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EDITORIAL

The big election is still to come

By Brian Lee



After all the political posturing, propaganda and pollstering we've just endured, you couldn't be faulted for forgetting the most important election of all is still to come.

It's not Clark vs Dix.

Nor is it American Idol.

It's the one where we decide who to send down to the SCRD boardroom to represent our interests and to play a role in defining the future of the entire Sunshine Coast.

Voting on bylaws and haranguing SCRD staff for reports may sound inconsequential compared to the intellectual issues faced in federal politics, but it isn't.

The SCRD directors weigh in and offer local guidance to federal or provincial responsibilities like forestry, the environment or fisheries and can hold a lot of sway with decisions made at higher levels of government.

But those decisions made by the eight directors in the SCRD boardroom can also have immediate effects on such things as your level of taxation, how or where you can build and where your water comes from.

It's these issues, decided by a boardroom vote, that often hinge merely on discussion and swayed by the strongest orator of the day.

Direction in policy can result from as little as an impassioned argument by a delegation from the floor or a director grinding a political axe.

The board often says its interest is tied to the greater benefit of the entire Sunshine Coast but many budget issues pit directors against each other and each is responsible for taking care of his or her respective area's interests first.

And rightly so — that's how the system works.

So it becomes extremely important to elect a director who is an effective communicator.

But even more important than that is to have a director at all.

Right now, Area A is once again faced with the possibility of entering an election without a candidate.

The last time we were lucky — we had two suitable candidates throw their hats in the ring.

Our current director has stated he will not pursue a second term and no one else has yet shown an interest in his job.

It doesn't seem to be a problem for the other electoral areas.

Other directors aren't faced with the long drive to attend boardroom meetings (often cited by previous Area A directors as the most onerous part of the job).

It may contribute to any burn-out that may come with the position and puts Area A at a distinct political disadvantage — because it's a job where experience counts.

Most of the returning directors in the south will be fighting for (at least) their third term on the SCRD board and are well-versed in the language and protocol required to be successful at the board level.

Many hold other political appointments that supplement their income making it more favourable to hold on to their seat.

The lack of a candidate presents an urgent situation for Area A's future.

Issues often arise in which we sit politically and geographically isolated from the population centres down the Coast, making it ever more important we put a strong voice at the table.

It's a tough job but also a very important one.

Any takers?

It ain't real if it's not in the Spiel.

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SPIEL PICKS

EGMONT DAY — JUNE 4

The biggest day of the year in the Coast's smallest town, Egmont Day is June 4. It's a very social event featuring a fishing derby, parade, games, canoe races, BBQ, scavenger hunt, cake walk, dinner, dance and more. Bring your friends, your family and your visitors from out of town because Egmont Day is the best kept secret north of Middlepoint.

EIGHTH ANNUAL P. H. BLUES FESTIVAL — JUNE 3-5

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Friday:

Johnny Ferreira and Nadine States, Garden Bay Pub (evening)
 Diane Lines, Painted Boat (evening)
 Willie McCalder, Grasshopper Pub (evening)

Saturday:

Free shows throughout the day at John Henry's and Madeira Park
 Saturday Afternoon Jam, Garden Bay Pub (2 p.m.)
 Brickhouse, P. H. Community Hall (evening)
 Diane Lines, Painted Boat (evening)
 Gary Comeau and his Voodoo All-stars, Garden Bay Pub (evening)
 Willie McCalder, Grasshopper Pub (evening)

Sunday:

Tim Hearsey, Arsen Shomakhov, All Star Jam, Garden Bay Pub (2 p.m.)

P. H. LEGION PRESENTS A '60S EVENING — JUNE 11

It's a musical tribute to rock and roll's best era, the 1960s. Kenny Shaw and Brian Temple blaze through the hits on Saturday June 11 at the Pender Harbour Legion. The duo are renowned as much for their entertaining and humorous show as their musical talent so it promises to be an entertaining night. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the bar.

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April Tools forces paddlers to change in midstream

That was the big twist for this year's 10th anniversary April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge.

That and only a little bit more than one sheet of plywood.

And no plastic.

Every year the organizers of April Tools throw a twist to challenge the builders and this year, the small amount of materials available meant they had to make very small boats.

To add to the challenge, teams were forced to switch paddlers at the float at "chain alley."

As usual, teams learned about these twists on Saturday morning, just one hour before the boat building was to start.

Organizers say they heard stories of people trying to bribe RONA employees (who reportedly refused all monetary incentives) to find out what materials had (or hadn't) been purchased.

It made for some interesting designs including, for the first time, a paddleboard.

The race usually comes down to boat design and paddling power but this time the ability to add a smooth, fast change of relay paddlers also affected the outcome.

