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## EDITORIAL

### Are we driving Miss Daisy crazy?

By Brian Lee



There's a lot of talk about seniors these days.

As public officials scramble to prepare for the coming health care "burden," they're also busy legislating new testing requirements to ensure their driving habits don't imperil others in the meantime.

What will it mean for our community, a place without transit or taxi service, if many of our seniors suddenly find themselves without a driver's licence?

I've often wondered why this place became so popular with older folk.

Sure, it's a pretty place to spend your quiet years but the geography is rugged and services are slim.

Many of the retirees in my neighbourhood own steep, rocky properties with driveways like ski runs.

And if they can manage to make it to Francis Peninsula Road, it gets even more dangerous — no shoulders and plenty of hills and blind corners.

Most of Area A is similarly hostile to pedestrians or mobility aids like scooters.

I'd already started writing this rant when, yesterday, I was driving up the steep hill just before the P. H. Health Centre.

I slowed to pass an elderly woman making an awkward attempt to shuffle into the debris off to the side of the pavement.

She seemed to be having some trouble so I checked back in my mirror only to see her stumble and almost fall. Twice.

I assumed she was making the short walk from her home to the health centre but even that proved difficult.

This is a problem that is mathematically guaranteed to get worse.

We face a conundrum — forcing aging seniors out of their cars is safer for others but more dangerous for them.

I think most can appreciate why the

legislation is needed.

More than once, I've felt like getting out of the car and performing a "citizen's licence confiscation" myself when following a confused driver taking five minutes to navigate through the Madeira Park Shopping Centre in her scraped and dented Taurus.

But how do we ensure the community members who fail their tests are still able to access their health needs?

Without a safety net of family members living nearby, it could pose serious health consequences.

Health service providers will confirm they often come across seniors suffering from health and nutrition problems simply because they are unable to get to pharmacies or grocery stores on their own.

Much of the onus for determining a senior's fitness to operate a car falls on physicians.

According to the BC Medical Association's *Guide for Physicians in Determining Fitness to Drive a Motor Vehicle*, BC drivers are required to have a medical examination and submit a medical report at ages 75, 80 and every two years thereafter.

But even before then, physicians are legally obligated to make a report to the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles if a patient "continues to drive a motor vehicle after being warned of the danger."

So I wonder if, in their zeal to do the right thing, lawmakers considered the impact these requirements would have on rural areas in BC.

Shouldn't ensuring there is alternative transportation or safe pedestrian access for our elderly who lose their licenses be part of that package?

It's just one item that should come up when MLA Nick Simons arrives to discuss this topic at the Pender Harbour Legion on April 10. Come out.

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## SPIEL PICKS

### NICHOLAS SIMONS MEETING — APRIL 10

MLA Nicholas Simons will be at the Pender Harbour Legion from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a discussion on driving and the provincial government's new testing policies.

### KENNY SHAW AND BRIAN TEMPLE — APRIL 14

Musical comedians Kenny Shaw and Brian Temple have merged their zany antics to form a comedy duo aimed directly at the funny bone of baby boomer audiences. Their musical tributes are not only gut achingly funny, but delivered with the kind of high-calibre musicality you'd expect from more serious concert musicians. A dinner will accompany the show at the Pender Harbour Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.

### 11TH ANNUAL APRIL TOOLS WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE — APRIL 28

For the 11th year, the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge will be entertaining spectators and confounding participants. The fun starts at 10 a.m. when the participants find out how they are supposed to craft a boat to make it through the race course — and win. There's food all day long, displays and events for the kids to make it a complete family fun day.

## PHOTOJOURNAL



Brian Lee photo

Volunteers with the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society have been busy fighting back invasive species that have taken root over many decades in Tyner Park. Terry Reid is 'seen' here on March 20 clearing his way through a forest of blackberry and forsythia.

Other volunteers pitching in: Ros Patrick, Anne-Marie DiLella, Lee-Ann Ennis, Jim Rossi, Maureen Wright, Randy Picketts and Michael Jackson. These work parties will continue through April to install trails and signs, remove invasive plant species and to add wildlife habitat enhancements. (Check for dates on p. 43 if you would like to help and bring your clippers, rakes and shovels. Light refreshments will be provided.)

## Local authors get most BCBP nominations of any BC household

Not only did two local authors make the nominee list for the upcoming 2012 BC Book Prizes — but they live in the same house.

Ruby Lake couple John Pass and Theresa Kishkan were nominated in separate categories for recent works — he for poetry, she for non-fiction.

Pass was nominated for the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize for his recent book, *Crawlspace* (Harbour Publishing).

*Crawlspace* is Pass's first book of poetry since he won the Governor General's Literary Award for *Stumbling in the Bloom* in 2006.

Kishkan's *Mnemonic: A Book of Trees* (Goose Lane Editions) will compete for the Hubert Evans Non-Fiction prize.

Local publisher Howard White and Harbour Publishing will also be on hand when the winners are announced to find out if any one of their four nominations come out on top.

In addition to Pass's *Crawlspace*, Harbour published Patrick Lane's *Collected Poems* which will also compete for the top poetry prize.

This past fall, Harbour published *The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver*.

It was a book many years in the making and published after the author's battle with cancer came to an end in 2010.

The hefty book was a bestseller and received nominations in two categories.

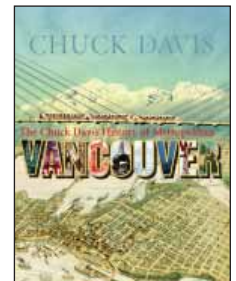
Davis's book was nominated for the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize, "which is awarded to the author of the book which contributes most to the enjoyment and understanding of British Columbia."

The book will also contend for the Bill Duthie Bookseller's choice



Theresa Kishkan photo

Local author couple John Pass and Theresa Kishkan both received nominations at the annual BC Book Prizes for their most recent books (left, middle below).



award, "presented to the originating publisher and author of the best book in terms of public appeal, initiative, design, production and content."

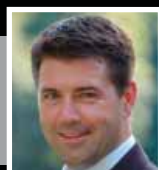
The winners of the BC Book Prizes will be announced in Vancouver at an awards gala at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts on May 12.

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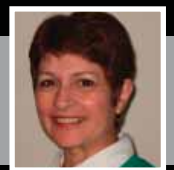
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## Panamanian student to visit Garden Bay for next six months.

The Pender Harbour will soon welcome another exchange student to Pender Harbour.

Emanuel Rios Gonzalez is a 17-year-old Panamanian student who will be visiting our community with Rotary Club support for the next six months.

Gonzalez will be hosted by Dave and Carmel Bradley, who live six months of the year in Boquete, Panama and six months at their home in Garden Bay.

Gonzalez will attend Pender Harbour Secondary School while participating in Rotary events throughout the community.

Because Rotary District 4240 (Panama) is not a participant in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, Gonzalez is visiting as a guest of the Bradleys and the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour rather than as an official exchange student.

The Bradleys say they became acquainted with the young man through their volunteer work at the Handicap Foundation in Boquete.

Gonzalez is also a volunteer at the Foundation, spending every Saturday supporting the staff and clients there.

He is also a volunteer fundraiser in the community.

In Panama, Gonzalez lives with his grandparents, two brothers and a young cousin in a home lacking electricity and hot water.

They live in the hills surrounding the community of Boquete, which boasts a spring-like climate year-round and is therefore a favorite destination of expats from North America and Europe.

This will be Emanuel's first trip away from home.

The longest distance he had trav-



photo submitted

Emanuel Gonzalez helps other volunteers prepare the Saturday meal at the Handicap Foundation in Boquete, Panama.

elled previously was the 35 kilometres from Boquete to neighbouring David, Panama's second largest city.

Gonzalez says his future plans are to pursue a nursing career in Panama so that he can continue to

support those in need.

Through this opportunity, Gonzalez says he hopes to improve his skills in English and computer technology.

And, he adds, he would like to see snow for the first time.

## Decorative navigation lights snatched

Three navigation lights used as decorations were stolen from the Madeira Park Government Wharf last month.

The Sunshine Coast RCMP are seeking assistance from Madeira Park residents to solve the theft which is believed to have occurred sometime on March 10 or 11.

The lights are metal and approximately eight inches in height.

One light is green, one red and the other is white.

The Sunshine Coast RCMP are asking that anyone with information

that could help their investigation contact the Sunshine Coast RCMP's Constable Ellerbrok at (604) 885-2266 or CrimeStoppers.

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### Pender pipers promote pibroch participation

By Barry Ashley

Is your soul stirred by the skirl of the bagpipes?

Do the hairs on the back of your neck stand up when the drones start up?

Does the dry rattle of a snare drum make you tingle?

Then did you know that Pender Harbour actually has a pipe band?

It was founded in 1989 by John Webb, who is still the pipe major of the Pender Harbour Pipe Band.

They regularly lead the parade through Madeira Park on Remembrance Day and May Day and perform at our Legion's annual Burns Night.

In 2010 the band had the honour of piping the Olympic torch through Madeira Park.

They're a group of eight pipers and drummers (of varying abilities) and welcome new members.

Surely there are newcomers to the area who have laid aside their pipes or drum, thinking there would be no opportunity to play up here.

