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Brian Lee

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Robin Millar snapped this shot of a brilliant rainbow over the Madeira Park government wharf Dec. 7. To see the full photo, and where the two ends touched down, see p. 25. (Robin Millar photo)

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editorial

SCRD budget will please the cynics



Brian Lee

Cynicism comes easily when assessing the performance of local government.

Faced with an increasingly complex regulatory system, we outsiders often rush to judge without fully understanding the bureaucratic constraints SCRD staff work under.

Despite that hazard, it's a healthy exercise to question what value we receive for the spending decisions that are made on our behalf down at Field Road.

And there's never a better time to do it than during budget deliberations.

Like all of us, the SCRD is battling escalating costs.

Taxation funding for the 2019 budget increased 6.47% from 2018.

Then, in 2020, it dropped by 4.7%.

Since then it has risen substantially each year — by 15.63% in 2021, 7.42% in 2022, 11.7% in 2023 and 12.55% last year.

What should we expect when the 2025 budget is delivered in February?

Preliminary estimates for 2025 portend an 11.3 per cent tax hike for Area A.

Though the list of proposed projects may receive further trimming before final budget approval, some of the costs might make you go, "Huh?"

I wasn't the only one to spot this zinger in a recent staff report estimating \$35,000 to replace an eyewash station in the Pender Pool mechanical room.

It's a WorkSafeBC necessity but the most expensive unit I could find includes a shower from a reputable industrial safety equipment firm for \$2,793.

That leaves \$32,000 for the install.

Plumbers don't work cheap but if a contractor charged \$500 an hour, they would have eight full days to complete the work before exhausting their budget.

Then there's \$60,000 budgeted for the SCRD's recruitment of a new CAO.

And, if you want another reason why government costs are ballooning these days, consider reconciliation.

In the service agreement to install

1,837 water meters in Sechelt, \$681,261 (excluding GST) was budgeted for archaeological monitoring by the shishàh Nation.

The project was 71% completed when a Nov. 28 staff report requested a further \$255,068 because the Nation estimated that "an additional 35% funding will be required to complete the program as many of the remaining meter sites are in archeological high potential areas."

Though 10% of the project's cost — almost \$1 million — will be paid to the same outfit that demands the work to be completed in the first place, I don't expect to ever learn what high value archeological evidence turned up.

Remember warnings about the future costs of ignoring Japanese knotweed?

The 2025 list of proposed projects includes "noxious weed removal" at John Daly Park in Kleindale as an "ongoing financial implication requiring \$63,100 funded through taxation and ongoing annual maintenance of a further \$33,000."

And there's an ominous hint about future costs of water for North Pender in Area A director Len Lee's column (p. 8):

"Climate change... could cause the need for major upgrades to the Garden Bay treatment system (a preliminary estimate is over \$9 million)."

Also in this issue, on p. 11, a letter writer questions the estimate of \$820,000 to replace the Vinebrook Creek bridge (Suncoaster Trail above Sakinaw Lake).

And, there's four more in Cliff Gilker Park which, according to the *Coast Reporter* (July 16), after a \$38,000 consultant's opinion, "Staff have recommended a \$1.67 million plan to replace the upper waterfall and gorge bridges, make accessibility upgrades and repairs to trails and decommission the lower waterfall and zig-zag bridges."

We can't just blame the SCRD for this stuff — liability and committees of do-gooders at all levels of government have created standards that are out of touch with practical and financial reality.

But it seems no one is even making an effort to reign it in.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS SEUMAS GAGNE (CELTIC HARP): Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.

Seumas Gagne is an extraordinary Celtic harpist and singer who is fluent in Scottish Gaelic. He is also a composer and sought-after instructor in both harp and Gaelic. Gagne was also winner of the solo harp competition at the Royal Scottish Mòd in Scotland. He will be joined by violinist Christine Traxler and cellist Eli Weinberger. Get ready for an afternoon of heartfelt Celtic instrumentals and traditional songs. Tickets (\$30) can be purchased online at www.pender-harbourmusic.ca, Harbour Insurance or the Sechelt Visitor Centre.

BURNS CEILIDH: CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF ROBERT BURNS: Saturday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.

An annual tradition at the Madeira Park Legion, the 48th annual local celebration of Scotland's national poet will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25 with entertainment by the Coast String Fiddlers and the Pender Harbour Pipe Band. Poet's hour begins at 6 p.m. with a roast beef dinner starting at 7 p.m. Get tickets (\$50) at the Legion or Groundwaves.

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Grazyna Karpinska

Proving that summer isn't the only time to get out, Grazyna Karpinska took this shot at Daniel Point Dec. 3.

PHARA gauging support for community garden tax garden funding

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association is circulating a petition to gauge resident support for a tax increase to fund ongoing maintenance of the “Pender Harbour Community Gardens.”

The non-binding petition describes itself as an “informal expression of interest” of support for the tax increase.

At a PHARA town hall meeting in Oct. 2023, director Bill Charlton provided an update on the current state of funding and maintenance of the Madeira Park community gardens around the Pender Harbour Community Hall and at the entrance to Madeira Park.

Up to that point, Charlton said, much of the maintenance and the cost of the gardens had been borne by Don Fraser who developed the vision for Madeira Park’s lush vegetation.

Charlton also presented a proposal to build new gardens at the Kleindale crossroads, P. H. Health Centre and in downtown Garden Bay.

At that time, Charlton estimated the annual cost of ongoing maintenance at \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year.

A show of hands indicated broad support for an average increase of property tax of an estimated \$24 per year to cover that bill.

The current petition requests support for a “support a small increase



Brian Lee

The Madeira Park Community Gardens in August 2021.

of \$35 to \$45 in your annual property tax.”

In an email, Charlton told the *Harbour Spiel* that their initial estimate on costs were over a year old and “we anticipate these going up by the time the SCRD proposal gets to the final stage, when the SCRD gets to develop its own cost estimate, which is likely a year or two away.”

Charlton said that at that time, another survey will be put forward with current cost estimates and tax proposals

If PHARA is successful in gathering 1,000 signatures (limited to one signature per household), which is

roughly 50 per cent of resident households in Area A, the SCRD will undertake an assessment of the feasibility, cost and scope of the service and prepare a formal petition for residents to sign before the tax increase will move ahead.




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7. LEARNING

! **23**

The average class size in 2022/23 for School District 46 students in grades 4 to 12. For grades 1 to 3, the average class size was 20.

! **3,448**

Total S. D. 46 enrollment in the 2023/24 school year. Includes 746 Indigenous students and 835 students with diverse abilities.

! **40%**

Current number of S.D. 46 classes with seven or more students with an Individual Education Plan (14% in 2013). Currently 9% in BC.