Not surprisingly, the Fireflies (Garden Bay fire hall) were victorious once again.

"It was really tough this year," said Firefly Kerry Rand after the team accepted their prize.

"We're lucky to be standing here without a doubt."

Two teams from the Lower Mainland, SSwim and Team Natalus walked away with second and third place honours, respectively.

Team RAID (Madeira Park fire hall) took the People's Choice, Spiffy Skiffy award.

Team Jaschinski from Sechelt



The Garden Bay Fire Hall's 'Fireflies' once again picked up first place at this year's April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge. Their secret? 'Make them long.'

took the Broken Paddle Award.

The Broken Paddle award was created in recognition of a P. H. Jazz Festival team headed by Monty Rolston back in 2002 that carried on and completed the entire race with a paddle that broke seconds after the race started.

Five teams from Pender Harbour High School built boats in the weeks leading up to April Tools and participated enthusiastically in two races.

Team Awesome were Grade 11

students Jake Snedden, Luke Roose, Cody Edwardson, and Mike Nottingham.

They took first place in the trophy race while Grade 9 team Blood, Sweat and Tears took first place in the fun race.

To cap off the spirit of the day, the winner of the 50/50 draw donated her \$339 purse back to the non-profit P. H Living Heritage Society.

For photos of the event check out www.apriltools.ca.

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Kevin Reimer wins his second Attack of Danger Bay, Jakes Rash



Vancouver's Kevin Reimer tucks to keep his lead coming out of the last corner in the Attack of Danger Bay 10 final. Close on his heels is Australian Jackson Shapeira who moved into second after American James Kelly crashed into the hay bales (right), taking out a photographer in the process.

Vancouver's Kevin Reimer became only the second person to win the Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard race twice.

On Sunday Reimer beat Australian Jackson Shapeira and Americans James Kelly and Billy Meiners in the final to take home bragging rights and the \$2,000 purse.

Local racer Scott Smith narrowly missed a spot in the finals and had to be content with fifth place after beat-

ing current world champion Mischo Erban, Zen Shikaze and James Ware in the consolation final.

Another local, Sandy Charlton, made it through his first two heats but fell just short of making it into the quarterfinals.

In the women's final, Katie Neilsen took home the \$1,000 first place prize by beating Gibsons' Charlie Daigneault, Dominique Vukorup and Amy Brendan.

Attack of Danger Bay added a junior division this year, a lucky thing for local Curtis Watt who picked up \$1,000 for besting the rest of the under-14 contingent.

Despite the constant threat of rain, conditions were dry for the 10th year of the annual race.

Despite that, the course and competitive field forced a few ambulance trips to St. Mary's Hospital and likely many more unreported bumps and bruises.

Three days later, on May 25, Reimer backed up his victory with another in ADB's sister race, Jake's Rash.

Jake's Rash, held in Secret Cove but put on by ADB organizer Bricin Lyons, is less publicized than ADB but still hotly contested.

When the smoke cleared, the final looked similar to ADB's four days earlier with Jackson Shapeira and James Kelly again chasing Kevin Reimer to the finish.

MEN'S OVERALL:

1. Kevin Reimer
2. Jackson Shapeira
3. James Kelly

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Scott Smith (l) with James Ware and Zen Shikaze in close pursuit during the consolation finals at Attack of Danger Bay 10.

4. Billy Meiners
5. Scott Smith
6. Zen Shikaze

WOMEN'S OVERALL

1. Katie Neilsen
2. Charley Daigneault
3. Dominique Vukorep
4. Amy Brendan

MEN'S MASTERS

1. Wes Sampson
2. Tad Drysdale
3. Frank Cote

JUNIORS

1. Curtis Watts
2. Paul Wicks
3. unknown

4. Jeremy Swales

JAKE'S RASH

1. Kevin Reimer
2. Patrick Switzer
3. Jackson Shapeira
4. James Kelly



A junior division was added to the race card at ADB 10. Seen here is Curtis Watt (r), safely through 'Carnage Corner' and on his way to victory in the juniors final.

June 2011

MADEIRA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:



June 9:
Final PAC meeting
— 6:30 p.m.

June 10:
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June 29:
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and Easter Egg Hunt
turnout was spectacular despite
unco-operative weather!**

**The kids didn't notice the rain and the
community really enjoyed themselves.**

**A huge thank you to
Rick and Jill Wagner and
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for sponsoring this event once again.**



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photo submitted

Members of the Pender Harbour Seals Swim Club and coaching staff pose after hosting their first interclub with the Sechelt Chinooks on May 14 at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre.



