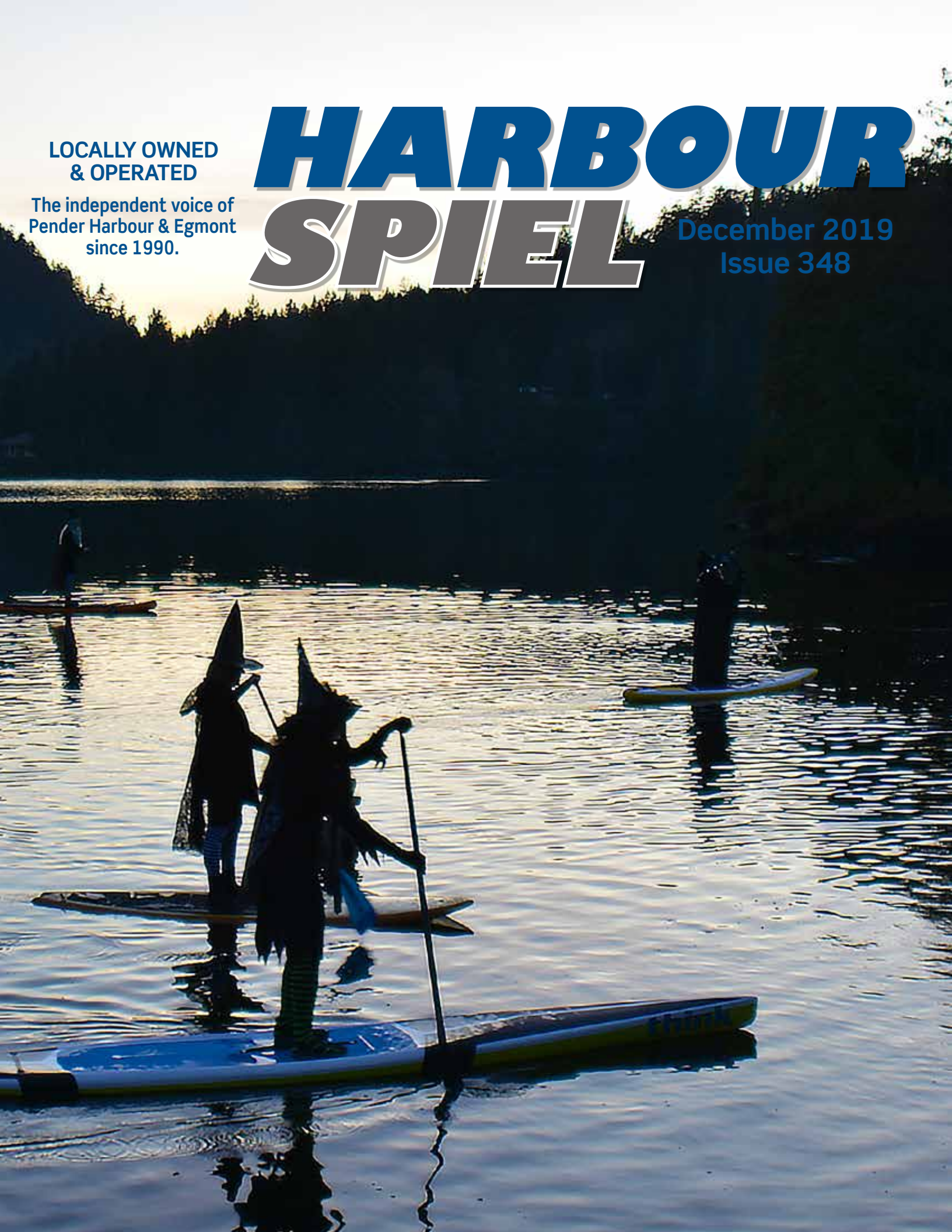


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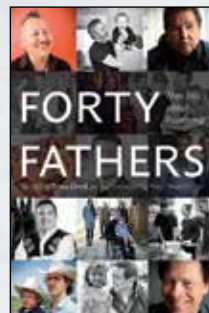
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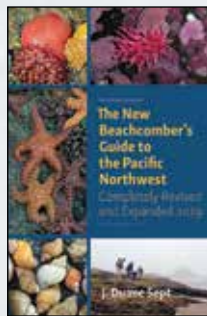
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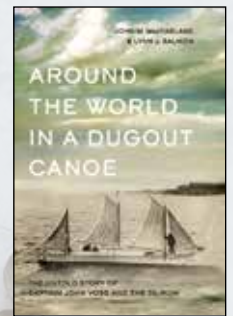
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No longer satisfied with broom sticks, the modern witch travels by stand-up paddle board. This coven was seen on Garden Bay Lake, Oct. 30. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Who eats this stuff?



Brian Lee

Since before Santa was born, a uniting tradition of Christmas is food.

While the modern party platter often starts out in the freezer aisle, in 1970s Pender Harbour, folks took a competitive pride in reproducing family recipes they had clung to from the old country.

Besides the familiar chips and dip, visits to other homes often turned up surprisingly exotic displays of food.

Back then, there was still a cultural component to what was served.

At my grandparents' homes, our Norwegian heritage assured plenty of pickled fish.

Pickled herring, pickled salmon and smoked salmon always appeared on snack trays there and at many other homes around the Harbour.

Its main ingredient was abundant and one that all of Pender Harbour's settler cultures could agree on.

Over the years, descendants of Scots, Portugese, First Nations, English, Finns, Swedes or Norwegians all sought bragging rights for who made the best of the three fish preserves.

Being of tender age, I'm not qualified to say who reigned but I recall hearing familiar names whenever the topic came up with adults.

Most had an opinion about who's fish they favoured but I can't recall anything resembling a consensus.

Even kids at school would brag up their grandpa's smoked salmon.

But if herring and salmon were staples, I recall other, less popular dishes trotted out at Christmas.

In my family, some were prepared as more of a nod to habit and tradition than any collective interest in eating it.

For a kid, I was a fairly adventurous eater.

I figured I was a big boy when I would sit by my dad and grandpa after a gillnet opening and grandma would serve me my own boiled sockeye head.

Being a kid who loved fish, I aped my elders, slurping out the brains and crunching on the eyes.

I wouldn't have known eating a salmon head was any different than eating a creamsicle if it wasn't for my mom's displays of disgust at the act.

But I balked at some of the oddities that appeared around the holidays.

I was appalled the first time I watched my grandpa eat pickled pig's feet — a ludicrous choice considering the trays of ripple chips and Nanaimo bars that sat nearby.

At least I understood what a pig's foot was — not so with head cheese.

Its name sounded like one of my favourite foods but resembled cheese in neither texture nor taste.