The Early Development Instrument is a 103-item questionnaire completed by kindergarten teachers that measures a student’s ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations in five general domains:

- Physical health and well-being
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive development
- Communication skills and general knowledge

It found the percentage of the Coast’s kindergartners considered vulnerable on one or more scales was 35%, slightly above the provincial average of 33%.

2012/2013: 138 2022/2023: 383


178%

The number of classes in S. D. 46 with an education assistant.

Capilano University (Sechelt) domestic student enrollment


2014/2015: 255 2023/2024: 129

-49%

 Education, formal and self-directed, continues to be important for Sunshine Coast residents.

The Coast has a slightly higher percentage of residents with post-secondary degrees than the rest of BC, public library programs are well supported and high school completion rates for local students are increasing.

School District 46 also has a higher percentage of Indigenous students completing grade 12 than the BC average, and one third of the students registered at Capilano University’s kálah-ay campus are studying programs related to shísháhl language and culture.

School District 46 Grade 12 Six-year Completion Rate						
	Six-year completion rate	All	Female	Male	Indigenous	Diverse abilities
	2012/13 SD 46	82%	84%	80%	61%	54%
	2022/23 SD 46	86%	89%	82%	83%	72%
	2022/23 BC	92%	94%	90%	74%	78%

Christ the Redeemer and P. H. Community churches combine

With one at near capacity and the other struggling to fill seats, Pender Harbour's two churches have combined to form one.

Starting last month, the congregation of the Pender Harbour Community Church in Madeira Park will join those at the former Christ the Redeemer Church location near the Pender Harbour High School.

PHCC pastor Rich Phillips now leads Sunday services for both congregations in Kleindale.

"We would continue to serve our community here but continue to do it more effectively together," Phillips told the *Harbour Spiel*.

"They've been in the community for a long time and so has the P. H. Community Church, so there's a lot of connection there, so we think it would be a good fit for everyone.

Phillips said the Pender Harbour Community Church would attract approximately 60 people for a typical Sunday morning service but he said they only had approximately 70 seats at the Madeira Park church.

"We've been slowly growing, and the Anglican Church (CTRC) holds about 120 seats, so basically we'll have more room together."

Phillips said attendance at Christ the Redeemer was down to about 20 people so it provided an opportunity for the Madeira Park congregation to find more space and fill some empty seats in Kleindale.

Phillips said the CTR church approached them about joining.

"All of the Sunday services will be at the other building (at the high school) and the one in town will continue to operate as a ministry centre and the main offices," said Phillips.

"It's also the home of the Pender Harbour Food Bank so we'll continue



Brian Lee

The Christ the Redeemer Church near the Pender Harbour High School will now also serve the congregation for the Pender Harbour Community Church as the two amalgamate.

to run programs like we have been out of there."

Phillips will replace Reverend Barclay Mayo, the former leader and founder of Christ the Redeemer Church who has been filling in recently as an "Interim Priest-in-Charge."

According to CTR's website:

"In 1978, St. Andrew's Anglican Church was built at the corner of Hwy 101 and Front Road in Madeira Park, where it still stands today.

"Under Rev. Barclay Mayo's leadership, Christ the Redeemer was formed in 2004.

"Our present building was purchased in Campbell River, barged to Pender Harbour in 2006, and dedicated in March 2007."

Mayo led the formation of Christ the Redeemer Church following a dispute over ownership of the former St. Andrew's Anglican Church on Front Road in Madeira Park.

From the *Coast Reporter* (Nancy Moote, April 8, 2005):

"After more than a year of disputes over the ownership of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Madeira Park, Rev. Barclay Mayo and his congregation have decided to move

out of the building.

"Along with several other conservative B.C. parishes, they left the Anglican Church of Canada in 2004 after the Diocese of New Westminster approved the blessing of homosexual couples.

"The Pender Harbour congregation joined the Anglican church of Rwanda and changed the name of their church to Christ the Redeemer."

The former Christ the Redeemer Church will now become the Pender Harbour Community Church and the former P. H. Community Church will now be known as the P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre.

Phillips said traditions will remain the same as part of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

"But we are through and through, a very family-oriented community church in style and flavour."

Christ the Redeemer's final service was Dec. 8 and the first service of the combined congregation in Kleindale was Dec. 22.

For those seeking more information about the church and its services, visit www.penderharbourcc.com or call (604) 883-2374.

How does it cost \$35,000 to wash your eyes?



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Last month's Lee Side inspired both confusion and outrage with \$35,000 mentioned as the cost of an eyewash station at the pool.

It wasn't a typo, but the eyewash station includes an emergency shower, required to meet Workers Compensation Act and occupational health and safety regulations because of the caustic chemicals used in the pool's operating system.

Our current eyewash station is broken, parts aren't available, it's obsolete, and it doesn't meet today's requirements, e.g. it lacks a tempering valve to ensure continuous warm water.

The cost is mainly the plumbing upgrades necessary to install the whole system, as we did at the Sechelt and Gibsons pools.

\$35,000 is reasonable for a safety feature we consider absolutely essential to protect our employees and anyone else facing possible exposure to dangerous chemicals.

ARE UTILITY CHARGES A HIDDEN TAX?

Depending on your property and its available services, you may receive an annual utility invoice separate from your property tax, which is calculated on your property assessment.

Although the SCRD charges for water and wastewater services appear to be a "hidden tax," they are user fees, charged to cover operating costs and infrastructure expenses.

The SCRD budget will be finalized in February with final adoption of the 2025 financial plan, the province will bill for our local property taxes in June via property tax notices, and taxes collected will be remitted to the SCRD.

Here's what to expect with water: Our North and South Pender water systems, with extensive supply, treatment and distribution infrastructures, are suffering performance issues typical for any aging system and require ongoing repairs and parts replacements (water main replacements are multi-million-dollar projects).

Water main replacements and upgrades will also improve flow rates for firefighting.

Climate change is creating unanticipated consequences for our water supply and could cause the need for



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Board and Committee Meetings

Regular Board

January 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

January 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee Round 2 Budget

January 13 & 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

January 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee

January 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Agendas are available at
www.scrd.ca/agendas.

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- **Emergency Preparedness** – Get better prepared for extreme weather and emergencies using the resources at www.scrd.ca/emergency-preparedness
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If you have concerns about road maintenance or snow removal, please contact Capilano Highways a 604-983-2411 or info@capilanohighways.ca

major upgrades to the Garden Bay treatment system (a preliminary estimate is over \$9 million).

North Pender water increased by \$124.96 or 8.89% to \$1,530, largely to strengthen operating and capital reserves, to prevent huge increases when we're faced with inevitable, expensive infrastructure repairs, and to avoid interest charges if loans are needed to fund these projects.