Melanie Ewen photo

Ken Ewen poses with his winning salmon in the annual Garden Bay Pub fishing derby on May 1. The 20-pound spring was big enough to win the \$1,000 top prize but the winning didn't stop there. His fellow crew members (wife Melanie, her sister Theresa Vader and husband Brad Vader) purchased their own boat in the Calcutta auction the night before which meant they also took home the additional purse of \$3,200. Who says there isn't money in fishing anymore?

Harbour Spiel

Antilla's Kootenay Ice narrowly miss Memorial Cup final

Madeira Park's Joe Antilla and his Kootenay Ice made it as far as the Memorial Cup semi-final match in their pursuit of Canadian Junior hockey's biggest prize.

After winning the Western Hockey League championship last month with a 4-1 series victory over the Portland Winterhawks, the team travelled to Mississauga to attend the Mastercard Memorial Cup.

The Memorial Cup is a four-team, round robin tournament between a host team and the champions from the Canadian Hockey League's three leagues: Ontario Hockey League, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and Western Hockey League.

Things looked bad for the Ice after they lost their opening game 5-0 against the Owen Sound Attack on May 21.

The Ice then lost their next game to host team Mississauga St. Michael's Majors with a score of 2-1.

Two nights later they came back and to beat the Saint John Sea Dogs 5-4 in overtime to stay in contention.

The Ice got a chance to avenge their opening game loss to Owen Sound and did it handily, winning a tiebreaker rematch 7-3 on May 26.

Antilla notched a goal and an assist in the game and the win put them in the semi-final against Mississauga.

In the semi-final, Antilla scored the lone goal in a losing cause for the Ice with a score of 3-1.

Mississauga advanced to face the Saint John Sea Dogs in the May 29 championships final.

The Sea Dogs won that game 3-1 to take the Memorial Cup.



Antilla family photo

Joe Antilla was fifth on his team in scoring during the WHL playoffs, notching nine goals and eight assists.

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Wild whales: Have you seen one?



Graeme Ellis photo

*By Heather Lord
(BC Cetacean Sightings Network)*

From the surging Skookumchuck Narrows to the sheltered bays of Madeira Park, the marine ecosystem surrounding Egmont, Agamemnon Channel, and Pender Harbour supports a diversity of marine life, including numerous species of whales, dolphins and porpoises.

Many of these cetaceans can be found year-round in these waters, including killer whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, Dall's porpoises, and harbour porpoises.

Others, like humpback whales and grey whales, may migrate through our coastal waterways in the summer, sometimes lingering into the winter months.

But many cetacean species are still poorly understood.

What is clear is that many species of whales and dolphins are threatened by human activities like pollution, underwater noise and vessel traffic.

In recent years, the threats posed by humans through entanglement in debris and fishing gear, ship strikes, vessel disturbance and toxins are

emerging as significant issues for many of these animals.

Twelve of the species or distinct populations of cetaceans and sea turtles in BC are listed as either "special concern," threatened, or endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act.

To help address some of the knowledge gaps in cetacean and sea turtle ecology, the BC Cetacean Sightings Network (BCCSN) was established in 1999 by the Vancouver Aquarium in collaboration with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

To better understand and protect these animals, it's necessary to know

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The sheer size of BC's coastline means it isn't feasible for scientists to regularly survey the entire area.

So in order to collect sightings data, the BCCSN uses a "citizen scientist" approach, enlisting a network of volunteer observers along the coast to collect information on when and where BC's whales, dolphins, porpoises, and more recently, sea turtles, are being seen.

So far over 3,000 people in BC have contributed nearly 57,000 sightings to the project and you can too.

Observers come from all walks of life: coastal citizens, fishermen, professional mariners, public servants, recreational boaters, and ecotourism professionals, to name a few.

Indeed, 30 years ago it was very uncommon to see Pacific white-sided dolphins in coastal BC as they were thought to be an open ocean species of dolphin, not coastal.

In the early 1980s however, they started to appear more regularly along the coast, and in the last few years, they have been spotted repeatedly in the Strait of Georgia, especially around Nanaimo, Howe Sound, Sechart Inlet and the Sunshine Coast.

The BCCSN is working closely with researchers to learn more about the role these dolphins play in the Strait of Georgia ecosystem.

What has caused this shift to coastal waters?

What kind of dietary needs do they require?

Are we seeing the same individuals repeatedly or do they travel between offshore areas and coastal waters?

By reporting your sightings, scientists are better able to answer these kinds of questions.



Alana Phillips photo

Pacific white-sided dolphin.

Locals of Pender Harbour and Egmont spend time on or near the water year-round, and because of this access, the BCCSN would like to encourage people to report any cetacean sightings.

Network observers act as the eyes of the coast enabling the BCCSN to compile important information that wouldn't be available otherwise.

