Devastation Channel), and Walbran Rock (again, near Bella Bella). There's a photograph of him adjacent to his entry in *The Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names*. He stands in uniform, gloves resting on the top of his sword. He is supremely confident, an able guide to the coast he knew and loved.

I think Andrew Scott deserves a place named in his honour too. His book is a marvel and a wonderful addition to the bookshelf of anyone who wants to know more about this coast.

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## NOVEMBER

- Fri. Oct. 30.....Pender Harbour Poppy Campaign begins
- Fri. Oct. 30.....Haunt in the Mont Halloween Dance - Egmont Community Hall, 9 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 31.....P. H. Blues Society Halloween Bash - P. H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 31.....Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Halloween fireworks - Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 1.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 7.....8th Annual Pender Harbour Rotary Art Auction - Garden Bay Pub, 6 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 7 & 8.....FibreWorks presents Warm Feet (Felt slippers) workshop w/ Ursula Bentzby - FibreWorks Gallery
- Sun. Nov. 8.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 9.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Mon. Nov. 9.....SCRD Sustainability Workshop - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 11.....Remembrance Day - Royal Canadian Legion #112, 11 a.m.**
- Sat. Nov. 14.....Bluewaters Books presents author Stan Dixon - Bluewaters Books, 1 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 15.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Tues. Nov. 17.....P. H. District Wildlife Society presents Duane Sept - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Nov. 17-19.....Madeira Park Elementary School's Scholastic Book Fair
- Fri. Nov. 20.....Marina Pharmacy Ladies Night - Marina Pharmacy, 6 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 21.....P. H. Music Society presents Lesismore - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 21.....Egmont Saloon: A fundraiser for the Egmont Community Hall - Egmont Community Hall, 7 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 22.....Sunday Jam with Peter vanDeursen - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 23.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Tues. Nov. 24.....P. H. Women's Connection Meeting - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Fri. Nov. 27.....Bluewaters Books presents author Dianne Whelan, Bluewaters Books, 1 p.m.
- Fri. Nov. 27.....Suncoast Singers and P. H. Choir performance - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 28.....Madeira Park Elementary School field trip fundraiser Quiz Nite - P. H. Legion, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 28.....Serendipity Preschool Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 28.....Pender Harbour Rotary presents Hop-Scotch - P. H. Golf Course, 7 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 29.....Sunday Jam with Greg and the Slow and White Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

### FERRY DEPARTURES

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#### Langdale

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8:20 a.m.  
10:20 a.m.  
12:20 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
8:20 p.m.  
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 12 only)

#### Horseshoe Bay

• 7:20 a.m.  
9:20 a.m.  
11:20 a.m.  
1:20 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
7:25 p.m.  
9:15 p.m.  
11:00 p.m. (Oct. 12 only)

#### Earl's Cove

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

#### Saltery Bay

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