South Pender water increased by \$165.03 or 12.13% to \$1,525, mainly to reduce maintenance costs by bringing the distribution system up to today's standards.

Regional water (Egmont and Earls Cove systems) increased by \$64.25 or 5.52% to \$1,229.

The SCRD is collaborating with the shíshálh Nation to consider a joint reservoir on nation-owned land, which could be operational in 2026 (pending the nation's funding for construction), but the financial implications for the SCRD's operating and maintenance of the reservoir are unconfirmed.

Significant financial investments were and will continue to be made to address the supply situation today and beyond, including studies on new sources, designs, and permitting, and to cover new construction.

We expect user fee and parcel tax increases will sufficiently grow reserves to service future supply and infrastructure projects, and we anticipate volumetric billing for water services in 2027.

While the SCRD continues to seek grants to reduce offset costs, most of these grants are heavily over-subscribed, reducing the likelihood of us obtaining them.

Wastewater Treatment Plants:

- Greaves Road increased by \$113 or 8.97% to \$1,377 for funding

operational expenses;

- Canoe Road increased by \$50 or 3.31% to \$1,559;

- Merrill Crescent increased by \$50 or 2.04% to \$2,498;

- Lillies Lake increased by \$50 or 3.45% to \$1,497;

- Lee Bay increased by \$50 or 6.33% to \$840;

- Sakinaw Ridge increased by \$17.24 or 0.79% to \$2,203, and

- Painted Boat increased by \$113.87 or 11.52% to \$1,102 for its UV disinfection system maintenance (specialized UV light bulbs).

AREA A DIRECTOR IS NOT UNEMPLOYED

Some people assumed if I was no longer chair of the SCRD board then I no longer had a job.

The reality is that the SCRD board chair's term is for a single year and the board must select a chair from our nine elected or appointed SCRD directors every November, so

for most of 2023 and 2024 I had two jobs, SCRD chair and SCRD Area A (Egmont-Pender) director.

Although I'm not unemployed, now I have only one job, as your regional director.

SCRD directors, elected to four-year terms, have two years remaining in their current term.

I'm more than happy to accept the challenge until you no longer want me, or we find someone who we can all agree is much better suited for this important job.

I felt I was doing an okay job, but without the additional job of SCRD chair, I think I'll do even better.

In the meantime, I'm hanging around, at least until the next general local election in October 2026.

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trivia

1. Where was the site of the 1980s campground, The SanBar?

- ☐ a. Madeira Park
- ☐ b. Irvines Landing
- ☐ c. Hotel Lake
- ☐ d. Katherine Lake

2. Which serial killer was rumoured to have visited Madeira Park before he was captured?

- ☐ a. Paul Bernardo
- ☐ b. Clifford Olson
- ☐ c. Robert Pickton
- ☐ d. Wayne Boden

3. Where is Simson Provincial Park located?

- ☐ a. Thormanby Island
- ☐ b. Sechelt Inlet
- ☐ c. Salmon Inlet
- ☐ d. Narrows Inlet

4. What is the northern boundary of the Sunshine Coast Regional District?

- ☐ a. Hardy Island
- ☐ b. Hotham Sound
- ☐ c. Skwakwa River headwaters
- ☐ d. Egmont

5. Before moving to the Harbour, where was the site of the PHVFD's Halloween fireworks show?

- ☐ a. Madeira Park Elementary School field
- ☐ b. P. H. Secondary School field
- ☐ c. P. H. Legion
- ☐ d. P. H. Lions Park

6. What is the name of PHSS sports teams?

- ☐ a. Indians
- ☐ b. Bananas
- ☐ c. Sockeye
- ☐ d. Sakinaws

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Vinebrook Bridge repair: Consider another option SCRD

Editor,

I was reading the proposed budget for the replacement of the bridge across Vinebrook Creek (on the Sun-coast Trail near the Malaspina Substation) for \$820,000.

I would like to suggest a more reasonable alternative.

I propose a new switchback trail be developed that would lead from the failed bridge site down to the highway which would allow a much shorter bridge just up from the road followed by another switchback up to the original trail on the other side.

I contracted the building of the Sakinaw lake access switchback trail based on the SCRD Lily Lake trail contract terms.

The trail is a similar length and grade of the potential new switchback trail and only cost \$27,000 built by Andy Curtiss.

Given the new bridge would be less than a 1/4 of the old bridge length, the cost would be substantially reduced.

The new switchbacks would also add a great feature for bike riders and walkers for less than \$50,000.

I realize it would be great if the trail could be kept away from the highway but you must remember that two kilometres down the road the trail comes down to the highway in order to avoid another creek crossing.

Ideally, funding could be focused on the Katherine Lake circle trail.

Currently hundreds of people may be using the Vinebrook section of the trail but thought should be given to the thousands of people who come to Katherine Lake and would greatly benefit from the circle trail.

Grant McBain
Garden Bay



Brian Lee

Vinebrook Bridge has been closed since November 2022. Photo taken Dec. 7.



Brian Lee

Vinebrook Bridge as it looked as part of the course during the seven-stage BC Bike Race in July 2007.

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society
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Healthy Meals service has resumed.

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pender harbour tides ~ january 2025