(Head cheese is a jelly made with flesh from the head of a calf or pig.)

If a plate of head cheese appeared, it would be ignored by all but the elderly and the brave.

Same with the little pickled onions that sat untouched in one of those divided serving trays that separated them from the real pickles.

Who eats those?

One of the most surprisingly offensive dishes was Christmas cake.

It sounded like every kid's fantasy until you took a bite of the uncakelike stuff that tasted like sawdust and poisonous berries soaked in lemon juice.

But even if the Christmas cake and head cheese were finished by the dog, traditional foods added an element of adventurous fun to holiday feasting.

Now I recognize how their presence on the table connected us to cultures and family who came before in a way few other things could.

But I still won't eat them.

P. H. LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER/TREE LIGHTING: Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m (crafts), 5:30 p.m (lighting)

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Santa will be there to visit the kids, arts and crafts will be available — all before a delicious dinner. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. with crafts before the Pender Harbour Choir leads a festive carol singing session at 5 p.m. The tree lighting takes place at 5:30 p.m. followed immediately after by a community Christmas dinner.

SWEET SCARLET: Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

This sassy six-member a cappella group is guaranteed to put a little va-va-voom in your Christmas! Winners of the prestigious Elmer Iseler award at the 2016 International Choral Kathaumixw, they combine fine musicianship with an infectious love of pop classics and contemporary favorites. Hint – tickets for this concert make a perfect Christmas gift.

EGMONT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER: Friday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

A community potluck dinner at the Egmont Community Hall that will include an appearance by Santa Claus. (People from out of town with kids under 12 should bring a wrapped gift so Santa can hand it to their child.)

55TH PENDER HARBOUR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE: Friday, Dec. 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The parade of lit-up boats, carolers and pipers gets underway at some time after 6:30 p.m. Boaters should meet off the Madeira docks around 6:30 p.m. (If there is bad weather, this event will be postponed to either Dec. 21 or Dec. 22.)

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The models from the Bargain Barn Fashion Show Luncheon that took place at the Legion Oct. 27. It was the first time the Bargain Barn has held this event in October and organizers say it was a huge success, raising \$1,175 for the P. H. Health Centre.



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Madeira's monday night street hockey crew gets lit

Local parents have purchased, and are now in the process of raising funds to pay for, two outdoor lights set up at the sports court at the Madeira Park Elementary School.

The lights enable the popular Monday night street hockey which, according to one of the organizers, David Lacey, has grown to attract up to 20 kids each Monday night at 6:30 p.m. year-round.

"Last year I would bring work lamps, a generator, a ladder and a pile of extension cords in an attempt to light the court," said Lacey.

"The new lights are literally a game changer and make for better play — we can actually see the ball."

For the past five years, the group met at the former fisheries building parking lot in Madeira Park.

"It was lit and safe but, after the property sold, we were asked to move by the new owners," said Lacey.

"We were welcomed at the school but had no lighting."

The group purchased lights costing \$2,500 which are powered by a \$1,000 generator.

Since then, Lacey said they've received pledges of donations from the MPES parents' advisory committee (\$1,000), the Pender Harbour Community School (\$200), a fund-raising effort by the Oak Tree Market (\$300), Team Irene meat draws (\$500) and electrician Larry Anderson who donated a portion of his time towards the install.

Lacey said the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour has pledged to pay the remainder of the outstanding balance.

"For us and many of the kids, it's the highlight of the week and some of the kids are veteran players playing since day one," said Lacey.



Patti Soos

The ever-popular Monday night street hockey crew has new lights set up at the sports court in Madeira Park that now enables them to see the ball.

"Everyone is welcome to play but the focus is on elementary school children.

"Team captains 'rock, paper,

scissors' for the first pick and then we line up for *O Canada* before ball drop.

"We have only one rule, 'No unfair fighting.'"

photojournal



Carole Logtenberg

Perhaps this Douglas squirrel was building a den that is the envy of its friends by padding it with stuffing from this pillow. Or, it too was getting into the Christmas spirit by dressing up as Santa Claus. We'll never know.



Nicole Law

Approximately 400 people were in attendance for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony and open House at the Pender Harbour Legion. (l-r): Flag bearer Larry Honeybourne, Navy League cadet Dominic Law, Major Rob Alliston.



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Pictured are the Madeira Park Elementary School students who participated in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day poster contest, flanked by facilitator Lyn Charlton(l) and MPES principal Glen Smith (r).

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COLLISION

On Nov. 11, police attended a single vehicle incident on Highway 101 near Homesite Creek, after a boat and trailer ended up in the ditch.

The driver said that he noticed some possible mechanical issues before he lost control of the trailer and went partially off the road.

The driver was not injured but the trailer did sustain some damage and two tow trucks were required to remove the trailer and boat

Traffic flow was affected for a couple of hours.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

On Nov. 12, police attended a

suspicious incident report in Madeira Park after a resident noticed a deer head tied up in a tree.

Police spoke with the property owner who advised the head was being prepared for mounting and that the exposure was part of the process.

The owner agreed to move the head to a more discrete location to prevent further calls from citizens.

FRAUD

On Nov. 13, a Coast resident reported a fraud after responding to a for sale ad in an online classifieds.

The resident communicated with the “seller” by email and phone and agreed to pay a deposit.

The resident travelled to the address on Vancouver Island only to find himself in a residential area.

He tried to contact the seller to confirm the address only to find the seller no longer responding to emails or phone messages.

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1. Which lake is nearest to downtown Egmont by road?

- ☐ a. Mixal
- ☐ b. Waugh
- ☐ c. North
- ☐ d. Klein

2. A former name of Madeira Park's Oak Tree Market.

- ☐ a. McQuitty's Market
- ☐ b. Murdoch's Market
- ☐ c. Lloyd's Market
- ☐ d. Holiday Market

3. Bud Kammerle's former boat.

- ☐ a. *Misty Lady*
- ☐ b. *Gallant Girl*
- ☐ c. *Devil Woman*
- ☐ d. *Harbour Lass*

4. Which are names of famous local burgers from the past and present?

- ☐ a. Tyee, Harbour, Sakinaw
- ☐ b. Skookum, Sunshine, Frances
- ☐ c. Pender, Seiner, Malaspina
- ☐ d. Nelson, Portugese Joe, Lee Bay

5. Population of Pender Harbour in 1955 (according to *Women of Pender Harbour*)?

- ☐ a. @300
- ☐ b. @600
- ☐ c. @1,000
- ☐ d. @1,500

6. Which is found locally?

- ☐ a. White-tailed deer
- ☐ b. Black-tailed deer
- ☐ c. Mule deer
- ☐ d. Rain deer

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Madeira Park's phone booth to be removed

And then there were two.