If you're one of them, here's your chance to come out and have some fun again.

The P. H. Pipers are not a com-



photo submitted

The current members of the Pender Harbour Pipe Band.

petition band, they play because they love it. And those who have had the pleasure of catching the band perform do too.

The group has plenty of laughs and though they're constantly looking to improve, the expectations from members are not too high.

If you've always fancied yourself a piper or drummer but never thought you'd have a chance to have a go, well, you have, right here in Pender Harbour.

You don't have to be Scottish, all you need is the desire to succeed,

have the commitment to practise and have patience — it doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen.

At one time, two ladies in the band played the pipes in a parade within their first year picking up a practice chanter.

The P. H. Pipe Band meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park.

They'll lend you a practice chanter and a tutorial book to get you going but also have a spare drum and drum-pad for would-be drummers.

The expertise within the band can teach the pipes, at no charge. All that is asked is you become a member of the P. H. Music Society, as they graciously allow the band to use their beautiful building for practice.

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Tom Barker's newly acquired and renamed *BC Navigator* (r) is seen here leading the pack during the Garden Bay Sailing Club's weekly harbour sprint on March 17. Barker's old boat, the much larger *BC Navigator*, burned and sank on Nov. 22. The new *BC Navigator* is a 32-foot C&C 99 and on this day beat out Dave Zeus's *Avanti* (l) by about a minute to win it. Though it may look like Andy Paulus and *Wings II* (middle) is headed in the wrong direction, he's actually heading for a turn at the marker buoy just inside the entrance to the Harbour.

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## P. H. Blues Society Mardi Gras Costume Ball



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The P. H. Blues Society lived up to its reputation for throwing epic bashes at the Community Hall with their Mardi Gras Costume Ball on Feb. 25. Music was supplied by Cannery Row — the trio of Gary Comeau, Tim Hearsey and Chris Nordquist. Like past concerts they've held, this one was a fundraiser for the annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival set for the first three days in June.

## Finalizing the 2012 SCRD Budget



By Frank Mauro,  
Area A Director

### BUDGET 2012

The budget for the coming year has been finalized and passed by the board.

While a concerted effort was made to hold tax increases to a minimum, the average tax increase for the regional district is approximately 3.37 per cent. For Area A, the tax increase will be 2.57 per cent.

The numbers are still subject to minor changes due to final figures still outstanding from BC Assessment.

One significant reason the Area A increase was slightly below the average is that the assessments for the area have dropped since 2011.

While increases were held to

approximately 1.5 per cent in the base budget of most functions, there was a slightly higher increase in some major functions such as community parks, building inspection and general government.

The community parks function required some equipment replacement and a minor increase in staff while building inspection received lower revenues due to a decrease in building permits.

While the taxation increase is modest, both capital replacement and operating reserves were maintained and augmented to limit taxation spikes in future years.

### ISSUES

I will describe and perhaps clarify a couple of issues that have been brought to my attention over the

last couple of months:

### DOG CONTROL

Dog control for Area A was defeated in an Alternate Approval Process in 2006.

Consequently we do not have a regional district dog control bylaw nor do we have "municipal" dog control officers in the area.

This does not mean that there is no recourse should you witness or have experience with a dangerous dog.

A police officer can act as an animal control officer in the case of dangerous dogs whether there is a bylaw or not.

The Local Government Act states that "a peace officer may exercise authority under Section 49 of the Community Charter within the boundaries

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

#### Infrastructure Services Committee

April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Regular Board

April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Community Services Committee

April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Planning and Development Services Committee

April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

April 26 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Regular Board

April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Policing Committee

April 30 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Transportation Committee

April 30 at 10:30 a.m.



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Our meetings are held at **1975 Field Road** in Wilson Creek at the SCRD **Board Room**. Agendas for these meetings are available at [www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2012](http://www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2012).

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of a regional district.”

Section 49 of the Community Charter states:

“An ‘animal control officer’ means (a) a municipal employee ... or (b) a peace officer.”

These documents can be found at [www.bclaws.ca](http://www.bclaws.ca).

I have anecdotal evidence of a police officer attending to a dangerous dog situation in our area recently with good results.

I suggest that anyone encountering a situation with a dangerous dog should first try to discuss the problem with the owner and then, if there is no resolution, report the incident to the police with as much detail as possible, asking for assistance with the problem.

I would expect a good response from them but I am interested in hearing if there are any issues with this process.

Obviously the police will not attend if a dog is not “dangerous” and is just considered a nuisance.

In this situation it is best to speak to the owner — hopefully dog owners will be responsible and control their pets.

## BURNING

I have received notification that some residents of our area are burning plastics in their backyard fires.

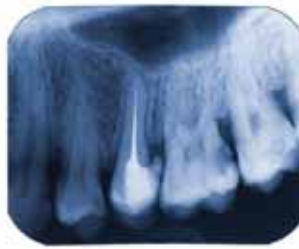
Burning plastic can release toxic fumes.

We in Area A enjoy considerable freedom due to our rural setting and are fortunate to have reasonable, co-operative and helpful volunteer fire departments who allow backyard burning for a considerable portion of the year.

We should not abuse our privileges by burning plastics and infringing

on the rights of our neighbours.

It’s also against the law to burn plastics — Egmont’s SCRD Fire Protection Bylaw prohibits burning plastics and provides enforcement with fines of \$250. While the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District has no SCRD bylaw, provincial regulation prohibits the burning of plastics.



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## Community Plan: What our community wanted in '77



*This piece originally appeared in the March 1994 issue of the Harbour Spiel.*

*The Egmont/Pender Harbour OCP (or By-law 432) was adopted on May 14, 1998.*

In 1977, the SCRD received a summary of our feelings about a community plan, according to a Pender Harbour Ratepayer Association questionnaire.

As Area A is still interested in an Official Community Plan, (we are the only area in the Sunshine Coast Regional District, if not the entire province, without one) following are the questionnaire results received by the SCRD 17 years ago.

### 1. DO YOU FEEL

a. The country style of living traditional to the Pender Harbour area should be protected by controls? (68%)

b. The trend towards a more urban type of community should continue (32%)?

### 2. DO YOU FEEL POPULATION

- a. Should be limited? (56%)
- b. Encouraged? (44%)?

### 3. IN YOUR PART OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SHOULD OCCUR?

- a. Lot sizes of less than a half-acre? (17%)
- b. Lot sizes over a half-acre? (83.1%)
- c. Multiple family dwellings? (15.4%)
- d. Single family dwellings? (84.4%)

### 4. DO YOU FAVOUR A PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM?

- a. Yes (21.5%)
- b. No (78.5%)

### 5. DO YOU FAVOUR A GREATLY ENLARGED WATER SYSTEM?

- a. Yes (56.5%)
- b. No (43.5%)

### 6. DO YOU FAVOUR AN EXPANSION OF THE ARTERIAL ROAD SYSTEM?

- a. Yes (43.8%)
- b. No (56.2%)

### 7. DO YOU FAVOUR THE PROPOSED CONDOMINIUM AT CANOE PASS?

- a. Yes (79.4%)
- b. No (20.6%)

### 8. DO YOU THINK LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE TOWARD:

- a. A recreational/residential community? (31.5%)
- b. A mixed community? (68.5%)

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Brian Lee photo

This Garden Bay Road warning offers a twist to the seventh commandment: Thou shalt not commit adultery with a painter's wife.

## 9. ORDER THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES BY THE EMPHASIS YOU FEEL THEY DESERVE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PENDER HARBOUR:

Results:

- a. Commercial fishing
- b. Forest Industry
- c. Tourism
- d. Construction
- e. Manufacturing

## 10. APART FROM CONTROLS ON LARGE DEVELOPMENT, DO YOU THINK

- a. There should be more controls on what individuals do on their land? (22.3%)
- b. Less? (77.7%)

## 11. SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPROACHES:

- a. Strict separation of land use into residential, commercial, industrial, rural and agricultural zones. (24.6%)
- b. Limited separation applying only to major nuisances but with small-scale business, industry and agriculture permitted to continue at large. (68.8%)

## 12. TO CONTROL POLLUTION, WHICH OF THESE MEASURES DO YOU FEEL ARE NECESSARY:

- a. Ban dumping effluent into Harbour waters. (85.7%)
- b. Ban new marina construction. (32%)
- c. Require pump-out facilities at all marinas. (74.5%)
- d. Require larger lot sizes in new

subdivisions. (61.9%)

- e. Build system of common sewers. (24.6%)

## 13. IF SOLVING THE POLLUTION PROBLEM CAME TO A CHOICE BETWEEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?

- a. A minimum lot size of one acre. (89.2%)
- b. A common sewer system dumping into the sea. (11.29%)

## 14. ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF PENDER HARBOUR RETAINING A PUBLIC GARBAGE DUMP?

- a. Yes (99.1%)
- b. No (0.9%)

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## The paradox of Cuba: A Canadian's take



By Joe Harrison

*Joe and Solveigh Harrison began 2012 with a five week journey to unravel the charming enigma of Cuban life.*

It shouldn't have been a surprise, I guess.