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



January	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Wed 01	1.9	3.5	6.0	8.9	11.8	14.2	15.7	16.0	15.5	14.5	13.3	12.2	11.7	11.9	12.4	13.1	13.4	13.1	11.9	9.8	7.4	5.0	3.0	1.8
Thu 02	1.6	2.6	4.6	7.3	10.3	13.0	15.1	16.1	16.0	15.2	13.9	12.6	11.6	11.2	11.5	12.2	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.5	9.4	7.1	4.8	3.1
Fri 03	2.3	2.4	3.7	6.0	8.8	11.7	14.2	15.8	16.3	15.8	14.7	13.2	11.7	10.8	10.5	10.9	11.7	12.4	12.8	12.4	11.2	9.3	7.1	5.2
Sat 04	3.8	3.3	3.8	5.4	7.8	10.5	13.2	15.2	16.2	16.2	15.3	13.9	12.2	10.7	9.7	9.6	10.1	10.9	11.7	12.2	12.0	11.0	9.5	7.7
Sun 05	6.1	5.1	4.8	5.6	7.3	9.7	12.2	14.3	15.8	16.3	15.8	14.6	12.8	10.9	9.4	8.5	8.4	8.9	9.9	10.9	11.6	11.7	11.1	10.0
Mon 06	8.7	7.5	6.8	6.8	7.8	9.4	11.5	13.6	15.2	16.1	16.1	15.2	13.5	11.5	9.5	7.9	7.0	7.0	7.6	8.7	9.9	11.0	11.5	11.4
Tue 07	10.8	10.0	9.2	8.8	8.9	9.8	11.3	13.0	14.5	15.7	16.1	15.6	14.3	12.3	10.1	8.0	6.4	5.5	5.5	6.3	7.5	9.0	10.4	11.5
Wed 08	12.0	11.9	11.5	11.0	10.7	10.8	11.5	12.6	13.9	15.1	15.7	15.8	14.9	13.2	11.0	8.7	6.5	4.9	4.1	4.2	5.0	6.4	8.2	10.0
Thu 09	11.6	12.7	13.1	13.0	12.6	12.2	12.2	12.6	13.4	14.4	15.2	15.5	15.3	14.1	12.2	9.8	7.3	5.1	3.6	2.9	3.1	4.2	5.9	8.0
Fri 10	10.2	12.1	13.5	14.2	14.2	13.8	13.2	13.0	13.1	13.7	14.4	15.0	15.2	14.7	13.3	11.2	8.7	6.1	4.0	2.5	2.0	2.4	3.8	5.8
Sat 11	8.3	10.7	12.9	14.5	15.2	15.0	14.4	13.7	13.2	13.2	13.6	14.2	14.7	14.8	14.2	12.6	10.4	7.8	5.2	3.2	1.8	1.5	2.2	3.8
Sun 12	6.2	8.9	11.6	13.8	15.3	15.8	15.4	14.6	13.7	13.0	12.9	13.2	13.8	14.3	14.5	13.7	12.0	9.7	7.1	4.6	2.6	1.5	1.4	2.4
Mon 13	4.3	7.0	9.9	12.6	14.7	15.9	16.0	15.4	14.3	13.3	12.5	12.4	12.9	13.5	14.0	14.1	13.3	11.5	9.1	6.5	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.7
Tue 14	3.0	5.3	8.1	11.0	13.6	15.4	16.2	15.9	15.0	13.8	12.6	11.9	11.9	12.4	13.2	13.7	13.7	12.8	11.0	8.6	6.1	3.9	2.4	1.8
Wed 15	2.4	4.1	6.5	9.4	12.3	14.5	15.9	16.2	15.5	14.4	13.0	11.9	11.3	11.5	12.1	12.8	13.4	13.3	12.3	10.5	8.2	5.9	4.0	2.8
Thu 16	2.6	3.6	5.5	8.1	10.9	13.4	15.3	16.1	15.9	14.9	13.5	12.1	11.0	10.7	11.0	11.7	12.5	13.0	12.8	11.8	10.1	8.0	6.0	4.4
Fri 17	3.6	3.8	5.1	7.2	9.8	12.3	14.4	15.7	15.9	15.3	14.0	12.5	11.1	10.2	10.0	10.5	11.3	12.1	12.5	12.4	11.4	9.8	8.0	6.4
Sat 18	5.2	4.8	5.4	6.9	9.0	11.4	13.5	15.1	15.7	15.4	14.4	12.9	11.3	10.0	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.8	11.6	12.1	12.0	11.2	9.9	8.4
Sun 19	7.2	6.4	6.4	7.3	8.8	10.8	12.7	14.3	15.2	15.3	14.6	13.3	11.7	10.2	9.0	8.5	8.7	9.3	10.3	11.1	11.7	11.7	11.2	10.2
Mon 20	9.2	8.3	7.9	8.2	9.1	10.5	12.2	13.6	14.7	15.0	14.6	13.6	12.1	10.4	8.9	8.0	7.6	7.9	8.7	9.7	10.7	11.4	11.6	11.4
Tue 21	10.8	10.2	9.7	9.6	9.9	10.8	11.9	13.1	14.1	14.6	14.5	13.7	12.4	10.8	9.2	7.8	7.0	6.8	7.2	8.0	9.1	10.2	11.2	11.8
Wed 22	11.9	11.7	11.3	11.1	11.0	11.3	12.0	12.8	13.6	14.1	14.2	13.7	12.7	11.2	9.5	7.9	6.7	6.0	6.0	6.4	7.3	8.5	9.8	11.0
Thu 23	12.0	12.5	12.6	12.5	12.2	12.1	12.3	12.7	13.2	13.6	13.9	13.7	12.9	11.7	10.0	8.3	6.8	5.7	5.1	5.2	5.8	6.9	8.3	9.8
Fri 24	11.3	12.5	13.3	13.5	13.4	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.9	13.2	13.5	13.6	13.2	12.2	10.7	9.0	7.2	5.7	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.3	6.7	8.4
Sat 25	10.3	12.0	13.3	14.1	14.2	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.8	12.9	13.1	13.4	13.4	12.8	11.6	10.0	8.1	6.3	4.8	3.8	3.4	3.9	5.1	6.8
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Mon 27	7.2	9.6	11.9	13.7	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.0	13.1	12.4	12.3	12.5	13.0	13.4	13.4	12.7	11.1	9.0	6.7	4.6	3.0	2.2	2.3	3.4
Tue 28	5.4	7.9	10.6	13.0	14.7	15.5	15.3	14.5	13.5	12.4	11.9	11.9	12.4	13.0	13.5	13.5	12.6	10.9	8.5	6.1	3.9	2.3	1.7	2.2
Wed 29	3.8	6.2	9.1	11.8	14.1	15.5	15.7	15.1	14.0	12.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	12.2	13.1	13.7	13.6	12.5	10.6	8.1	5.5	3.4	2.1	1.8
Thu 30	2.7	4.8	7.5	10.5	13.2	15.1	16.0	15.7	14.6	13.1	11.7	10.7	10.5	11.0	12.0	13.1	13.7	13.6	12.4	10.3	7.8	5.4	3.4	2.4
Fri 31	2.5	3.9	6.2	9.2	12.1	14.5	15.9	16.1	15.3	13.8	12.0	10.4	9.6	9.6	10.4	11.7	12.8	13.5	13.4	12.2	10.2	7.9	5.6	4.0

David (Dave) John Scoular

JANUARY 26, 1940 — OCTOBER 3, 2024



Dave Scoular was born in Garden Bay and lived his full life in Pender Harbour.

He died Oct. 3 at home on Francis Peninsula.

In 1963, Scoular met and married the love of his life Ellie (Eleanor Todd).

He was very proud of their son Troy, daughter-in-law Debra, and his granddaughters Chelsea and Lexine

Scoular.

Scoular worked many years in the commercial fishing industry and accumulated a lot of knowledge, respect and friends while catching, collecting, packing or transporting salmon, halibut and herring.

At one time he co-owned the *Ocean Viking* and before that worked on the *Dan Cameron*, among other vessels.

Later, until retirement, he joined the hard-working team at Lafarge in Jervis Inlet.

Scoular always had a ready smile and enjoyed a good laugh.

His meticulous nature was evident in his hobbies of gardening and model boat-making.