Telus Communications recently posted a notice of removal on the telephone booth at the Madeira Park Government wharf.

A Telus spokesperson told the *Harbour Spiel* that they are "removing the payphone at the business owner's request."

The payphone sits on Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour property.

Telus listed two alternate payphones, one in Garden Bay and another in Secret Cove.

The booth is expected to be removed on or after Dec. 27.



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A notice of removal recently appeared at Madeira Park's only payphone.

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Robyn Kelly

Though well-intended, this sign at the Pender Harbour Secondary School sports field proved to be ineffective at keeping the elk out on Nov. 16.



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Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)

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The joys and danger of Halloween

Editor,

Linda and I so look forward to welcoming well-camouflaged kids every year at Halloween, but the result is always the same.

We go to IGA and are assaulted with wonderful looking Halloween treat boxes.

We buy a couple of boxes be-

cause we like naughty kids.

Come the night, we wait for the knock on the door.

Year after year, no knock.

We are then condemned to eat treats, Mars bars, Snickers et al until Christmas and worry about our weight gain.

Or, until Linda gives them away at the Bargain Barn.

Our friends and neighbours seem to be victimized in much the same way.

And that seems to be the real danger of Halloween around here — no knocks and putting on weight.

Come on kids, try harder for the health of the community.

David Pearson
Beaver Island

Resident hopes to save the historic Sundowner Inn from neglect

Editor,

The Sundowner has been closed these past three years and is now in a state of neglect.

Garden Bay's historic landmark with its two buildings, the inn and the nurse's residence sit empty while young families and prospective workers have no place to live.

As far as we know, the owner, a resident of California, is not planning to return any time soon and has not responded to several offers for help from some of the local businesses.

Meanwhile, the inn's parking lot is empty except for a BMW convertible and a Toyota truck, both now rendered useless after several years of abandonment.

The Sundowner's sign, still standing, but faded and torn, ironically reads "Closed for the Season."

The long colorful history of the Sundowner began in 1929 when the Columbia Coast Mission built it as a hospital complete with a chapel.

It was here that the injured and sick came and it was here that many locals were born.

It was only in 1964 that the

Sundowner became an inn, but still an integral part of Pender Harbour.

Now it is a question of time before this historic site will be so run down that even the most desperate will have to find another veranda to camp on.

Of course, the Sundowner, is just part of a larger story where buildings, commercial or residential, are neglected by their owners.

The circumstances surrounding this neglect vary from property disputes to deaths in the family as it is in the case of the Sundowner.

Sadly, the person who was responsible for much of the inn's restoration is no longer with us, but three

years have gone by.

It is time for someone to step up to the plate and save the Sundowner before it deteriorates beyond repair & becomes a fire hazard, a hidey hole for criminals and a blight in the community.

With some good business savvy, the Sundowner could be the anchor that holds the community together at a time when many Garden Bay establishments are struggling.

Let's hope that this landmark, a huge part of Pender Harbour's history, does not continue to deteriorate into oblivion.

Diane O'Hara,
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SCRD board celebrates first anniversary



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On my first anniversary as your regional director, I'm pleased to share highlights of SCRD accomplishments since Nov. 2018, when newly elected and returning directors were sworn in to become the official SCRD board:

- We elected Lori Pratt, who has deep roots in Pender Harbour, as SCRD board chair;
- North and South Pender water-main upgrades were completed, and our roads restored to serviceable condition;
- We developed a 2019 to 2023 strategic plan, a first for the SCRD,

and

- We developed a strategy to solve the Chapman system water shortage.

The support and direction offered by residents and volunteer boards has lightened my load, which lets me focus on our priorities.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

David Reed, president of the Coastal Workforce Housing Society, told the SCRD, "We're not experiencing a rental shortage, but a rental crisis."

The society wants to construct affordable, multi-unit, modular housing for younger, employed workers from Egmont to Gibsons.

The rental crisis not only is driving young, working families off the Coast because they can't find a place

to live, but it strains emergency and social services, policing, healthcare, personal care, and our economic backbone.

Financing from BC Housing is expected, but CWHs needs support from local sources to launch the project.

Modular housing was chosen to address limited, local labour availability and construction time, but a suitable location remains a challenge.

I feel the ideal location for homeless shelters, supportive housing, long-term care, and other facilities is in a municipality, and many Area A residents move to Sechelt and Gibsons to access them and the superior infrastructure and related services which better meet their needs.

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT Upcoming meetings

Agendas are available at www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2019.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

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Planning and Community Development Services Committee

December 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

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NEW LOG-HANDLING AND STORAGE APPLICATION PROCESS

In a recently streamlined provincial license of occupation process for log-handling and storage facilities on Crown land, the applicant is now responsible for requesting comments from relevant agencies and then submitting those responses to Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development.

The SCRD, who regularly receive such referrals, has been advocating for an increased role in Crown land use planning and this seems a step in that direction.

With a few tweaks, we agree this change will benefit our communities, local business/industry, and everyone else involved, but now we will require extra time to ensure an application is complete before referring it to local agencies for comment before formal consideration by the board (vetting was previously done by the province).

This new process may be applied to other types of land-use applications in the future.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

The public is deeply concerned about our drinking water, and they expect the SCRD to handle water management and source protection but it's not just up to us.

Freshwater decision-making authority is held by Indigenous, federal, provincial and local governments, and right now, we're mostly operating in silos.

We must engage all users and rights holders to address our challeng-

es in developing an improved regional water action plan and providing clear direction on related priorities.

This will lead to updated land-use plans, zoning regulations, and proactive infrastructure builds.

Earlier this year, local governments agreed that the Town of Gibsons, with support of the SCRD and a consultant's guidance, would convene a process to explore options on how best to develop regional water action plans.

We're receiving regular progress updates, with final recommendations expected in time to include funding the next steps in our 2020 budgets.

DIRECTOR WORKLOAD AND REMUNERATION

In discussing the "UBCM Council and Board Remuneration Guide," many SCRD directors feel the problem is not the money, but the time needed to effectively deal with an ever-growing number of issues.

More pay for directors isn't the solution.

When an unincorporated rural area of residents, businesses, and industries reaches a certain population, effective governance requires additional people.

I see incorporation as a way to move forward, but it's up to the community to open the conversation as the board, dealing with higher-priority issues, is unlikely to do so.

Let me know what you think, about this and any other issue relevant to the SCRD.