We knew food has been in short supply in Cuba ever since the Soviet Union left in the '90s and the U.S. strengthened the embargo and cut off access to food and medicine.

Sitting in our delightfully lit *casa*

*particulare* courtyard in Bayamo in Eastern Cuba, not far from Guantánamo, Solveigh and I relaxed with a beer after a particularly long bus ride.

Musing under the stars with a soft wind stirring the palm fronds, Solveigh pointed at a window above us next door.

"What's he doing? Are those chickens?"

They were. Leghorns, those slim white birds that my folks kept when I was a kid.

"I think I smell pigs," I said.

And so it turned out that there were many pigs, a whole chorus of pigs, singing from the second or third stories as we walked down the busy city street the next morning.

And the horse carts and coaches carrying six Cubans at a nickel each.

Or the bicycle taxi that brought us from the bus depot blaring "Stand By Me" from a tiny speaker as a muscular young man pedalled us for a kilometre over lumpy streets in the dark with 40 kilograms of our luggage strapped behind.

To understand Cuba, you need to understand its history.

During the Spanish American War in the late 1890s, the U.S. replaced Spain as the colonial master in Cuba. The Americans ended up owning most of the Cuban sugar and tobacco industry as well as gaining control of Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam in the South Pacific.

Much of the present American southwest had been seized from Mexico during the Mexican American War 50 years earlier — just a few decades after Mexico had become independent from Spain.

Cuba, a small island three times the size of Vancouver Island with 11 million people, has been struggling in what is actually a colonial war of independence from both Spanish and U.S. domination for over a century.

The Cuban Revolution — like the Vietnam conflict — has been



Solveigh Harrison photo

Despite its firm control over its citizens, the Cuban government recognizes that cultural activity is essential to the fulfilment of its economic and social goals. Because of that freedom, Cuban music is distinctive yet has evolved freely to combine Spanish and African elements: the rumba, guaracha, bolero, conga, and cha-cha.

portrayed by the United States as a fight against communism. The reality is different.

Today Vietnam is ancient history but the war in Cuba continues and Fidel is still here.

Even though Cubans have been reduced to grim poverty by the U.S. embargo that blocks everything from cancer medicine for children to basic foodstuffs, their spirit of resistance has not wavered.

Over the past half century, two million Cubans who couldn't face the hardship left for Florida (about the distance from Vancouver to Victoria).

Today, Fidel's revolution has the support of most Cubans we met and it's difficult to see any imminent change.

Since the 1953-59 Cuban Revolution when Fidel Castro, supported by the Soviet Union, kicked out the corrupt and cruel dictator Fulgencio Batista and brought the world to the brink of nuclear holocaust, Cuba has become an American obsession.

The strategy of the American blockade and embargo that followed has done unimaginable harm to American interests by alienating and unifying Latin Americans from Cuba to Argentina.

Cuba has always been a country where rare events swirl in a time cloud of past, present, and imagined futures.

The result is a magic realism that shifts with every moment from the elegant to the shockingly squalid.

The high ceilings and immaculately set table in the colonial dining room of your elegant Santa Clara *casa particular*, combined with the click of hooves and swish of carriage wheels on the cobblestones outside the great carved doors, almost transport one to 17th-century Europe.

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And later, perhaps, negotiating the gummy cobblestones hand in hand on a steamy night in Havana Vieja, while avoiding the reflections of water-filled potholes and murky question marks that may be horse turds or worse, you may experience the fear of a pail of liquid tossed over a balcony from somewhere on the third floor.

The smell, quickly shifting from fresh baked bread to ripe sewage, jolts you back to the Dickensian reality of 2012.

This is how Cuba grabs your attention. Noisy people and music everywhere, touts pulling at your sleeve to see a restaurant here, a horse carriage there, a vintage 1950s Pontiac taxi burbling at the curb just for you.

"Senor. Hemingway, senior. You look like just like Hemingway, senior."

How many ways to say no to Cuban cigars, rum, food?

To be sure, it's a police state where politics happens in the Fidel gesture of stroking an imagined beard, nods, whispers, and raised eyebrows above ironic smiles.

"We'll talk about this at home," said a famous musician recently introduced by a Canadian we met in Havana.

"I survive because I live on another planet," he added.

That said, the Cuban model is a powerful propaganda magnet for the millions of disaffected in the Third World who do not have the basics of medicine, clean water, and education.

Strong central ideology backed by the iron fist of the Cuban Communist Party minimizes official corruption at the expense of human rights.

Habeas corpus does not seem to exist in Cuba and there is a presumption of guilt once accused.

A whole cadre of watchers in plainclothes police the system at the neighbourhood level.



Solveigh Harrison photo

Not rundown, not modern, Cuba is a unique juxtaposition of a country struggling to evolve while rooted firmly in its past.

They are often helpful to tourists, but young party animals can be grilled or detained just for talking to a doubtful person at the next table.

That said, the absence of crooked officials is a big benefit for everybody.

The prevalence of order and the protection of the weak, powerless, and poor provide a measure of popular support and stability that is hard to dismiss.

(Continued next month.)

## Black tees offer a shorter a route



By Jan Watson

The season is underway in spite of Mother Nature.

The course is in great shape so shine up your clubs and join us for a round.

This year we have introduced some new forward tees, black in colour.

These should make the course much shorter to encourage people of all ages and skills so that they can hit the ball on to the green in fewer shots.

Special score cards are available in the pro shop, where you can stop in and meet Merv, our new pro shop supervisor.

### LADIES CLUB

The first Ladies' Day on March 15 started with the usual tradition of coffee and muffins but, unfortunately, the golf was cancelled due to high winds.

### MEN'S CLUB

The men faired a little better on March 20, although I'm told it was very cold.

It was stroke play and the winner with low net of 73 was Rusty Ellis. second with 75 was Garry Noble.

KPs on No. 3 was George Goudie and on No. 6, Garry Noble.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY SCRAMBLE

There was a good turnout on the 17th for the annual scramble.

Seven teams participated in a slightly different format — two drives from everyone and only two people putting.

The winning team with a 75 was Rusty Ellis, Mike Reid, Roberta Oleksyn and Lorna Lycan.

Runners-up with 76 were Jamie Tufford, Fred Baldwin and two guests from Sechelt, George Goudie & Ernie Menard.

KPs for the ladies was Shelley Stunell and for the men it was George Goudie.

### COMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday is Men's Day and every Thursday is Ladies' Day.

Due to the PGA Masters being held Easter weekend, we have decided to hold our Annual Masters Par 3 tournament April 21.

### FROM THE 19TH HOLE

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast.

"That's it," he tells his wife.

"I'm giving up golf. My eye-sight has got so bad, once I've hit the ball I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes, and pours him a cold drink. She says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try?"

"That's no good," sighs Arthur.

"Your brother is 103, he can't help."

"He may be 103 but his eye-sight is perfect."

So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to his brother-in-law and asks,

"Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did."

"Where did it go?" says Arthur.

"I can't remember."



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## ORGANIZATIONS

### Not for the meek: April Tools test skills and hypothermia resistance

*Submitted*

Other places wait for robins but Pender Harbour will once again celebrate the coming of spring with the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge, now in its 11th year.

On April 28, teams of boat builders will gather at Madeira Park's Government Wharf to see what materials the diabolical organizers of this event have given them to work with and what the "special twist" will be this year.

Then, armed with only hand tools and battery-powered screw guns, they will try to make something that will hold together long enough for them to race around a pre-set course in the Harbour.

Teams of up to four builders will have an hour to figure out how to make their boat and three hours to convert those plans into reality.

Why do they do it?

Cash prizes, of course, and the Spiffy Skiffy award as well as the Broken Paddle trophy.

But all know the biggest thrill is to beat the guys who won last year.

April Tools is presented by the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society with the support of local businesses and community organizations and has something for all ages.

Teens have the chance to build



Brian Lee photo

The only thing participants in April tools want more than to win? It's not to lose . . . like these two contestants from the 2011 race. The sun belies some pretty chilly water.

boats in the weeks prior to the event with the help of society members and their races have their own unique "damp" flavour.

The trophy race has the straight-up serious quality of competition, but the fun race often has more to do with swimming than actual paddling.

Meanwhile there will be burgers and baked goods to keep everyone energized and lots of fun activities for the little kids.

After all, what would April Tools be without free mini-boatbuilding?

For adult enthusiasts, handmade boats will be available to row or paddle around the Harbour for free.

#### JOIN UP

Why not be part of the action this year?

Sign up your team of up to four builders and then set aside April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The entry fee is \$160 per team (early bird price of \$140 if registered by April 1).

Call Richard or Jackie at (604) 883-0539 for information or an entry form, or visit [www.apriltools.ca](http://www.apriltools.ca) to see what April Tools really looks like.

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The coaching staff — Dr. Rob Hynd (P. H. dentist), Brian Lee (publisher, Harbour Spiel), Bob Steele (retired U.S. swim coach) and PHAFC staff Gwen Walwyn and Silke Linnman — urge all athletes aged 7 to 18 who can swim one length of the pool to come out and give it a try. Parents and potential swimmers are welcome to come and watch a practice, sign-up or phone (604) 885-6866 for details. The cost is \$94 for March to June 25.