One of the replica model boats he created was donated to the Pender

Harbour Living Heritage Society.

Other interests shared with Ellie included golf and sports in general.

He also enjoyed his vacations in Hawaii and Mexico with family and friends.

Scoular is survived by Ellie, Troy, Debra, Chelsea, Lexine Scoular, plus brother Donald (and Brenda) Scoular, and brother-in-law Carl Rietze.

He was also a well-loved uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

Scoular was predeceased by siblings Arthur, Allen, Stanley and Jessie.

His family extends their sincere gratitude to the many kind members of the community who have helped in various ways in recent months.

At his request, there will not be a service.



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Karen Strong

JANUARY: Roy Forbes, AKA Bim, visited the Pender Harbour School of Music for a sold out concert on Nov. 19.



Christine Alexander

FEBRUARY: Over 100 people attended a neighbourhood emergency preparedness meeting at the Legion 112 on Jan. 13



Brian Lee

JUNE: Social media lit up with photos of a northern lights display that could be seen across Canada on May 10.



Brian Lee

MAY: The Garden Bay Firehall was lifted by Nickel Bros. in order to rebuild the lower floor and foundation on April 4.



Brian Lee

JUNE: The P. H. Community Community Club launched a fundraising campaign to replace the hall's sagging roof.



Carole Logtenberg

JULY: On June 12, the P. H. Wildlife Society and S. C. Wildlife Project released five juvenile western painted turtles into local lakes.



Brian Lee

DECEMBER: On Nov. 16, the Loon Foundation and shìshàh Nation announced a PODS partnership and \$13.4 million in funding.



Brian Lee

NOVEMBER: Italian Rotary exchange student Emma Valli (m) is living here with her host family the Youngs for the year.

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MARCH: The Harbour Ukulele Group Strummers was hosted a beginner's ukulele workshop on March 5 and 12.



Brian Lee

MAY: Millennium Park received yellow cedar walkways and railings just in time for the April Tools Boat Building Challenge.



Zoë Mackenzie

JULY: Howard White was interviewed on the occasion of his and wife Mary's 50th anniversary of starting Harbour Publishing.



Damien Hendley

SEPTEMBER: A cabin fire in Ruggles Bay on Sakinaw Lake was quickly snuffed by neighbours and lake residents July 24. January 2025



Brian Lee

APRIL: Volunteers Doug Patorel and Oceanne Bourque separate waste during PHARA's diver cleanup March 19 & 20.



Brian Lee

APRIL: Pender Harbour's herring gillnet fleet got their quota in 50 hours after the fishery opened March 13 (Qualicum Beach).



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AUGUST: The first boat of the season to be prematurely ejected from its trailer at the Madeira Park boat launch.



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AUGUST: The Pender Harbour Secondary School class of 2024.

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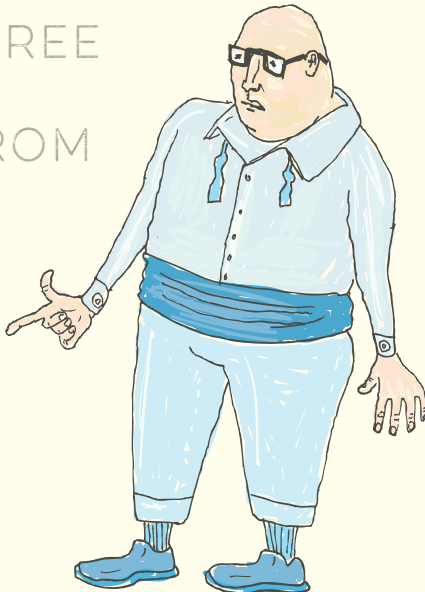
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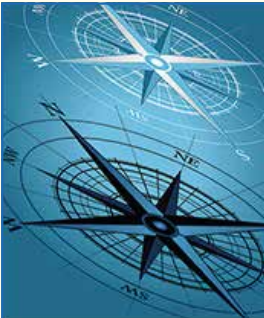
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John Little photo collection

Swimming in the Garden Bay lagoon circa 1950s

It's hard to believe now but the muddy lagoon guarding the road entrance to John Henry's Marina was once a popular swimming hole that was even the site of swimming lessons. Here, local kids (l-r) Margaret Pearce, Jean Pearce (rear), Mary Pearce, John Little and John Pearce pose for a photo pre-plunge.



Robin Millar

The Madeira Park government wharf, Dec. 7.

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“Spreading Kindness” Seals of Approval to **all who donated monetary gifts, toys and gifts to those locally** in need this Christmas and importantly all year long as well. Your kindness and generosity is what makes our community such a great place to call home. With sincere thanks and appreciation to all.

Lyn Charlton
Garden Bay

Harbour Seals of Approval and a giant “bravo” and **grateful applause to all the community businesses, service groups and clubs and enumerable individuals who once again gave and got us through Christmas** and another year of generously helping those in our community who were in need.

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JANUARY

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, **extra large**)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 1:03 pm -M
2. 1:43 pm -M
3. 2:23 pm -M
4. **7:47 am +XL**, 3:02 pm -M
5. **8:18 am +XL**, 3:42 pm -M
6. **8:52 am +XL**, 4:23 pm -M
7. **9:30 am +XL**
8. 10:13 am +L
9. 11:01 am +M
10. 7:53 am -S, 11:57 am +M
11. 9:34 am -S, 12:59 pm +S
12. 10:37 am -S, 2:02 pm -S
13. 11:28 -S, 3:04 pm +S
14. 12:13 pm -M, 4:01 pm +S
15. 12:56 pm +M, 4:54 pm -S
16. 1:35 pm -M
17. 2:11 pm -M
18. **7:31 am +XL**, 2:42 pm -M
19. 7:52 am +L, 3:08 pm -M
20. 8:16 am +L, 3:31 pm -M
21. 8:45 am +L, 3:57 pm -L
22. 9:21 am -M, 4:28 pm -L
23. 10:05 am -M
24. 10:59 am -S
25. 8:39 am -S, 12:01 pm +S
26. 9:45 am -S, 1:07 pm +S
27. 10:34 am -S, 2:08 pm +S
28. 11:18 am -S, 3:05 pm +S
29. 11:58 am +M, 3:05 pm +M
30. 12:35 pm -M, 4:48 pm +M
31. 1:11 pm -M

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CAR



COLOURS

9%

The percentage of market share for the most popular non-grayscale car colour, blue.

8%

The percentage of market share for the second most popular non-gray-scale car colour, red.

White

According to iSee Cars.com, the most popular car colour in the United States, comprising 27.6% of the market share.

White

Car colour least likely to be stolen. (Their high visibility may deter thieves as they are easier to spot.)

22%

The percentage of market share for the second most popular car colour in the U.S., black. (Up from 14 per cent in 2003).