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The annual **tree-lighting ceremony** and **community Christmas dinner** will be on **Sunday, Dec. 8** at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. **Santa** will attend and he’ll bring **hot chocolate, cookies and carol singers**. Not only will the hall and tree be decorated but the entrance to **Madeira Park**, all local businesses and boats in the **Harbour will be lit up** in holiday splendour.

Keep the **Spiel’s Christmas calendar guide (p. 21)** handy for information on **craft** fairs, **musical** performances, **carol ships** parade, late-night **shopping, community** dinner, a community **bonfire**, appearances by **Santa** and the **Polar Express** best decorated home judging tour.





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▶ ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR

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what's happening this Christmas?

P. H. CHOIR PRESENTS 'TIS THE SEASON'

Saturday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Yes, it is the season with the Pender Harbour Choir as they showcase their repertoire of new music and old to celebrate the festive year-end. The choir will perform two concerts at the Pender Harbour School of Music. Tickets are \$20, free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. For more information, email penderharboursings@gmail.com.

SERENDIPITY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A long-running Christmas tradition — don't miss the Serendipity Preschool's crafts, baking and artisan extravaganza at the P. H. Community Hall with over 26 vendors, photos with Santa (from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day), a 50/50 draw, live music and pop-up kitchen.

HARBOUR GALLERY CHRISTMAS SALE

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Harbour Gallery artist co-op is located in the Madeira Park Cultural Centre (by the P. H. School of Music).

ACTIVITY ADVENT @ PHAFC

Dec. 2 to 20

The Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre has the only Advent calendar approved by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. For every challenge you complete, enter your name into a prize draw.

SANTA AT GARDEN BAY FIREHALL

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-8pm

An open house at the Garden Bay Firehall. There will be plenty of snacks, tour of the trucks, extra special visitors and more. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

12TH ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR 'OFF THE ROCKS' HOP SCOTCH

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

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PENDER HARBOUR LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m (crafts)/5:30 p.m (lighting)

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Santa will be there to visit the kids, arts and crafts will be available — all before a delicious dinner. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. with crafts before the Pender Harbour Choir leads a festive carol singing session at 5 p.m. The tree lighting takes place at 5:30 p.m. followed immediately after by a community Christmas dinner.

PHSS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

At PHSS, a Christmas-themed performance by the Pender Harbour Secondary School band — and it's free.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION CHRISTMAS CABARET

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

The P. H. Women's Connection hosts a Christmas Cabaret at the P. H. School of Music featuring performer Patricia Burnett and catering by Oui Cook.

POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The annual bus tour of local Christmas lights departs the Pender Harbour Community Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at John Henry's, Harbour Insurance and Earth Fair.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo takes place every Thursday at the P. H. Community Hall but Christmas Bingo only happens Dec. 12.

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING GATHERING

Friday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join the P. H. Community School in celebrating the end of another year. Get together, share some snacks and social time with supplies on hand to create hand-made festive greeting cards and gift tags. (Cost is \$5 for material.)

CHRISTMAS HAM AND TURKEY MEAT DRAW

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3:15 p.m.

The Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 presents its annual Christmas ham, turkey and home baking auction — your best bet to load up on meat (and good cheer) before the holidays.

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The eighth annual presentation of the holiday favourite will be performed at the Raven's Cry Theatre in Sechart. Visit www.coastingalongtheatre.org for information.

PHMS PRESENTS SWEET SCARLET

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

The P. H. Music Society hosts Sweet Scarlet at the P. H. School of Music. This sassy six-member a cappella group is guaranteed to put a little va-va-voom in your Christmas!

MPES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Madeira Park Elementary School's annual Christmas concert is always a hit and open to the public. Two shows (1 p.m. and 6 p.m.) at the P. H. Community Hall.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Wednesday, Dec. 18

The annual Pender Harbour Christmas bird count will take place all day on Wednesday, Dec. 18. To register for the annual Christmas bird count or the home feeder count, email info@penderharbourwildlife.com.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND HARP PERFORMANCE

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. (lunch served at noon)

Organized by the Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative, Harbour Side Friendships hosts a \$10 Christmas luncheon for seniors at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE AT THE HALL

Friday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

A children's Christmas movie for those aged 5 to 12 will play after school at the P. H. Community Hall.

EGMONT CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.

A community dinner at the Egmont Community Hall. "People from out of town with kids under 12 should bring a wrapped gift so Santa can hand it to their child."

55TH PENDER HARBOUR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Friday, Dec. 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The parade of lit-up boats, carolers and pipers gets underway at 6:30 p.m., leaving the docks in Madeira Park.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

A Christmas Eve celebration at Christ the Redeemer church featuring carol singing, soloist Rose Ellen Nichols and more.

PAINTED BOAT CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Tuesday, Dec. 24

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P. H. LEGION'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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8 LIONS COMMUNITY DINNER	9 PHSS XMAS CONCERT	10 PH WOMEN'S CONNECTION POLAR EXPRESS TOUR	11 	12 CHRISTMAS BINGO @ PHCH	13 PHCS HOLIDAY CARD MAKING	14 NUTCRACKER @ RAVEN'S CRY LEGION XMAS MEAT DRAW
15 PHMS SWEET SCARLET THE NUTCRACKER [4 DAYS] @ RAVEN'S CRY THEATRE, SECHLT	16 	17 MPES XMAS CONCERT	18 PHWS XMAS BIRD COUNT	19 HABRSIDE FRIENDSHIP LUNCH	20 EGMONT XMAS DINNER PHCH MOVIE (KIDS AGE 5-12) CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE	21
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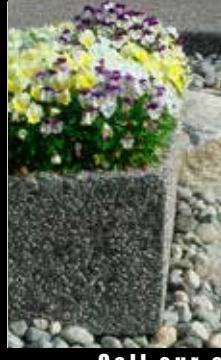


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1972 PHSS annual photo

The Pender Harbour Secondary School in 1972. The school was destroyed by fire in September, 1976 and the present school was rebuilt on the site soon after. This photo was scanned from the pages of a 1972 Pender Harbour High School annual.



Brian Lee

Seen here is Pender Harbour's under-9 (U-9) soccer team (orange jerseys) battling it out with some ruffians from Davis Bay (blue jerseys) on Nov. 9, 2009. The orange-jerseyed athletes pictured are 2019 PHSS graduates (l-r) Lauryn Young, Lulu Kammerle and Alleyne Cook. At one time, Sunshine Coast Youth Soccer league games took place every Saturday on the field in Madeira Park. But now, according to local parents, it would be more accurate if the league was renamed the 'Lower Coast Youth Soccer League' because of south-Coast parents' refusal to travel up to Pender Harbour for games. So, Pender parents trek to Sechelt or Gibsons each weekend so local kids can still take part in this 'Sunshine Coast' sport.