## P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Lex Hedley is completing a manuscript for a book relating his experiences as an artist following the annual migration of birds on the Pacific Northwest coast.

Hedley will present a brief reading from his manuscript and some slide and video examples of his work on Tues., April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the P. H. High School. All are welcome.

“Birds are an important part of my life, offering me a contemplative, restorative and easily accessible link to the natural world. For me they create interludes in the rush of life, opportunities to think about spaces in which they live and to cultivate an awareness of other, wider symmetries of nature.”

## P. H. READING CENTRE

The Pender Harbour Reading Centre is holding a potluck lunch and annual general meeting on Monday, April 23 at the P. H. School of Music. The lunch is at noon followed by the AGM at 1 p.m. Members of the reading centre and interested members of the general public are invited to attend.

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Dorothy Faulkner

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A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Luanne and Meg of the Sechelt Resto-** **Store** for their donation of a three-foot by four-foot white board to the P.H. Lions.

Alex Pernat/P. H. Lions

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **all my wonderful friends and neighbours** for their good wishes, beautiful flowers, great food, visits and for all their support during my recovery. Special thanks to **Lorna**, a good friend indeed.

Jan Watson

A Harbour Seal of Approval and our heartfelt thanks to **Dr. Rick Smalley and Mardell** who assisted him. They kindly came to our home to help our beloved dog Sheba to a dignified and peaceful end to her life.

Eric & Freda McDermott

Harbour Seals to **Jack Crabb** for the lovely carving he donated to the Pender Harbour Lions Club.

Neale Smith/P. H. Lions

A huge thank you to the **Backedy Pub and Resort, the Rockwater Resort, the Garden Bay Pub, the Lighthouse Pub, the Old Boot Restaurant and the Crossroads Grill.** Your generous donation of prizes for the Mardi Gras Dance was very much appreciated.

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## Aggressive kitten: All attitude and no fun



By John Wade

Hi John,

We recently brought a cat into our house.

When we got him he was five weeks old.

He is now eight months old and a very aggressive kitten.

We got the cat fixed when he was six months old as advised by our veterinarian.

The cat has a very dominant personality. We are trying to make the cat a normal housecat but are having difficulty with this because he will strike out and bite and scratch members of the household.

This behaviour even occurs when the cat is lying on our lap and we are petting him.

For no reason he wants to scratch and claw us almost like an attack.

What can we do?

A.H.

Dear A.H.,

There are a few reasons a cat might do this.

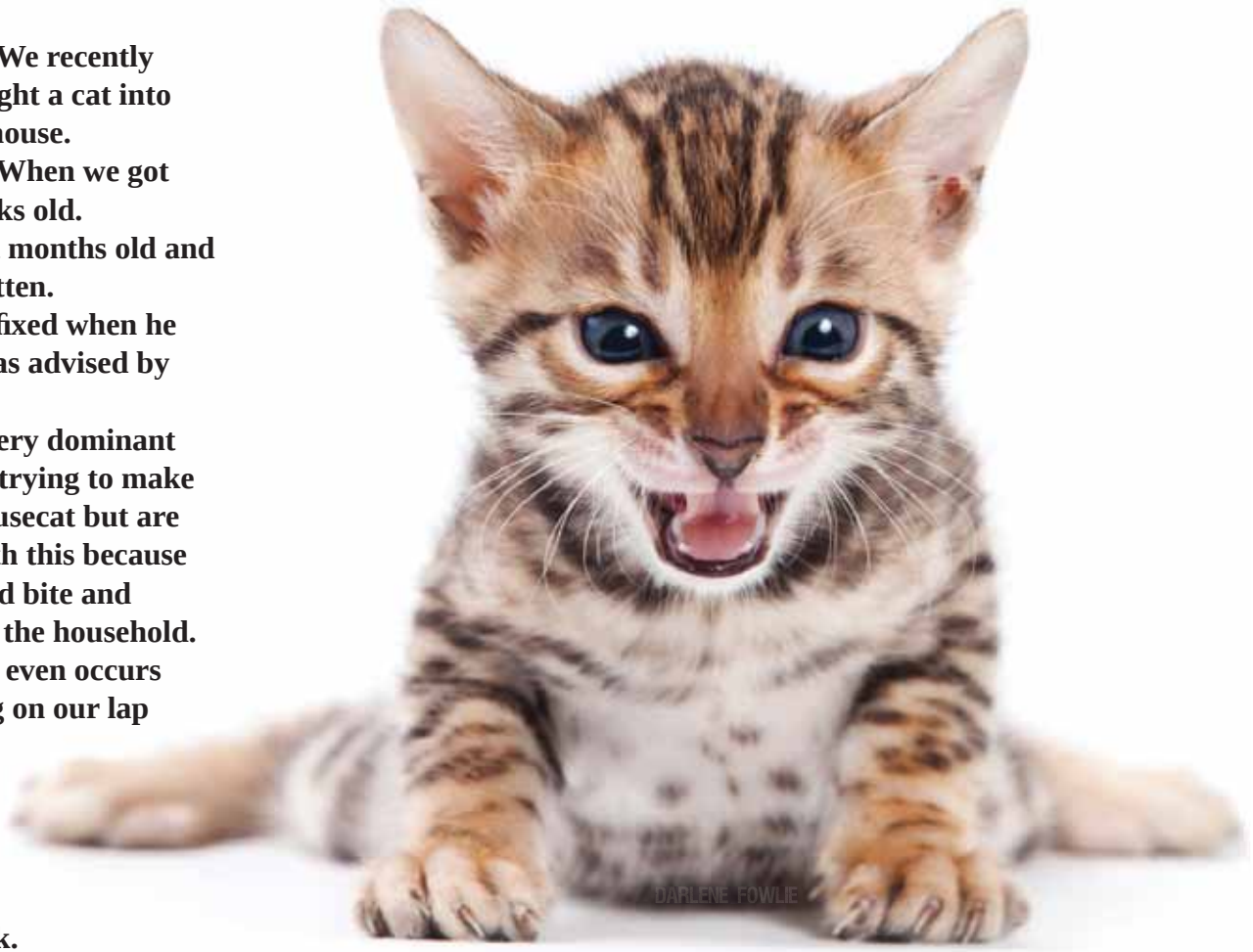
Sometimes it's a genetic predis-

position and sometimes it's health but, in your case I'm betting it's the age you bought the kitten.

Bringing a pup or kitten into a home at five weeks of age generally has its consequences.

Both species need to spend more time than that with their mothers to learn things like exerting self-control (as in a bite and/or claw inhibition).

They also learn about hierarchy. Some will find themselves able to as-



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sert themselves over some littermates and not others but all will learn about boundaries and consequences from overzealous interaction with their mothers.

Most mothers are pretty tolerant but they send the message, "You may win some but you will lose some, so think before you act."

When we get the kitten or puppy after a mother has done her work, they're better equipped with the understanding that good manners never go out of style.

Kittens that don't get this time — and the lessons that come with it — can suffer from neurotic behaviour as well.

Problems with over-attachment to a single person, separation anxiety and fear of strangers are sometimes a symptom.

Additionally, in cases where it is a multi-cat or dog household, there's a greater chance of aggression as well, possibly because they have not fully developed their inter-species socialization skills.

Generally speaking, good breeders don't sell kittens until they are about 12 weeks of age.

By good breeder, I mean those who make sure the kittens are being well-socialized among their own and other species, including being handled by many people.

That said this is often the exception rather than the rule with both dog and cat breeders, but the eight week mark is acceptably close to the ideal.

Anyone selling puppies or kittens at five weeks is more of a "greeder" than a breeder, in my experience.

A human can teach the same lessons mom and littermates might, to a certain extent, but the average person doesn't take on a parenting role with their puppy or kitten.

We often embrace more of the role of a permissive grandparent and which gives far more latitude to what behaviour is tolerated on a day-to-day basis.

Behaviour is often incorrectly written off as, "She's a puppy/kitten."

Where their real mothers would provide attitude adjustments as needed for inappropriate behaviour precisely because they're a puppy or a kitten.

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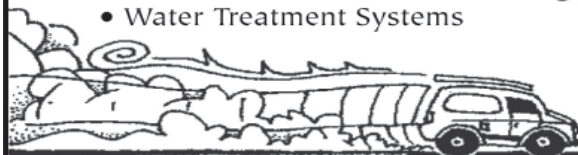
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# How to get the most from your Realtor



By Alan Stewart

As many of you know, last year I made the move from being a real estate salesperson (Realtor) to becoming a real estate manager and the experience has been an enlightening one.

Not only do I have the privilege of working alongside 50 or so hard-working Realtors, supporting them however I can in developing their businesses, but my exposure to clients has been multiplied many times over.

In my daily interaction with clients I'm often struck by the relative lack of understanding among the public as to how our business works.

To begin a career in real estate, qualifying candidates can undertake licensing requirements for strata management, rental property management or a trading services representative.

The trading services representative licence (salesperson licence) is required for people to legally act as a Realtor and to assist people in buying and selling property.

Once licensed, individuals can upgrade their licences with further training, experience and education in order to pick up an associate broker or a managing broker licence.