Black

Among sportier cars like convertibles and sports cars, black is best at 22%. Here, the leader in all other car categories, white, is only the fourth most popular colour at 14%.

20%

The percentage of more than 20 million used cars from model years 2004 – 2023 sold from Jan. 2023 to April 2024, that were “non-grayscale” colours. (Half of what it was in 2004.)

Grey

The colour easiest to clean, according to various studies. Dirt and dust can hide nicely and look cleaner for longer.

~ Kelly Blue Book, iSeeCars.com, WeCar, Globe and Mail

JANUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

January is our coldest month, with an average daily high temperature of 6.3 C and low of 2.9 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.6 C. The highest January temperature recorded at Merry Is. is 13.2 C (Jan. 30, 1989); the lowest is -7.2 C (Jan. 29, 1969).

PRECIPITATION

We have an average of 46.2 hours of bright sunshine, 17 days with rain and three days with snow in January. Our average monthly rainfall is 118 mm; snowfall, 9 cm. The record daily rainfall recorded at the Merry Island weather station is 78.2 mm (Jan. 18, 1968).

JANUARY ASTROLOGY

**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. On Jan. 11, Capricorn's North Node runs aground in Pisces, spilling your astrological milk. This causes tumult but fret not because soon your South Node is in Virgo. Obviously, that means this is a spiritually balanced time for working on your soul. Consider: your soul is a busted car and that car will be on the hoist for a couple weeks. Get to work.

**AQUARIUS: JAN. 20 - FEB. 18**

Aquarians are original, independent humanitarians who shy away from emotional expression. This often makes them seem uncompromising and aloof. Aquarians are thoughtful listeners but they rarely tolerate someone they disagree with. The New Year will start off well with Venus in your First House. Your wife won't like it but your finances and social life will. Plunge into that investment you were considering. Now is your all-time best opportunity for growth and joy. Someone close to you disagrees with this pursuit. Lose them.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Dec. 7.

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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| 1. Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love by Shelley and Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings) | 6. The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing) |
| 2. Untold Tales of Old British Columbia by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press) | 7. The Hidden Life of Trees: A Graphic Adaptation by Peter Wohlleben and Fred Bernard, illustrated by Benjamin Flao (Greystone Books) |
| 3. Never Boring: The Up and Down History of the Vancouver Canucks by Ed Willes (Harbour Publishing) | 8. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books) |
| 4. Slumach's Gold: In Search of a Legend—and a Curse by Brian Antonson, Mary Trainer & Rick Antonson (Heritage House) | 9. Raven Gets Tricked by Andrea Fritz (Orca Book Publishers) |
| 5. The Animal People Choose a Leader by Richard Wagamese, illus by Bridget George (Douglas & McIntyre) | 10. Just Say Yes by Bob McDonald (Douglas & McIntyre) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 1 ~ **Dave Steppell, Paul Wharton and Cheryl Thompson.**
- Jan. 2 ~ **Bill Hunsche, Vince Perreca and Salem Taylor**
- Jan. 3 ~ **Colton Landry.**
- Jan. 4 ~ **Crystal White and Avril Maveety.**
- Jan. 5 ~ **Sue Lee, Betty Wenman and Taylor Phillips.**
- Jan. 8 ~ **Sue Natall, Jodi Godkin and Destiny Wallbaum.**
- Jan. 9 ~ **Arhea Howitt, Mario Lowther and Amanda Mayo.**
- Jan. 10 ~ **David Pease.**
- Jan. 11 ~ **Randy Cummings.**
- Jan. 12 ~ **Lisa Duncan, Mary Ebert and Ryan Logtenburg.**
- Jan. 13 ~ **Tia Haase and Betty Wray.**
- Jan. 14 ~ **Dominic De La Canal, Norman Edwardson, Karlee Legge and Alannah Nichols.**
- Jan. 15 ~ **Curtis Sample and Ron Kushner.**
- Jan. 16 ~ **Cody Angus.**
- Jan. 17 ~ **Anne Clemence and Tashina McLean.**
- Jan. 18 ~ **Vanessa Lanteigne and Julie Marzolf.**
- Jan. 19 ~ **Arieanna Henderson.**
- Jan. 20 ~ **Gerald Mackie, Les Dornbierer and Hazel Jay.**
- Jan. 22 ~ **Starr Harding, Lil Higgs, Leanne Legge and Troy Brown.**
- Jan. 23 ~ **Taree Bathgate and Kelly Kammerle.**
- Jan. 24 ~ **Carolyn Ireland and Warren Dunaway.**
- Jan. 27 ~ **Leona Colebank.**
- Jan. 28 ~ **Vanessa Smith and Ikuko Kishimoto.**
- Jan. 29 ~ **Jordan Field, Glen Scoular, Lorne Campbell and Tanya Bernier.**
- Jan. 30 ~ **Lyle Forbes.**



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Local health matters

PHHC launches Pender Harbour Seniors Link

The Pender Harbour Health Centre and our Better at Home program is proud to announce the launch of a new transportation service for Sunshine Coast seniors named Pender Harbour Seniors Link.

The Pender Harbour Seniors Link is a free transportation service funded by United Way BC and is a collaboration with the Sunshine Coast Health Aging Community Collaborate.

The HACC is made up of Sunshine Coast senior-serving organizations including the Sunshine Coast Resource Centre, Sunshine Coast Community Services Society, P. H. Health Centre, Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre and the Gibsons Seniors Society.

The Pender Harbour Seniors Link is a free hop on/hop off bus service offered weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and allows seniors (60+) from Egmont to Sechelt access to an accessible transportation option. The PHHC will be utilizing our accessible six-seater minibus to deliver this new service.

This service will relaunch on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, after a short winter break.



If the service is unavailable, the PHHC will make updates on our Facebook page and website. You can also call 604-883-2764 and staff will be able to provide updates and answer questions.

The PHHC would like to thank United Way BC and their Better at Home program for the funding to allow us to launch this new service. We also want to thank the organizations that make up the HACC for their support and collaboration. A heartfelt thank you also goes to those organizations and business that have partnered with us to allow us to stop at their locations.

In our recent community needs assessment report, transportation was identified as a key challenge for community members living in the "transportation desert" that is Pender Harbour and the surrounding communities.

The PHHC is excited to build on the recommendations from that report and bring an accessible transportation option to seniors in these communities and we look forward to welcoming seniors onboard.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE YOU WILL FIND THE FULL SCHEDULE FOR THIS SERVICE.

A special Pender Harbour Health Centre thank you!