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Resolve to help save Pender Harbour history

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The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is looking for donations of Pender Harbour archival material — school yearbooks, class photos, telephone directories, log books, fish licences, diaries, letters, receipts, photos of people or of buildings under construction.

Make it a New Year's resolution to check your attics and your basements and, then, please ontact us at penderharbourheritage.ca or call Carol at (604) 880-6630.

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To see some of the items provided by the community, visit "Collections/Digital Collection" on our website.

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The misunderstood wolf eel

Brian Lee

For fun, local divers Sam Beaton and Vince Burnett have spent much of the past year or so documenting Pender Harbour's underwater marine life.

Beaton told the *Harbour Spiel* that the two of them are often in the water four times per week.

During this time, they have collecting a wide assortment of man-made oddities.

"My best find, so far, from Irvines Landing, has been a plate from the Union Steamship company," said Beaton.

"Our best find from Donnelly Landing has been a set of false teeth.

"Bruno (Pepin) found the upper plate when he and I were diving there together.

"Vince found the lower plate when we were diving together at the same location a couple of months later."



Sam Beaton

The friendly Francis Peninsula wolf-eel that diver Sam Beaton has named 'Shrek.' Wolf eels mate for life and, of course, Shrek's mate is named 'Fiona.'

Beaton said the teeth have been reunited and are on display at Pepin's Flying Anvil gallery.

Beaton even claims to have discovered what he calls a "toilet graveyard" at Pope's Landing.

But perhaps even more interesting than that are the friendships Beaton and his diving partner have made on their excursions.

The pair of divers have become friendly with a mating pair of wolf



Sam Beaton

Wolf eels (*Anarrhichthys ocellatus*) are not known to be aggressive but their strong jaws keep divers weary.

-eels who live at a frequent dive spot on Francis Peninsula.

Beaton named them “Shrek” and “Fiona” and said the two of them are almost always at home in their den when they have stopped by.

“So far, Shrek won’t eat anything we’ve tried feeding him,” said Beaton.

“We even tried giving him a banana because Andrew, another dive buddy, assured us that wolf eels love bananas.

“Shrek does not like bananas.”

What wolf eels do like, according to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, are crabs, sand dollars, sea urchins, crabs, snails, abalone, mussels, clams, and fish.

Wolf eels possess very strong jaws and broad molars to snack on crunchy food like shellfish or crabs.

And they eat lot of them as wolf-eels grow to 8.2 feet (2.5 metres) long and often weigh up to 18.4 kilograms (41 pounds.)

But despite their formidable ap-

pearance and strong jaws, they aren’t known to be aggressive.

They also aren’t an eel.

The wolf eel is one of five species in the “wolffish” family.

The four other species are not as long as the wolf eel and more closely resemble typical fish.

They range from the Pacific coast of North America from northern Baja to Kodiak Island, Alaska and west to Russia and south to the Sea of Japan

Wolf eels are thought to mate for life and often live as long as 25 years.

Females lay about 10,000 eggs at a time and coil around them for protection during the four months it takes for them to hatch.

Juvenile wolf eels live in open water after hatching, carried on tidal currents and eating tiny animals like copepods and other zooplankton.

When they’re ready to settle down, they make their way back to the shallows in search of their forever mate and a suitable, rocky den.



Sam Beaton

While waiting for wolf eel appearances, diver/photographer Sam Beaton’s dive buddy Vince Burnett prefers to read the *Harbour Spiel*, seen here at a 60-feet depth.

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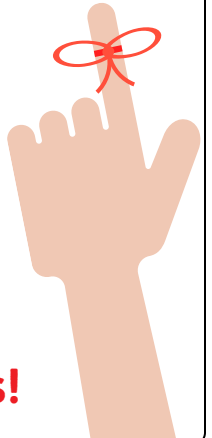
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Christmas!**



Helen Palmer

JANUARY 26, 1931 – OCTOBER 27, 2019



Helen Palmer died peacefully at home in Madeira Park on Oct. 27.

She was born at home in Vancouver and was able to fulfil her lifelong wish to stay at home until the end.

At 88, she was well ready to join her beloved Ross and all the dogs she loved and lost over the years.

Palmer was a “party animal” to the end, and would break into her favourite song “Wasn’t that a party” by the Irish Rovers at every chance.

She is survived by brother and sister-in-law Art and Thelma of Hop-

kins Landing, son Bill and daughter-in-law Karen, three granddaughters and their mates — Kristy and Clint, Megan and Justin, and Kate and Marcus — and her six great-grandchildren, Emma, Jake, Ryley, Kailey, Sarah and Kaya, all living in Madeira Park.

The family will hold a small gathering at her house on Monday Dec. 2 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Should anyone want to dance on the table in her house, she would love that.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge as a longstanding effort to recognize those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date of birth and date of death and be submitted in a digital format. The editor will edit for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

photojournal



This aquatic coven appeared on Garden Bay Lake on the evening before Halloween. Sources warned the *Harbour Spiel* that they

Patricia Claire Garrison

JANUARY 6, 1940 – NOVEMBER 13, 2019



Patricia Claire Garrison, passed away peacefully on Nov. 13 at Sechelt Hospital in the presence of family.

She was born in Vancouver in 1940 and is survived by daughters

Lisa Rae and Kella Gregory and grandchildren Gage Gregory, Matthew Gregory, Haley Grunenberg and Abby Grunenberg.

Garrison's interest in boating and fishing began in childhood when she learned to cast off from Sewell's Marina and Sunset Beach with her father, Harry Sewell.

Howe Sound was familiar territory but she moved to Pender Harbour in the late-1960s with two young girls and made a life in Kleindale.

She was a strong character that was not scared to do what was needed to survive the struggles of being a single woman in the country.

She bought a boat of her own and

moored it in Gunboat Bay.

She delivered the mail in Pender Harbour for many years.

Known as the Pender Harbour "Mail Bunny," her Pinto wagons were well-known by all.

Later, she owned a taxi company in Sechelt, worked at Envoldson's and the Shell gas station in Gibsons and delivered pharmaceuticals for her son-in-law, Ken, at the Medicine Shoppe in Wilson Creek.

Garrison always lent a sympathetic ear and could be counted on to speak straight.

Because of that, she had many friends and will be missed by them.

No memorial service by request.



Brian Lee

intend to return at the same place and time in even greater numbers next year.