All active Realtors must "hang"



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their licences with a brokerage which in turn appoints a managing broker to oversee their activities.

For the most part Realtors on the Sunshine Coast act as independent contractors, which means they all run their own businesses within the framework of the company or brokerage.

This is where the real estate industry starts to differ from most industries.

Instead of defining geographic or economic territories that individual representatives are responsible for — which is how most industries delegate responsibilities — Realtors who work

for the same firm essentially work alongside their competitors.

It's a unique environment.

While the services offered by the brokerage (or the brand) are important reasons for selecting a Realtor to represent you, the key ingredient when hiring a Realtor is the individual licensee's skills and commitment to helping you buy or sell a property.

So it is common for people to interview multiple Realtors from the same firm in order to find the right fit for their needs.

While Realtor A and Realtor B may both work for the same company, they will likely have different skill sets, client databases and customer service traditions.

You would think that this dynamic of working alongside your competition might cause friction amongst Realtors, but they handle the situation with grace and co-operation.

Why? It just makes business sense.

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But fortunately for Realtors, regardless of whether or not they get the listing, they have every opportunity to sell the house to a buyer and still earn a commission.

For buyers, the Multiple Listing System, the Real Estate Board's code of ethics and rules of co-operation all mean that they can rely on a single competent Realtor to help them find a home.

To use a shopping analogy, the consumer doesn't have to visit 20 different stores to find a product.

Rather, they select the merchant that is best suited to fulfilling their needs and the merchant goes to work at finding a range of products for them to choose from.

The key to ensuring the merchant works hard on their behalf is loyalty.

If the same client visited 20

different shopkeepers all in the same industry and those shopkeepers all started calling on one another seeking the perfect product for their client, it wouldn't take long for them to conclude that they were all tripping over each other to try and earn the client's business.

And each shopkeeper's motivation would be dramatically reduced, knowing that their odds of achieving a sale were significantly lower.

Instead, the savvy shopkeeper would focus his attention on his loyal clients.

It just makes sense.

Some people argue that the listing Realtor will know more about a property they have listed for sale and therefore will be able to better help buyers make an informed decision.

While the listing agent has a responsibility to protect the interest of the seller, they also must abide by a code of ethics and provide full disclo-

sure about any material latent defects known to them about the property to either a buyer or a buyer's Realtor.

A Realtor risks severe punishment, including the potential loss of their licence, if they do not disclose defects known about the property which aren't obvious upon inspection (a material latent defect). That's not to say you can't work successfully with the listing Realtor, only that I don't feel there is a distinct advantage in doing so.

So to get the absolute most from your Realtor, take the time necessary to interview, review references and select an agent with whom you feel confident, and then give them your loyalty.

In return you can expect that they will do their utmost to help you fulfill your real estate needs.

*Please send any suggestions for future columns to [alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com](mailto:alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com)*



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#### TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

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April has an average of 190.8 hours of bright sunshine and 13 days with measurable rainfall. April averages a total monthly rainfall of 60.4 mm and a total monthly snowfall of 0.3 cm. The highest April daily rainfall on record is 31.8 mm (April 27, 1962); the highest April daily snowfall on record is 5.1 cm (April 3, 1975).

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| Paper bag: 1 month                   |  |
| Newspaper: 6 weeks                   |  |
| Apple core: 2 months                 |  |
| Cardboard: 2 months                  |  |
| Cotton glove: 3 months               |  |
| Orange peels: 6 months               |  |
| Plywood: 1-3 years                   |  |
| Wool sock: 1-5 years                 |  |
| Milk carton: 5 years                 |  |
| Cigarette Butts: 10-12 years         |  |
| Leather shoes: 25-40 years           |  |
| Tinned steel can: 50 years           |  |
| Foamed plastic cups: 50 years        |  |
| Rubber-Boot Sole: 50-80 years        |  |
| Plastic containers: 50-80 years      |  |
| Aluminum can: 200-500 years          |  |
| Plastic bottles: 450 years           |  |
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## APRIL ASTROLOGY

### ARIES: MARCH 20 - APRIL 20

The sign of the ram gives Arians loyalty, generosity, high energy and courage. They love adventure and often fiercely defend the underdog. You will experience a positive flow of warmth and friendliness between yourself and others, and you are stimulated and energized by your casual interactions with the opposite sex. Or the same sex. Or both.

### TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. Often sensible and blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism, Taureans will resist all that this month and open their minds (and chakras) to the metaphysical when a friend speaks of the healing power of crystals. Habits of ridiculing dippy flakes will resume in earnest by May.



**Skookumchuck viewing times ~April~**

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

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| April 1         | 12:49 pm +S, 6:45 pm -L          |
| April 2         | 8:25 am -M, 1:54 pm +M           |
| April 3         | 9:11 am -L, 2:47 pm +L           |
| April 4         | 9:51 am -L, 3:46 pm +L           |
| <b>April 5</b>  | <b>10:27 am -L, 4:39 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 6</b>  | <b>11:01 am -XL, 5:31 pm +XL</b> |
| <b>April 7</b>  | <b>11:36 am -XL, 6:22 pm +XL</b> |
| <b>April 8</b>  | <b>12:13 am -XL, 7:15 pm +XL</b> |
| <b>April 9</b>  | <b>12:44 pm -XL, 8:09 pm +XL</b> |
| <b>April 10</b> | <b>6:55 am +L, 1:39 pm -XL</b>   |
| <b>April 11</b> | <b>7:47 am +M, 2:39 -XL</b>      |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>8:50 am +M, 3:41 pm -XL</b>   |
| April 13        | 10:12 am +S, 4:45 pm -L          |
| April 14        | 11:47 am +S, 5:50 pm -L          |
| April 15        | 1:04 pm +M, 6:57 pm -L           |
| April 16        | 8:54 am -L, 2:16 pm +M           |
| April 17        | 9:40 am -L, 3:12 pm +L           |
| April 18        | 10:17 am -L, 4:03 pm +L          |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>10:48 am -L, 4:49 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 20</b> | <b>11:11 am -L, 5:33 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 21</b> | <b>11:33 am -L, 6:14 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 22</b> | <b>11:41 am -L, 6:55 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 23</b> | <b>11:50 pm -L, 7:34 pm +XL</b>  |
| <b>April 24</b> | <b>11:53 pm -XL, 8:13 pm +XL</b> |
| <b>April 25</b> | <b>12:23 pm -XL</b>              |
| April 26        | 7:14 am +M, 1:18 pm -L           |
| April 27        | 8:03 am +S, 2:31 pm -L           |
| April 28        | 9:06 am +S, 3:46 pm -L           |
| April 29        | 10:49 am +S, 4:45 pm -L          |
| April 30        | 12:32 pm +S, 6:08 pm -L          |

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# Chiropractic care: Misconceptions and benefits of treatment

By Dr. Terry Dickson

There are many myths about chiropractic care, about what it is and the effect it can have on your overall health and wellness.

Many people don't realize that chiropractors focus on the well-being of the entire body through their specific attention to the total musculoskeletal system.

Indeed, patients often experience improved health and function above and beyond what they might have originally sought treatment for.

Chiropractors successfully treat conditions ranging from chronic postural dysfunctions and repetitive strain injuries to acute joint irritations, sprains and strains.

Although most people think chiropractors solely treat the spine, all of the joints and muscles of the body can be treated by these health professionals.

The majority of conditions relating to the musculoskeletal system can be positively managed to some degree via chiropractic care.

One of the misconceptions surrounding chiropractic therapy is that the sole method of treatment is manual spinal adjustment.

However, there are other soft tissue techniques that some chiropractors utilize, such as Active Release Technique (ART).

ART is a soft tissue movement technique which is designed to treat a multitude of soft tissue problems.

It consists of over 500 treatment moves, involving the tension and movement of tendons, muscles, ligaments, fascia and nerves.

Many patients are able to achieve full resolution of their musculoskeletal problems using ART without any

spinal manipulation.

This specialized treatment makes it effective in the resolution of many common conditions including headaches, back pain, shin splints, carpal tunnel syndrome, shoulder pain, sciatica, knee problems, plantar fasciitis and tennis elbow.

A commonality of these conditions is the overuse of muscles resulting in the production of scar tissue.

As scar tissue builds up, tension increases in your tendons resulting in tendinitis — your muscles become weak and shorten and nerves may become trapped.

This can result in loss of strength, a reduction in your range of motion (of both your muscles and joints) and eventually pain.

ART is the method by which scar tissue is located and tension then applied, with the purpose of breaking up the adhesions.

This allows the muscles, ligaments, tendons and the joints to once again move freely, resolving any condition and associated symptoms.

Another misconception about chiropractic care is that patients should wait until a crisis, meaning an area becomes painful, before they seek treatment.

Many chiropractors believe we shouldn't wait for pain or problems to surface before we take action.

Pain is often one of the last things to present, as people get tighter and lose more range of motion or

function.

Pro-active treatment, which usually involves getting assessed and treated even if one is not experiencing pain or other symptoms, is the best course of action to enhance or optimize one's health and wellness.

I treat a full spectrum of patients with success in improving their health and quality of life, both at the Pender Harbour Health Centre and my North Vancouver clinic (North Shore Wellness Centre).