We would like to acknowledge and show our appreciation to Gerrit and Agnes Mey and the Mey family for their recent generous donation towards our Physician Wing renovation project at the Health Centre.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THEIR DONATION, GERRIT AND AGNES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

"The Pender Harbour area, and specifically Sakinaw Lake have been a special place to our family for over 50 years. Supporting this community is a privilege and we hope this gift inspires others to support the new physician's wing at the Pender Harbour Health Centre." ~ Gerrit and Agnes Mey

If you would like to join Gerrit and Agnes in making a donation toward the Physicians Wing renovation project, please reach out to our Finance and Administration Manager at John.rathbone@penderharbourhealth.com.

PENDER HARBOUR SENIORS LINK

a free accessible transportation service for coast seniors

Relaunching on
January 2nd 2025

Latest Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Hop On/Hop Off Schedule (Tuesday – Thursday only)			
	Bus Stop Location	Egmont to Sechelt	Sechelt to Egmont
1	Bathgate Store (Egmont)	9.00 am	3.30 pm
2	Petro Canada (Maderia Park)	9.30 am	3.00 pm
3	Pender Harbour Community Hall	9.40 am	2.50 pm
4	Lily Lake Housing <i>*No parking on site at Lily Lake</i>	9.50 am	2.40 pm
5	Pender Harbour Health Centre	10.00 am	2.30 pm
6	Halfmoon Bay Bus Stop (Highway 101)	10.15 am	2.15 pm
7	Trail and Cowrie St (Sechelt)	10.30 am	2.00 pm
8	Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre	10.38 am	1.52 pm
9	Sunshine Coast Community Services Food Bank <i>*Foodbank operates on Wednesday only</i>	10.45 am	1.45 pm
10	Sechelt/shishalh Hospital	10.52 am	1.38 pm
11	Your Independent Grocer	11.00 am	1.30 pm
During the 2.5-hour wait in Sechelt the bus will continue to offer pick up and drop off between Sechelt locations between the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am – 12pm • 1pm – 1.30pm 			
Please note: the PHHC minibus will stop at each stop for 2-3 minutes before heading to the next stop.			



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- Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department.....(604) 883-2555
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- GRIPS (Recycling Society)(604) 883-1165
- Garden Bay Sailing Club.....(604) 883-2689
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- Harbour Artists(604) 883-2807
- Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)(604) 883-9900
- Health Centre Society(604) 883-2764
- Health Centre Auxiliary.....(604) 741-2646
- InStitches (last Thursday of month, 10 a.m.).....(604) 740-1151
- Lions Club, Egmont.....(604) 883-9463
- Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....(604) 883-1361
- Men's Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-2393
- P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....(604) 885-6867
- P. H. and Area Residents Association.....(604) 883-9205
- P. H. Blues Society.....(604) 741-1186
- P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday).....(778) 227-8430
- P. H. Community Club.....(604) 883-9900
- P. H. Community School Society(604) 883-2826
- P. H. Garden Club.....(604) 883-9798
- P. H. Golf Club(604) 883-9541
- P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.).....(604) 883-2274
- P. H. Living Heritage Society.....(604) 883-0748
- P. H. Music Society (bookings)(604) 883-9749
- P. H. Paddling Society (dragon boating).....(604) 399-9596
- P. H. Piecemakers (quilters).....(604) 883-2573
- P. H. Pipe Band.....(604) 883-0053
- P. H. Power & Sail Squadron(604) 883-2086
- P. H. Ramblers (hikers, every Tues. a.m.).....(604) 883-1191
- P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....(604) 883-9011
- P. H. Reading Room (library)(604) 883-2983
- Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)(604) 883-2843
- Royal Canadian Legion No. 112(604) 883-2235
- RCM SAR Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61(778) 240-3151
- Ruby Lake Lagoon Society(604) 883-9201
- Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....(604) 883-9994
- S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.).....(604) 741-8413
- Seniors' Housing Society(604) 883-2819
- Serendipity Child Care Centre.....(604) 883-2316
- Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....(604) 989-6171
- Sunshine Coast Women's Outreach Services(604) 741-5246
- Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)(604) 883-9853
- Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.).....(604) 883-0444

organizations

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection opens their 2025 season Jan. 21 with a New Year's Ceilidh (a Scottish social gathering of music and singing).

We are delighted to announce the return of Gibsons' Alex Buchanan with his band, Electric Tartan. Their songs and toe-tapping music are sure to warm the heart on a winter's day. They received rave reviews on their previous visits so grab your glad plaids and join us for a fun-filled Auld Lang Syne.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m., Ceilidh begins at 10 a.m.. There is a drop-in fee of \$4 and refreshments are included.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Jan. 10

The musicians this month are Joan and Ted and Gen Katagiri.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.



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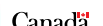
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Mining in the Caren Range, part 1

Ray Phillips

I'll be 93 years old in a few days and unless the Lord makes an exception in my case, which is not likely, I thought I'd better scribble down what I can still remember about copper mining up in the Caren Range.

Still a teenager, I was on the Klein brothers crew from the beginning and people often ask me about the mine up by Mount Hallowell.

THE BEGINNING

The ore deposit was discovered by Dave Gibbs, who showed it to my uncle Fred Klein.

Uncle Fred was always interested in prospecting — by that time he had already staked a zinc outcrop above Anderson Creek.

So, he staked a big area where Dave Gibbs showed him the ore.

Gibbs had no interest in it himself, so it came to be known locally as "Fred's Mine."

Later, during the depression years, Uncle Fred got a grant to build a road from the highway by the high school.

They pushed it up to the foot of the mountain where the grade got too steep to continue, and then the money ran out.

A very steep trail up the south side of the canyon led nearly up to the mine site.

Every thing had to be back-packed up approximately 450 metres (1,500 feet) in elevation higher.

Building the road by hand to the foot of the mountain employed some local men, who were very glad for a job in the depression.

My dad, Jim Phillips, worked on the road and, later, packed and hauled freight from Irvine's Landing wharf



Steve Baker

A 1928 Jordan Sedan, prior to restoration work, that is similar to Jim Phillips' car he used to freight materials from Irvines Landing to the end of the mine road in the 1930s.

to the steep packing trail at the end of the mine road.

His freight truck was his Jordan Motor Car company sedan, that Aunt Florence (my Mom's sister) gave him after her husband Jim Lyman, who worked for the railroad, was killed in a train wreck.

In 1939, a big mining company, Sheep Creek Mining, took an option on the property.

Because the assays were so promising, they were willing to spend a lot on exploring the ore body.

They tunnelled under the ore body for 220 feet and found the high grade was all just a surface outcrop.

The adit (a nearly horizontal passage) for this tunnel can be found on the southwest side, about 200 feet lower than the mine elevation.

The granite diorite from the tunnel can still be seen — a grey colour different from the surroundings.

Some of the local men who were prepared to spend weeks away from their families got several months em-

ployment packing in materials or tunnelling as all of the holes were drilled by hammer and hand-held steel.