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PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Women's Connection Christmas Cabaret will be held Dec.10 featuring the much applauded singer and pianist Patricia Burnett. This exciting holiday occasion is being catered by Oui Cook, serving hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and dessert. An exquisite birdseye maple bowl by Plumb Bob will be raffled. This event is sold out but Maureen Luck (Mibenjor@gmail.com) is accepting names in case of cancellations. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

SUNSHINE COAST HEALTHCARE AUXILIARY (PENDER HARBOUR BRANCH)

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SOM COFFEEHOUSE

There will no School of Music Coffeehouse in December — the next one is Jan. 10, 2020.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This year, the 29th annual Pender Harbour Christmas bird count will take place all day on Wednesday, Dec.18, with Thursday, Dec. 19 being the fall-back day in case of extreme weather (blizzard or very high winds).

The CBC is a one-day census of all birds in the Pender Harbour area, specifically within a 15-mile-radius circle that extends from Middlepoint in the south to Captain's Island in the north, and from the Bjerre Shoals (Malaspina Strait) in the west to Storm Bay (Sechelt Inlet) in the east.

For counting, this complex area of land, sea and numerous lakes is broken up into smaller areas with at least five expert-led crews, three of which will spend part of the day on boats. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope if you have them. Lunch and warm clothes are recommended as participants will be outdoors. The day ends with a warm meal at a local restaurant where birders tally up the day's count. You can also take part in the count at home by monitoring your home bird feeder on the day of the count.

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Harbour Seals of Disapproval to **whoever is responsible for no bon-fire at the fireworks**. First time in my life. WTF!

Jason Haines

Poppy fields full of Approval Seals for **all those who donated to the poppy campaign**, volunteers **who dedicated their time** to canvass and **local businesses and schools** for all their support.

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Harbour Seals of Approval Seals to **all the dedicated volunteers, participants and attendees** who made the Remembrance Day parade, ceremony and gathering such a memorable, heartfelt occasion.

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Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to **Meals on Wheels and the home care providers, our amazing ambulance and emergency crews, her carpet bowling buddies** and all the others who have been there for Helen until the end. Words cannot thank you all enough.

Bill Purnell and family

A million Harbour Seals of Approval to all **my wonderful Pender Harbour friends** who helped me sift and sort through all my stuff so I could take the bed that came up for me at Shorncliffe here in Sechelt.

Special thanks to **Jackie Ordronneau**, who co-ordinated it all. There's an open invitation to all my friends to visit me whenever you are in Sechelt!

Marg Penney

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Ted Taylor and his hard working Legion staff** for hosting another profitable Bargain Barn fashion show and lunch on Oct. 27.

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3. **9:53 AM +XL**
4. **11:08 AM +XL**
5. 11:10 AM +L
6. 11:47 AM +L
7. 12:24 PM +L
8. 1:00 PM +M
9. 9:01 AM -S, 1:42 PM +M
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The annual number of customers for heli-skiing operations in BC (2016-2018).

\$3.5 billion

Capital spending expected to develop Garibaldi at Squamish, a proposed 2,508-hectare all-season mountain resort that aims to open in 2025.

\$299.2 million

The annual impact of snowmobiling in BC.

5-10%

Per decade decrease in Canadian snowfall since 1981.

~ BC Business

DECEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in December is 6.6 C and our average daily low is 3.3 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 5 C. The highest December temperature recorded is 13.3 C (Dec. 14, 1962) and the lowest was -11.7 C (Dec. 28, 1968).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

December has an average of 54.9 hours of bright sunshine. It usually has 19 days with measurable precipitation, an average monthly rainfall of 135 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10 cm. Our average month-end snowfall is 4 cm. December has the highest snowfall of the year (November has the most rain). The highest December daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island was 66 mm (Dec. 25, 1972). The record daily snowfall was 40.6 cm (Dec. 31, 1968).

DECEMBER ASTROLOGY



SAGITTARIUS: NOV. 23 – DEC. 21

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. Have you noticed a downshift in your luck since Nov. 23? That's Mercury. Don't let him get into your head as he wreaks havoc with the remnant of 2019. Stick to your game plan of self-medication until the New Year and you'll wake up in January with a sore belly and a refreshed outlook. 2020 is expected to be a positive one for Sagittarians



CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible and down-to-earth. Finance should be the focus for the next couple of months as any investment of effort in this area should yield a happy surprise. Don't waste your time with dating or expectations of romance — you're riding the "loser train" until Jan. 14. A startling surprise awaits you on your birthday.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Nov. 16

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

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2. **Voices from the Skeena** illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Robert Budd (Harbour Publishing)
3. **From Where I Stand** by Jody Wilson-Raybould (UBC Press)
4. **Vancouver After Dark** by Aaron Chapman (Arsenal Pulp Press)
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6. **Can You Hear the Trees Talking?** by Peter Wohlleben (Greystone Books)
7. **Sockeye Silver, Saltchuck Blue** by Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
8. **E. J. Hughes Paints British Columbia** by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions)
9. **The River Battles** by Mark Zuehlke (Douglas & McIntyre)
10. **Around the World in a Dugout Canoe: The Untold Story of Captain John Voss and the Tilikum** by John M. MacFarlane & Lynn J. Salmon (Harbour Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Dec. 13 ~ Cody Edwardson-Zayshley
 Dec. 16 ~ Ginger Taylor and Cassandra Whelan.
 Dec. 17 ~ Ian Campbell, Shane Gudbranson, Kyle MacKenney, Joi Phillips and Doreen Willgoose.
 Dec. 18 ~ Tony Adamson and Niki Verzuh.
 Dec. 19 ~ Tyson Carswell, Helen Garrett and Jamie Bouvette.
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 Dec. 21 ~ Harvey Langton and Josh Young.
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 Dec. 28 ~ Steve Boyd and Jeff Girard.
 Dec. 29 ~ Diane Gamble.
 Dec. 30 ~ Dean Bosch, Bryan Edwardson, Andy Ross and Jean Minch.
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Caregiver burnout

*Natasha Naidu
PHHC social worker*

Caring for a loved one as they age or fall ill can be valuable and rewarding.

On the other hand, exhaustion and frustration can easily push the caregiver to feelings of loneliness and feeling unsupported.

Caregiver burnout occurs when one begins to neglect one's own wellbeing and feels overwhelmed with the responsibility of caring for a loved one.

The Pender Harbour Health Centre has resources to help families work together to come up with strategies to avoid caregiver burnout.

Resentment and guilt are emotions that may arise as the caregiver supports their loved ones' physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

As the caregiver and their loved one create new routines and explore their relationship, the caregiver may begin making quiet sacrifices of their own wants and needs, leading to resentment in the relationship.

The caregiver may feel unappreciated, trapped, or they're being taken advantage of.

As well, they may feel guilty about failing to meet their own expectations for the level of care they would like to provide for their loved ones.