I welcome all new patients and am excited to help patients resolve their complaints and maximize their health and quality of life.

*To learn more about Dr. Dickson patients can visit his website at [nswellness.ca](http://nswellness.ca).*

*To book with Dr. Dickson, patients should call the PHHC at (604) 883-2764 or contact the North Shore Wellness Centre (604) 980-4538.*

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### UPCOMING

For those who have lost a loved one, a bereavement support group will start April 25 and run to June 13 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the P. H. Health Centre. Call to register.

The Cardiac Recovery Program is just wrapping up the first seven-week program for people recovering from open heart surgery and MIs.

There has been a strong interest in this so we will run another program in May. Call the Health Centre to register.

### HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS — APRIL

**Meet at the P. H. School of Music on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 p.m.:**

April 5: Celebrate Easter with music directed by Nancy Mackay and the Gospel Choir.

April 12: Ponderosa Baskets, Wilderness Welfare and a Grizzly Bear in the Backyard.

April 19: Olympic Games.

April 26: Guest Speaker.

# Harbour Spiel Trivia

## 1. Where is "Hardscratch?"

- ☐ a. Quarry Bay
- ☐ b. Bargain Harbour
- ☐ c. Kleindale
- ☐ d. Whiskey Slough

## 2. Which of the inlets below does *not* ebb through the Skookumchuck Narrows.

- ☐ a. Salmon
- ☐ b. Jervis
- ☐ c. Narrows
- ☐ d. Sechelt

## 3. What is the name of the highest peak on the Sechelt Peninsula at 1259 m.?

- ☐ a. Cecil Hill
- ☐ b. Mt. Hallowell
- ☐ c. Caren Peak
- ☐ d. Mt. Daniel

## 4. What is the name of the resort formerly know as Lord Jim's?

- ☐ a. Pender Harbour Resort
- ☐ b. Rockwater Secret Cove Resort
- ☐ c. The Painted Boat Resort
- ☐ d. Sunshine Coast Resort

## 5. What do you call Francis Peninsula at low tide?

- ☐ a. Scotty's Rock
- ☐ b. Beaver Island
- ☐ c. Dusenbury Island
- ☐ d. Same as high tide: Madeira Park's suburb

## 6. What is the postal code of Egmont?

- ☐ a. VON 1N0
- ☐ b. VON 2HE
- ☐ c. VON 1S0
- ☐ d. VON 1H0

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Four-plus: *Local*

Two-plus: *Newbie*

Less than two: *Townie*

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## Ninth annual Pender Harbour Blues Fest — June 1, 2 & 3

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Kicking off the Pender Harbour Blues Festival on Friday night at the Garden Bay Pub will be guitar virtuoso Russell Marsland.

Russell has been a powerful presence in the Vancouver music scene for over 30 years and a headliner for the Vancouver International Jazz Festival for years.

The Saturday night headliner at the Garden Bay Pub will feature the vibrant, genuine and soulful Dawn Pemberton.

Dawn's deep musical roots take her powerful voice from gospel and soul to jazz, funk and world music.

Joining Dawn will be a member of the Sojourners, Will Sanders.

Sanders' exceptional talent and dynamic voice will make this an unforgettable performance — you won't want to miss this one.

If you want to dance the night away, be at the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Saturday night.

Sax player and 2012 Blues Music award nominee, Terry Hanck, will keep you on your feet all night.

Hanck honked sax for Elvin Bishop for years and will serve up his New Orleans gumbo, West Coast jump and East Bay funk — all delivered with a heavy dose of blues and soul — at the Pender hall on June 2.

If you still have a clear head,

don't forget about the Sunday Gospel Show at the P. H. School of Music.

It's back by popular demand and heading up the show this year's multi-music award winner and recent Maple Blues Award for best piano player of the year nominee, John Lee Sanders.

Sanders will be joined by Dawn Pemberton and Will Sanders.

John Lee Sanders will close the festival on Sunday night at the Garden Bay Pub. Another not-to-miss event is the All-Star Jam on Sunday afternoon at the Garden Bay Pub.

This year it will be hosted by Tim Hearsey, considered by many to be the best guitar player on the West Coast and an exceptional showman.

If you care to take in some fine dining while listening to some very fine music, The Painted Boat Restaurant will be presenting 2012 Juno Award nominee Murray Porter on Friday and Saturday night.

Porter is a self-taught singer, songwriter and piano player, who's spent the last 30 years spreading the blues throughout the world with his unique style of foot-stomping and hand-clapping blues piano.

The Garden Bay Restaurant will also be offering dinner shows on Friday and Saturday night presenting the multi-talented Brando Isaak. Isaak, also known as Yukon Slim, is a top ranked and versatile musician and master storyteller.



Brian Lee photo

Tim Hearsey takes a solo at the 2009 Pender Harbour Blues Festival.

Check out the free concerts in Madeira Park, John Henry's Marina and Crossroads Grill on Saturday featuring the best of local musicians and an arts and crafts show in Madeira Park. For more information, visit our website [www.penderharbourbluesfestival.com](http://www.penderharbourbluesfestival.com)

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### The continuing story of Wei Hsu, the first non-native resident of



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

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

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

By Anne Crocker

#### Part XXI: (Continued from March 2012)

Though Wei Hsu was still groggy from the beating he took the night before, he instantly recognized his rescuer. The man named Charles was the same gentleman who had arrived unexpectedly at his home the previous summer while scouting for pre-emptable land. Charles didn't seem to recognize Hsu nor Qwuní but asked them both how they were feeling before turning to Constable Miller to inquire about the two attackers.

The constable turned to Hsu and assured him the two were likely so drunk that they wouldn't remember them and, besides, it would be unlikely they'd appear in Gastown until the incident was forgotten anyways.

Charles told the Constable that he didn't recognize either of the two men but was sure one spoke with an Irish tongue. They ran off soon after he stepped in, heading east towards the mill.

Hsu thanked the Constable for his help and the two helped Qwuní, still in considerable pain, to his feet and guided him outside.

On the street, Hsu finally turned to the man and explained how the two had met the summer before in Pender's Harbour.

Charles smiled with recognition, "Of course, you're the chink with that smokehouse."

Charles went on to say how he had just arrived from New Westminster and was staying in one of Gastown Hotels for a couple of days to do some business. Suddenly he perked up.

"Is it possible that it was you who left samples of your fish with the Simsons in the general store,"

he asked, pointing across the street.

After Hsu confirmed his hunch, Charles explained that he had recently opened a business in New Westminster selling a variety of goods.

One of his competitors didn't approve of his ambition and had hurried to lock up purchasing deals with all of the canneries operating on the Fraser, effectively shutting him off from the sale of one of the most profitable products — canned salmon.

He received word that the Simsons (who faced a similar problem sourcing through the canneries) might be in the position to offer a solution. Charles was to meet with Calvert Simson that morning.

Wei Hsu instantly recognized an opportunity and led Irvine down to their boat still moored at the dock below the store. Lifting up the sack that hid their remaining supply of canned fish, Hsu wasn't even surprised to find it was all gone. Just then a loud call from above caught their attention.

It was the gruff woman they'd met with a few days ago in the store.

"Mr. Irvine, my husband is ready for you now," yelled Mrs. Simson with a hint of urgency.

With that, Charles bid a hurried farewell but not before inviting them to call on him later at the Sunnyside Hotel. As he padded up the slippery dock toward the stern woman waiting in the alley, Hsu turned to find Qwuní asleep beside him.

After getting him into the boat, the two rowed back across the harbour to their camp where Hsu cleaned up his friend the best he could before Qwuní fell into a deep sleep. Hsu lay down to rest too, and when he woke, it was dusk. Taking Qwuní's loud snoring to be a sign of good health,

### Pender Harbour

Wei Hsu quietly launched the boat and rowed over to Gastown.

He found Charles Irvine in his room at the Sunnyside Hotel. The two were forced to speak loudly to overcome the growing roar rising from the saloon below but Irvine wasted no time in disclosing that the Simsons had hid the fact their potential supplier for canned salmon was the same man he was spotted talking with down on the wharf.

Instead, Simson gave him a sample — and an offer. Simson said was prepared to supply Irvine with whatever quantity of canned salmon he required — after their own needs were met, of course. Irvine knew the Simson's price was extremely inflated but accepted it to be fair considering their assumed bargaining position.

Irvine proposed to Wei Hsu that, for a reasonable price, he would assume the responsibility of transporting the product by travelling to Pender's Harbour to pick it up as needed.

Prior to this, Hsu had accepted that it would fall on him to deliver any salmon that he was able to find a buyer for in Gastown. He would still supply the Simsons himself but Irvine assured him that with his contacts back in Great Britain, he might be able to find markets for just about any quantity they could produce.

Considering the four-day return trip required to deliver, Irvine's offer was very attractive.

Wei Hsu told him so but before he could agree, he would have to talk it over with Qwuní and get back to him the following day.

When Hsu arrived back at their camp, Qwuní was awake and had a fire going. Though his face was still swollen, it seemed the spark in his eyes had returned. While the two ate another meal of beans cooked in pork fat, Wei Hsu relayed Irvine's offer. After he was finished, Qwuní offered a contorted smile and mumbled the first words he'd spoken all day,

"Kloshe." Good.