One man turned the chisel bit steel, while the partner swung the hammer.

The steels had to be continually reformed to size because as the set wore out, so the holes would get smaller.

An old blacksmith from Irvines Landing, John Gooldrup and his son Jack, kept the steel tempered just right — if it was too hard, it broke up, if it was too soft, it didn't last.

The workers would take turns and it took three or more packers to keep the miners fed and supplied with all the required supplies.

My Dad took me along at 9 years old — I packed 20 pounds and he packed 70 pounds.

We got 10 cents per pound — big money in those days — but it took us all day to make the trip.

After the mining company proved the ore body was not enough

for their needs and let their lease go, nothing happened with the mine until about 1949, when my uncle John Klein (he spelled his name Cline) took up a new angle.

He was six feet three inches tall and close to 200 pounds at 15 years old.

When he lied about his age and enlisted in the army during World War II, because of his size, he was immediately accepted.

After training, he was sent overseas and experienced some of the worst battles Canadian troops fought.

Somehow he survived to bring his warbride, Mollie (Scott) back to Kleindale where his mother and most of his siblings had moved to.

He bought some acreage from his brother Fred, built a log house, cleared some land and started farming.

Mollie must have come into some money from England because he was soon able to afford to buy a RD8 Caterpillar tractor.

Partnering with brother Pete, the two began to log some of the old growth fir that was still selling well.

After that was gone, they moved up Jervis Inlet to Beaver (Treat) Creek, and a few years later to Chonat Bay.

There, Pete left Uncle John to move back home to Kleindale and

marry his wife Hazel.

John then went big time in Elk Bay where he ran a large and very successful logging show.

His son Bobbie did all his trucking and all was good until one day their loading donkey engineer refused to work while the other donkey was bringing logs in to the same spartree.

Rather than slow production, Bobbie took over.

Not long after, two boomsticks came in together, and when the yarding engineer set them down, one came out of the choker and landed on Bobbie who was running the loading machine.

After the loss of their only son, John and Mollie Klein quit and moved to an apartment in Vancouver where John bought a big yacht and cruised the Coast to ease his grief.

After some time he began to miss his friends from the logging days and Pete, his old partner.

At that time, my dad and Pete were logging in Cockburn Bay when our house burned down.

Dad was happy to sell his share to spend time building a new house.

So, John and Pete partnered again in a new company, Pender Harbour Explorations.

Together they bought a new Kenworth logging truck and relogged the

whole head of Pender Harbour.

After punching the first road out to Sakinaw Lake, they also logged the foothills of the Caren Range.

They kept looking at the timber on the top of the mountain but had no road to get there.

They needed some help to build it and John's business sense told him that Fred's mine was the answer.

After taking a lease on the mine, he managed to get a government grant to pay for a large part of the road construction to the top.

They would go on to haul out 700 tons of high grade copper that was shipped to the smelter in Tacoma, Wash.

Much later, a large part of the timber that was up there came down that road as well.

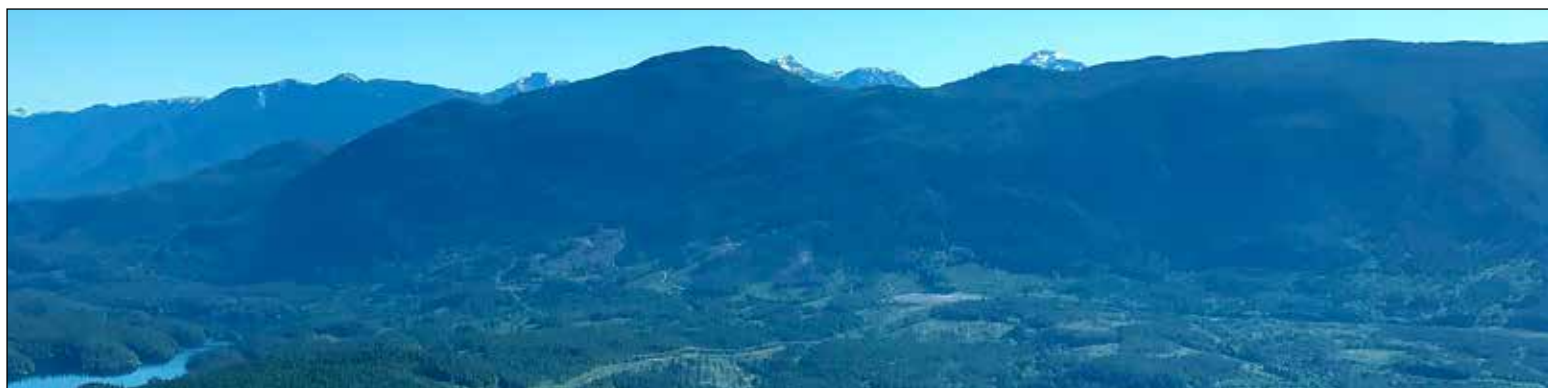
Some would say it should never have been logged — some of the Western hemlocks were close to 1,000 years old.

The Kleins never did log it because half of the trees we fell up there were just a shell.

The hollow went to all but the top of the log, which was poor quality anyways because of the limbs.

Only the cedar and fir were any good so, instead of logging, they decided to reactivate the mine.

(continued next month)



Brian Lee

For the Kleins, the Caren Range and Mt. Hallowell overlooking their homes sat like a challenge waiting to be tackled.

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

JANUARY

- Thu. Jan. 9.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Fri. Jan. 10.....Peacemaking circle facilitator training (first of 5 sessions) - P. H. Lions Hall, 12:45 p.m.
- Fri. Jan. 10.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Mon. Jan. 13....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Mon. Jan. 13....SCRD finance committee Round 2 budget - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Tue. Jan. 14.....SCRD finance committee Round 2 budget - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Jan. 16.....SCRD electoral services committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Jan. 16.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Jeopardy w/ Gr. 7s) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Sun. Jan. 19.....P. H. Music Society presents Seumas Gagne (Celtic harp) - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Tue. Jan. 21.....P. H. Women’s Connection (New Year’s Ceilidh) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Wed. Jan. 22.....P. H. Seniors Initiative (sign up for a library card) - P. H. Reading Centre, 11 a.m.
- Thu. Jan. 23.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. Jan. 23.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (T.B.A.) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. Jan. 23.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Sat. Jan. 25.....Burns Celidh: Celebration of Robert Burns - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m
- Sun. Jan. 26.....P. H. Seniors Initiative presentation (excessive clutter) - P. H. Reading Centre, 1:30 p.m.
- Mon. Jan. 27.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Thu. Jan. 30.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Gr. 7s discussions) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Sun. Feb. 2.....P. H. Music Society presents John Reischman and the Jaybirds - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

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

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