If the caregiver is able to identify these feelings, strategies can be established to minimize these negative emotions and create a healthier relationship and environment for themselves and their loved one.

The caregiver role can include various activities that are emotionally and physically demanding, resulting in fatigue.

A caregiver's day is busy, since



they are responsible for an array of tasks such as bathing, preparing meals, running errands, and medical tasks such as tube feeding.

The caregiver may feel that they had more energy before they started and feel constantly tired, which can all be normal and understandable.

A caregiver who is able to identify their limitations and is open to seeking assistance can build resilience and avoid burnout.

There are ways to minimize and cope with the trials and tribulations, allowing the more positive attributes of the relationship to flourish.

One opportunity for aid and rest is the adult day program at PHHC.

This allows the loved one to engage in some recreational activities, socialize, and have lunch while the caregiver is able to take rest and ease their mind, knowing their loved one is being taken care of.

This respite program takes place in a safe environment with certified

instructors and care aides for four hours, twice a week.

Social work is also available at PHHC, which can aid in future planning, navigating the healthcare system, developing goals and care plans, and exploring resources that may be valuable to the caregiver and their loved ones.

Please call (604) 883-2764 for information about the adult day program or ask to speak with social worker Natasha Naidu.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

An advance care planning information session will be held at the Pender Harbour Health Centre on Dec. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the boardroom

It will be facilitated by Caron Hawrychuk from Vancouver Coastal Health and Joan Hibbard from the Sunshine Coast Hospice Society.

RSVP to chawrychuk@gmail.com or (604) 883-2595.



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POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR: Dec. 10

Bus departs Madeira Park 7pm, tours Christmas lights on Francis Pen. and returns 8-8:30pm. Purchase "Golden Tickets" (\$5) at Harbour Insurance or Earth Fair Store (after Dec 1).

NUTCRACKER BALLET & DINNER: Dec. 16

A 2pm matinee at Raven Cry Theatre followed by dinner in Sechelt. Call Marlene to reserve your seat. Cost is \$45 (includes show and dinner).

CHAIR YOGA (Sarah Wray Hall): Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11am -12pm, Drop-In \$3.

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CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18

At both the Egmont & Pender Harbour community halls, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA (P. H. Community Hall): Fridays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall from 10:30-11:30am. Drop-In \$3.

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HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Thursdays at the P.H. Community Hall. Starting at 10:30am lunch served at 12 noon. \$10.

Dec. 5 – Speaker from the PH Fire Dept. on fire safety (with the PH Community School)

Dec. 12 – Music by "Triad" (ladies vocal trio)

Dec. 19 – Christmas Lunch and Harp Performance

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FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Thursday, Dec 5, 10:30am-12:30pm, PH Community Hall, free

Did the Cecil Hill fire concern you? Then you won't want to miss this presentation and Q&A by the PH Fire Department.

HOLIDAY CARD-MAKING GATHERING

Friday, Dec 13, 1pm-3pm, Harbour Learning Centre

Join the Community School in celebrating the end of another great year! A chance to get together, share some snacks and social time. Supplies on hand to create hand-made festive greeting cards and gift tags. \$5 for material

FOODSAFE

Saturday, Dec 14, 9am-4pm, Harbour Learning Centre, \$95

Topics included foodborne illness, preparing, preparing and storing food, cleaning and sanitizing. Just in time for the holiday season!

SANTA AT GARDEN BAY FIREHALL

Wed Dec 4, 6-8pm at the Garden Bay Firehall, free, everyone welcome

Open House of the Fire Hall with snacks, tour of the trucks, extra special visitors and more!

WINTER BREAK

The Harbour Learning Centre will be closed Fri Dec 21 to reopen on Tue Jan 7, 2020.

Drop-in sports will wrap up on Dec 19 and return on Jan 9.

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5TH ANNUAL ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE: Dec. 2-20

Open the door and see what your daily challenge will be. For every challenge you complete, enter your name into a prize draw. Draw date, Dec 20

Registration for Winter/Spring opens Monday Dec. 9

Watch for your recreation guide in the mail or view online as well as register for all your favourite activities at www.scrd.ca/activities

Coming in January with instructor Amanda Peterson:

LADIES WHO LIFT

A weight training program for women ages 40-plus. Build strength, increase your overall fitness, reduce the risks of osteoporosis and frailty. \$120/ 6 classes

Jan 3-Feb 7: Fridays 8:30-9:30am, Jan 6-Feb 10: Mondays 1:30-2:30pm

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Tuesdays, 12-1:15pm and Thursdays, 1pm-2:15pm

Other great programs in January include Building Better Balance, Happy Hips and Knees and Battle Rope Training. Swim lesson programs begin week of January 13
All MYPASS classes will end Dec 20 and begin again on Monday, Jan. 6.

The facility will be closed Dec. 22-28, evening of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

All the staff at PHAFC wish everyone a very happy holiday season!



The Shíshálh Nation's 'Strategic Land Use Plan'

Completed by the Sechelt Indian Band in 2007, the 110-page *Strategic Land Use Plan* intends to be "a living document for the land use planning within the Shíshálh Nation territory."

Chapters of interest from the SLUP document will be excerpted in upcoming issues of the *Harbour Spiel*. To download the full document, visit www.shishalh.com/docuploads/forms-and-applications/A-Strategic-Land-Use-Plan-for-the-sh--lh-Nation-1416417270-1.pdf.



*Excerpted from the Sechelt Indian Band's
"A Strategic Land Use Plan for the
Shíshálh Nation."*

5.8. MINERAL RESOURCES

5.8.1 DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE & SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ISSUES

As in other parts of coastal British Columbia, there has been considerable prospecting for gold in the Shíshálh Nation territory over the last century, and there remains a number of old adits (horizontal shafts) from small scale mining operations.

Current mineral and placer tenures are found throughout the territory, particularly on the Sechelt Peninsula.

Currently, the principal mining activity within the territory is centred on aggregate extraction and production for use in the construction industry.

These unconsolidated surficial deposits were deposited during glacial retreat at the end of the last ice age, and are referred to as the "Capilano sediments."



Brian Lee

Opened in 1989, Construction Aggregates Ltd. open pit gravel mine is located on Sechelt Indian Band Land adjacent to the municipality of Sechelt.

Generally, these deposits are found along the shoreline of many of the inlets and at lower elevations.

A review of the aggregate potential of the Sunshine Coast area was completed in 2002.

Aggregate mining has been active for many years, with extraction operations varying in size from borrow pits and small quarries to large scale operations covering many square kilometres.

Many of the smaller quarries

have been abandoned and are slowly being naturally reclaimed, while others are being redeveloped for residential, commercial or industrial use (including use in the construction of forest access roads).