*(Continued next month)*



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Gastown's Sunnyside Hotel (l) circa 1880.

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## BOOKS

### Two books — one fiction, one non — dig for



Keith Shaw photo

By Theresa Kishkan

### THE TINSMITH

Tim Bowling is the prolific author of poetry collections, memoirs, and novels.

Though he lives in Edmonton, much of his work is set on the West Coast where he grew up in a fishing family in Steveston. His latest novel, *The Tinsmith* (Brindle and Glass), takes the reader back in history, to the terrible battles of the American Civil War and to the early days of salmon canneries on the West Coast.

Anson Baird, a Union Army surgeon working to save the wounded after the Battle of Antietam, welcomes the assistance of a mysterious tall soldier, John, who carries men to the makeshift hospitals in barnyards and fields. He is a capable and brave assistant, administering anesthetic and holding down the patients who require amputations. This man carries a secret — well, more than one — and during the first half of the novel, the reader discovers something of John's background. He is a runaway slave, his light skin allowing him to pass for white, and he has

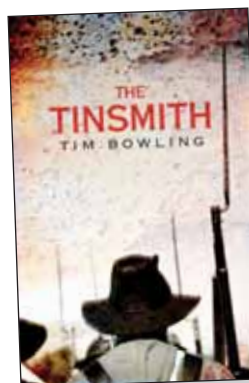
committed a horrific crime. Or has he?

Twenty years later, John is running a salmon cannery at Chilukthan Slough, near where the community of Delta is now located. His past has come to haunt him and he asks his old mentor Anson Baird to come to help him. What Baird finds is a primeval landscape, rank with the odour of fish, and potent with forces both natural and otherworldly.

*The Tinsmith* revolves about several key themes, principally how we can never escape the past but also how we can never really know it, nor understand it. What we believe ourselves to be is often only half-true.

Bowling is a remarkable writer. *The Tinsmith* is well served by meticulous research which serves to provide believable settings for the action of this novel. From the battlefields and the cast of characters found there — embalmers, soldiers (from both sides), civilians who came to sightsee, the ladies holding handkerchiefs over their mouths, the photographers who set up their darkroom wagons and provided first-hand visual accounts of the carnage — to the fogs of the Fraser River, he takes the reader

into the heart of the dark drama unfolding in these pages.



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## answers in the past

The Civil War photographer, Alexander Gardner, has a cameo role in *The Tinsmith*. Through the viewfinder of his camera, we see the horses and tents, the shattered trees, and the dead themselves, dense as cordwood, as they await burial. Later in his life, Gardner said of his work:

“It is designed to speak for itself. As mementoes of the fearful struggle through which the country has just passed, it is confidently hoped that it will possess an enduring interest.”

This might also be said of Tim Bowling’s wonderful novel.

### THE LITTLE GREEN VALLEY

Thirty-two years ago, my husband and I bought eight and a half acres near Ruby Lake. Along with maps and a transfer of estate, we received a copy of a contract involving a Hydro easement across the district lot that our land was part of, signed by John Cline. I’ve often wondered about John Cline, wondered if he was related to the Kleins of Kleindale. After all these years, Ray Phillips’ fascinating book, *The Little Green Valley: The Kleindale Story* (Harbour Publishing), answered my question.

When we think about communities, we think about location, population, services — are there schools, grocery stores, banks, health care providers? We think about transportation. Eventually, maybe, we think about history. What were the beginnings of the community? Who was there first? Who came later? In what ways has the place stayed the same, or changed?

*The Little Green Valley* does something vitally important. It pro-

vides stories, well told, with vivid details. In them we get to know the Klein family through several generations — and what a colourful clan they are. Grandma Martina who doctored wounds with pepper, Charlie Klein with his strength and his long arms, John Cline himself with his dreams and schemes. The book is filled with photographs which show the Kleins with their big horses, heavy-duty equipment, logging trucks loaded with enormous trees, float camps and weddings, and earlier versions of buildings and people you can still find if you look carefully.

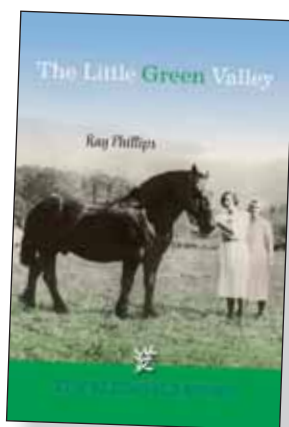
What *The Little Green Valley*

also does is reconstruct not just the past but a real place, just down the highway. Once you’ve read it, you’ll never drive down Garden Bay Road without thinking about the farms, the school, and the log cabins, remnants of which still remain.

You won’t drive the road from Halfmoon

Bay to Irvines Landing without thinking about the workers from the relief camps at Wood Bay and Silver Sands who helped build it. Have a look for the retaining wall near Haslam Creek, the work of an Italian stonemason during the Depression.

Ray Phillips includes a brief chapter at the end of his book, “A Note on Writing Family History.” It provides really useful advice for anyone with a cache of photographs and memories. Think of the other untold stories in our community and how valuable they are, not just to the families involved, but to the rest of us who would benefit from them too.



## BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of March 18, 2012)

1. **Whitewater Cooks with Friends** by Shelley Adams
2. **Something Fierce** by Carmen Aguirre
3. **Eating Dirt** by Charlotte Gill
4. **The Sacred Headwaters** by Wade Davis
5. **The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver** by Chuck Davis
6. **The Ice Pilots** by Michael Vlessides
7. **Indian Horse** by Richard Wagamese
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## AND ANOTHER THING...

### Even Orwell couldn't predict

*By Shane McCune*



We have too much anonymity and not enough privacy.

A recent New Yorker cartoon showed a woman talking (!) on her cell, telling someone, "A bunch of friends are coming over to stare at their phones."

This is such common behaviour now that even remarking on it is a sure sign of geezerhood.

[Dang. Hold on while I adjust my spats.]

Sure, the smartphone has much to recommend it. It lets you update your Facebook status and email (if you're old-fashioned enough to use that), perform a Google search, or see what Justin Bieber has Tweeted in the 15 minutes since you last checked.

In short, it connects you to the world in ways undreamt of a couple of decades ago.

But it also connects the world to you in ways you may not be aware of.

For a start, mobile phone operators routinely log information about users, their devices and their network activity. This is simply part of mobile networks' business model, as they need to know what services you are using so they can bill you appropriately.

This data includes the phone's serial number, SIM card number, call and text logs, location (either via cell tower triangulation or GPS), and much more. Text messages, in particular, are easy and cheap to monitor —by the phone network, intelligence or police agencies, or even private investigators.

Many regimes, from Beijing to Syria to Washington, oblige networks to turn over that information for, say, "anti-terrorist" intercepts.

Which can be valid. French police zeroed in on Mohamed Merah as the likely killer of soldiers and Jewish civilians partly by tracing cell phone calls made near one of the crime scenes.

A U.S. outfit called TruePosition peddles "location intelligence," or LOCINT, to intelligence and law enforcement agencies. It's billed as a tool for protecting sensitive sites such as nuclear reactors or oil refineries: An electronic "geofence" around the facility is programmed to recognize phones belonging to employees while flagging unauthorized phones and alerting authorities.

TruePosition technology can ping police when a

### Big Brother would be in your phone

phone used by a suspected terrorist or criminal enters an airport terminal, bus station or other potential target. It can also locate phones the suspect's phone calls, and who they phone and so on.

TruePosition boasts of brisk sales overseas, where that technology can easily be used by repressive regimes to track dissidents.

In the U.S. and Canada, other tech companies sell business products such as Mobile Spy, which uses a small app installed in company phones to record all voice and text activity. It also records the GPS location of the phone every half hour.

The trouble with these systems is you have to pay someone to listen to the recorded conversations, read the texts or monitor the GPS readings.

It would be so much easier if you could just get people to spy on each other for free.

Presto! Enter the iWatch program, spreading rapidly across the U.S. (It's not in Canada. Yet.)

Billed as "CrimeStoppers for the Facebook generation," this scheme encourages regular folk to use their smartphones to take pictures of any suspicious people or activity in their neighbourhood.

Using any of several apps, some of which can be downloaded free from the iTunes Store, they can instantly transmit the images and GPS co-ordinates to the local police, who track calls with iWatch monitoring equipment.

It's designed for people who might be reluctant to call 911. After all, that means actually talking to someone. And the iWatch app doesn't require your name (but as we now know, that doesn't mean the police can't trace you.)

If vigilantes are going to stalk their neighbours, I guess it's better they use cameras than guns. But a society of citizen spies ratting out every stranger or minority in town? The KGB never had it so good.

This would have been unthinkable a generation ago, when a lot of us baby boomers were outraged to learn that the FBI, RCMP and other agents of so-called democratic government were spying on innocent civilians.