Aggregates from the Sunshine Coast are used in southwestern BC, and are exported by barge and ship to the California market.

Transportation costs are the most significant factor in the economics of this industry.

Limestone and, to a lesser extent, black granite and granodiorite have also been quarried in some areas of the territory (producing dimension stone, a natural rock that can be quarried and shaped to meet specific requirements), with some operations dating back to the early 20th century.

Other significant minerals in the territory include calcium carbonate, dolomite, garnet, molybdenum and

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wollastonite (a substitute for asbestos).

The Shíshálh Nation holds a tenure for slate quarrying (for use in the roofing industry), in lékw'émin (Jervis Inlet) just south of ts'unay (Deserted Bay).

This tenure is not currently active.

LOCAL AGGREGATE OPERATIONS

Ch'átlich (Sechelt) is home to the largest open pit gravel mine in North America, with a maximum load-out capacity of 3,000 tonnes per hour.

Opened by Construction Aggregates Ltd. in 1989, the mine is located on Sechelt Indian Band Land No. 2, produces approximately 3 million tonnes per year and is expected to extract material for a 50-year span.

Existing quarries for similar materials are located along the east side of tsú-lích (Porpoise Bay) and are still in use.

The Shíshálh Nation signed an operating agreement with CAL that granted access to the land and permission for the conveyor belt that is used to transport the aggregate through band lands to the shoreline.

The agreement includes provisions for revenue sharing and some joint ventures.

Some 30 to 40 Shíshálh Nation members are employed under these arrangements and some have their own small support companies.

Some Shíshálh Nation members are concerned however, that the terms of the operating agreement over the longer term were not favourable to the Shíshálh Nation, and suggest that the jobs provided are relatively menial and do not contribute to capacity building for the community.

Some Shíshálh Nation members have expressed concern over the impacts of the gravel pit from noise and particularly from dust.

A former mayor of Sechelt wrote in an online letter (2003) that

"The air quality in Sechelt has seriously deteriorated since the Construction Aggregate project.

"The company that maintains filters on the top of the hospital and the local mall reported that they have to change them four times more than before the arrival of gravel extraction.

"As well, the open land clearing burns that occur from the gravel area pollute the air with smoke and often residents cannot see across Porpoise Bay (a distance of 3/4 of a mile) due to this smoke.

"Ash falls on our properties and dust falls on our properties."

Shíshálh Nation members also complain of increased problems due to allergies and asthma, particularly in the summer months when the problems of dust are greatest.

To address concerns over air quality, the Shíshálh Nation has recently negotiated with CAL to expand the number of monitoring stations, and increase the precision of the measurements taken at each station.

Efforts are also underway to correlate the history of health incidents in the community with air quality

records, to determine the linkage between industrial operations and environmental health issues.

Shíshálh Nation members are also concerned over potential impacts from the marine transportation of aggregate, particularly from a possible oil spill from the 600- to 700-foot vessels that are now used.

There are also concerns over the introduction of invasive marine species on the hulls of these ships (see also section 5.5.)

The gravel pit also has very significant visual impacts for the local community, and there are additional concerns over impacts on water quality from sedimentation.

Reclamation or revegetation of the area is challenging, as heavy rainfall leaches nutrients from the disturbed soils, which are also dried out during the hot summers.

CAL has recently entered into a partnership with the municipalities of Sechelt and Gibsons and with Howe Sound Pulp and Paper and is experimenting with the use of bio-solids from waste treatment plants to regenerate the mined soils.

It is hoped that this approach will be more environmentally benign than the use of chemicals.

The creation of a large open pit mine site also has unknown impacts on wildlife in the area.

Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society Outreach Healthy Meal Program



*Last day for service until the New Year ~ Dec. 16
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community calendar

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

DECEMBER

Sat. Nov. 30.....P. H. Choir presents "'tis the Season" - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 30.....Serendipity Craft Fair (2 days) - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 1.....Sunday Jam with Steve Hinton - Clubhouse Restaurant, 2 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 2.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Wed. Dec. 4.....Santa at the Garden Bay firehall open house - Garden Bay firehall, 6 -8 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 5.....Fire Safety and prevention presentation - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Sat. Dec. 7.....12th annual Rotary Hopscotch - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8.....Sunday Jam with Simon Paradis and Joe Stanton - Clubhouse Restaurant, 2 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8.....P. H. Lions Christmas dinner and tree lighting - P. H. Community Hall, 3:30 p.m. (crafts), 5:30 p.m. (lighting)
Mon. Dec. 9.....P. H. Garden Club presents Kathleen Suddes - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 9.....PHSS Christmas concert - PHSS, 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 10.....Final deadline for submission for the January issue of the Harbour Spiel
Tues. Dec. 10.....P. H. Women's Connection Christmas Cabaret - P. H. School of Music, 11:30 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 10.....Polar Express Christmas Light Tour - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 11.....Advance care planning information session - P. H. Health Centre, 1 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 12.....Christmas Bingo - P. H. Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 13.....Holiday Card making - P. H. Community School, 1 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 14.....Giant ham and turkey meat draw - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 3:15 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 15.....P. H. Music Society presents Sweet Scarlet - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 15.....Sunday Jam with Jim Foster - Clubhouse Restaurant, 2 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 16.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Mon. Dec. 16.....P. H. Healthy Meals outreach program last day for service until the New year
Tues. Dec. 17.....MPES Christmas Concert - Madeira Park Elementary School, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 18.....P. H. Wildlife Society Christmas Bird count - various locations, all day
Thurs. Dec. 19.....Harbourside Friendships Christmas luncheon and harp performance - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 20.....After school movie at the Hall - P. H. Community Hall, 3 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 20.....Egmont Community Christmas potluck dinner - Egmont Community Hall, 6 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 20.....55th Pender Harbour Christmas boat parade - Madeira Park Wharf, @ 6:30 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 22.....Sunday Jam with Peter Van Trio and Jim Foster - Clubhouse Restaurant, 2 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 24.....Christmas Eve celebration - Christ the Redeemer Church, 4 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 24.....Painted Boat Christmas Eve dinner - The Lagoon Restaurant
Wed. Dec. 25.....Christmas Day
Sun. Dec. 29.....Sunday Jam with Peter Van Trio - Clubhouse Restaurant, 2 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve featuring Apasionado - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, doors at 5 p.m.

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



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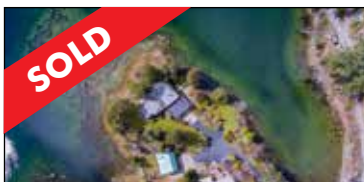
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