Obviously there's no groundswell of support for fascism today. But I do worry that by filtering pub-

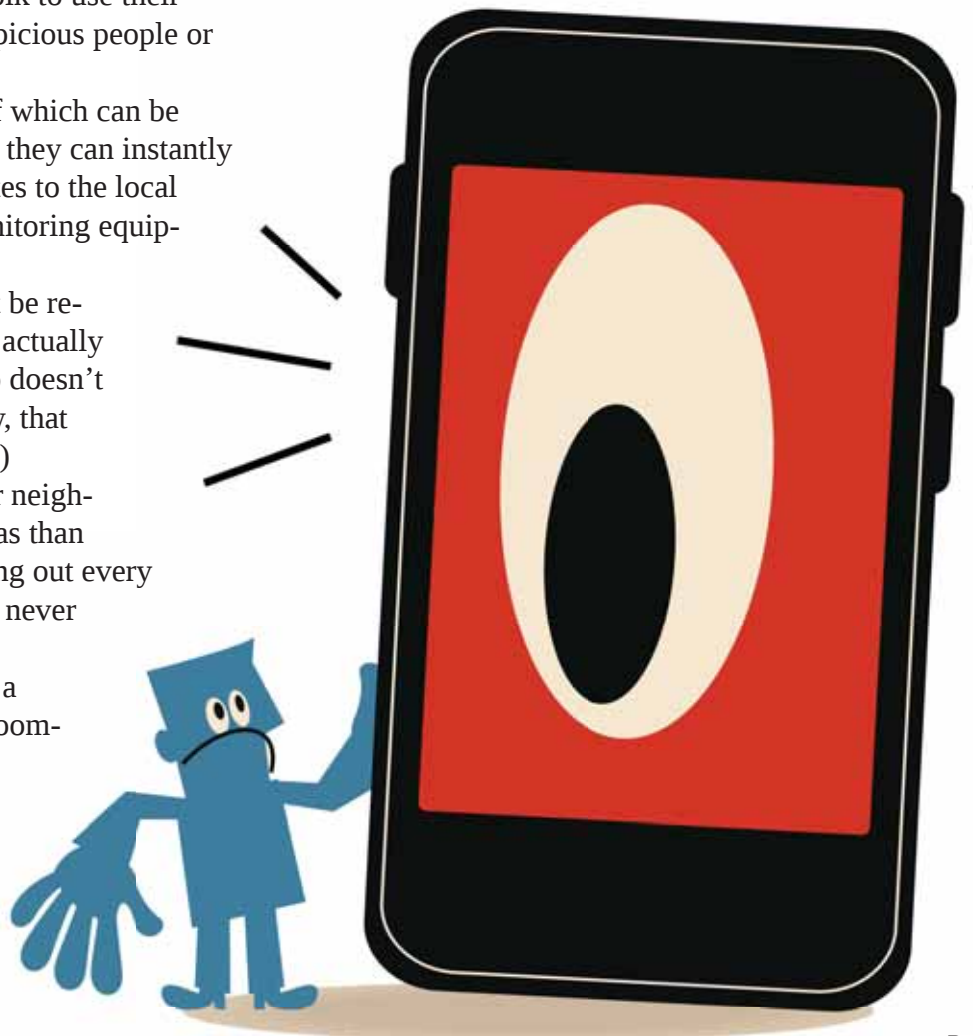
lic and private discourse through smartphones and computers we are losing the knack of ordinary conversation — especially when we believe we are cloaked in anonymity.

Read the comments under a story on a newspaper or broadcaster's website. Or, if you can stomach it, those on any of the right-wing blogs that clutter the net. The vast majority of them are spiteful, insulting and barely literate.

By comparison the average letter to the editor in a newspaper reads like an essay by Gandhi. They could be the same people commenting on the same story, but the difference is the letter-writer must use his real name (and most newspapers ask for a phone number to confirm that name).

It's the difference between the way most of us apologize and smile if we bump into someone on the sidewalk and the way many of us rant at other drivers when we're behind the wheel.

On the information highway, computers and smartphones make us drivers, not pedestrians.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## APRIL

Fri. March 30.....P. H. Fall Faire Society AGM - P. H. Legion, 11:30 a.m.  
 Sun. April 1.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Tues. April 3.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 9-11 a.m.  
 Thurs. April 5.....Area A Director office hours - Copper Sky Cafe, 8 - 10 a.m.  
 Thurs. April 5.....Marketplace IGA Customer Appreciation Day, IGA Madeira Park, All day  
 Thurs. April 5.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 1-4 p.m.  
 Sat. April 7.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, noon-4 p.m.  
 Sat. April 7.....Garden Bay Pub presents Kevin Conroy and Smokin' Section - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sun. April 8.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Tues. April 9.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 9-11 a.m.  
 Tues. April 10.....P. H. Women's Connection presents: Treasure and Tales - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.  
 Tues. April 10.....Meeting with Nicholas Simons to discuss "fitness to drive" testing - P. H. Legion, 1 p.m.  
 Thurs. April 12.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 1-4 p.m.  
 Friday, April 13.....School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat. April 14.....Wakefield Builders presents "All the experts in one place" - Copper Sky Cafe, 11- 3p.m.  
 Sat. April 14.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, noon-4 p.m.  
 Sat. April 14.....The Pender Harbour Legion presents Kenny Shaw and Brian Temple - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.  
 Sun. April 15.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Mon. April 16.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon  
 Tues. April 16.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 9-11 a.m.  
 Thurs. April 19.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 1-4 p.m.  
 Fri. April 20-22.....RONA Sunshine Coast Grand Reopening - RONA Madeira Park, All weekend  
 Sat. April 21.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, noon-4 p.m.  
 Sun. April 22.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Tues., April 23.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 9-11 a.m.  
 Tues., April 24.....P. H. Women's Connection presents: P. H. Gallery mosaics - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.  
 Thurs. April 26.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 1-4 p.m.  
 Sat. April 28.....11th annual April Tools - Madeira Park Government Wharf, All day  
 Sat. April 28.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, noon-4 p.m.  
 Sat. April 28.....Garden Bay Pub presents the Mike Kirby Band - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sun. April 29.....Sunday Jam with special guests the Mike Kirby Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Tues., April 30.....Tyner Biodiversity Park trail building and clear invasive plants workparty, 9-11 a.m.  
 Mon. April 30.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon

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

### FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective to May 16, 2012 ~

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



#### Horseshoe Bay

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

#### Langdale

6:20 a.m.  
 8:20 a.m.  
 10:20 a.m.  
 12:20 p.m.  
 2:30 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.  
 6:30 p.m.  
 8:20 p.m.

#### \*Earl's Cove

♣ 6:30 a.m.  
 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 a.m.  
 3:20 p.m.  
 5:25 p.m.  
 7:20 p.m.  
 9:15 p.m.

\*Alternate schedule for:

April 6, 9 and May 21, 2012

See alternate schedule at [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com)

♣ Daily except Sunday

"In all the work we do, our most valuable asset can be the attitude of self-examination. It is forgivable to make mistakes, but to stand fast behind a wall of self-righteousness and make the same mistake twice is not forgivable."

~ Dale E. Turner  
 Harbour Spiel

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## PENDER HARBOUR, APRIL 28, 2012!

It's the **11th** annual

# APRIL TOOLS



## WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE

### LOTS AND LOTS OF FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!

Has your team got what it takes to build a boat in three hours with materials provided, race it round a short, marked course without sinking, and do it faster than anyone else? Then **you could win \$700** (2nd place \$400, 3rd \$250). Get a 4-person team together and challenge your friends or co-workers to do the same. Entry fee is \$160 (or just \$140 if you register before April 1st!); for that you get a materials package and a t-shirt for each team member.

- ♦ Seafarer Millennium Park, Saturday, April 28, 2012.
- ♦ New construction "twist" and materials revealed at 10:00 am.
- ♦ Construction between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.
- ♦ Youth race starts at 2:00 pm, adult race follows at about 2:45 pm.
- ♦ Concessions.
- ♦ Mini boat building, face painting, and more free crafts for kids.

Try paddling or rowing a CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT in the Harbour for FREE!

FOR A REGISTRATION PACKAGE CALL

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## **TWO GREAT SHOWS FOR APRIL!**

Saturday, April 7:

**Kevin Conroy and Smokin' Section**

Saturday, April 28:

**Mike Kirby Band**

## **LIVE MUSIC SUNDAYS @ 2 PM**

April 1: Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook

April 8: Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton

April 15: Sunday Jam with Gaetan

April 22: Sunday Jam with Peter B3

April 29: Special Guests — Mike Kirby Band

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# **GARDEN BAY PUB**

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## **6TH ANNUAL GARDEN BAY CLASSIC FISHING DERBY: MAY 4, 5 & 6**

**\$1000 Biggest Salmon • \$1000 Reverse Draw • \$1000(?) Open boat auction/Calcutta Draw**

**Friday, May 4: Derby Registration and Calcutta Draw, 5 p.m.**

Anyone can take part in the live auction (Calcutta) to bid on whose boat will catch the biggest fish. If your skipper wins, you take the pot.

**Saturday, May 5: Derby and Dinner**

Fishing all day with dinner at 6 p.m. (included)

**Sunday, May 6: Weigh In - 1 p.m.** Awards and prizes: \$1,000 reverse draw, Calcutta draw and \$1,000 for biggest salmon