By collecting data on when and where the animals have been seen, the BCCSN can look at cetacean conservation issues, such as areas of increased ship strike, metabolic capacity, and population structure.

They also share their data with more than a dozen other research and conservation projects each year, including recovery strategies developed by the government.

By getting involved, you will directly help cetacean research and conservation in BC.

It's as easy as filling out a report online (www.wildwhales.org), send-

ing an email (sightings@vanaqua.org) or by calling the network's toll-free number (1-866-I-SAW-ONE).

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For more information on the BC Cetacean Sightings Network and to learn more about BC's species and how to identify them, check out their website at www.wildwhales.org.



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Sustainability: Get involved by offering input



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

SUSTAINABILITY ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

For over a year the SCRD staff has been drafting a collaborative development process with a team of community organizations for a Sus-

tainability Plan.

It includes a region-wide action plan from today to 2020 as well as a longer term vision to 2060.

The plan focuses on 13 areas and invites community members to consider our Coast's economy, social well-being, cultural vitality and environmental stewardship as interdependent and critical to long-term health.

Federal and provincial grants have dried up, downloading more responsibility to local government.

In Area A we already have reduced utilities at the Pender pool by installing a heat exchanger and at the Pender Harbour Health Centre we have joined the BC Hydro Smart program.

A new resource recovery recycle station will be set up in Area A to encourage less burial of garbage and more recycling.

The draft plan is nearing completion and public engagement on it will take place in Area A towards the end



MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

Infrastructure Services Committee

June 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee

June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

June 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee

June 16 at 9:30 a.m.

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June 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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Sunshine Coast Regional District

AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

LANDFILL TIPPING FEE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2011 the tipping fee for Municipal Solid Waste will increase to \$110 per tonne at the Pender Harbour Landfill site. \$5 per tonne is an Eco Fee dedicated to funding zero waste initiatives. \$5 per tonne will fund landfill operations, capital projects and closure and post-closure reserves in keeping with a "user pay" principle.

Affected materials include residential and commercial garbage, and construction and demolition waste that cannot be recycled or otherwise diverted from the landfill.

The minimum charge remains at \$5 per load. There is no change to tipping fees for Controlled Waste that is recycled through landfill programs (wood, roofing, gypsum) or Recyclable Goods (metal, refrigerators, appliances, tires, etc.). Residential Green Waste is free.

For more information check www.scrd.ca or call 604-885-6800 ext. 6139.

Annual fees and/or charges have increased for the following services:

- Regional Water Service
- North Pender Harbour Water Service
- South Pender Harbour Water Service
- Lillies Lake Village Community Sewage Treatment System
- Garbage Collection and Disposal

For a complete list of 2011 rates for all utility services, please visit www.scrd.ca (Utility Billing), or contact the Utility Services department at 604-885-6806 or utilityinfo@scrd.ca. Utility bills will be mailed the first week of May and are payable by June 15.

PENDER HARBOUR LANDFILL SUMMER HOURS

(May 28 - Labour Day long weekend)
Wednesday to Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Area A - Director Contact Information

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

of June or in July.

Because of the concern over the Japanese earthquake, our staff hosted a public meeting in Area A to discuss what might happen if a large natural disaster would happen here.

Unfortunately only five people attended.

I sincerely hope that when the draft sustainability plan public discussion takes place in Area A, the attendance for this very important document is better attended.

BIKE AND WALKING TRAILS

There is a bike and walking trails function that Area A is not part of.

If Area A was included in 2011 we would be paying about 26 per cent of the overall costs, causing an increase in taxes of about \$25,000.

The previous directors in Area A have declined to go to the taxpayers asking if they want to join this function.

The trouble this year is that we now have about 34 kilometres of new trail (Suncoaster Trail) in Area A and we have no way of paying for its maintenance unless it is in the parks function and the other directors are protesting this.

There has been a federal gas tax rebate grant that is paid out to each regional area to be spent on capital projects (no operating costs) to encourage people to get out of their cars for recreational programs.

In the previous few years most of the grant money in Area A has gone towards the SCRD/Lions Sports Field and the purchase of our bus.

The last couple of years I have kept a large portion in reserves for new walking pathways at Lillies Lake, Garden Bay Lake and Sakinaw Lake.

Recently the Pender Harbour and

Egmont Chamber of Commerce held an open forum on pathways in Area A (about 50 residents attended) and I was one of three guest speakers.

At this forum it was decided to set up a committee of local interested people to become part of a committee to advise the Area A director on pathways and 10 people came forward.

I would like to thank our chamber president, Rick Harmer, for arranging this forum.

POLICING IN AREA A

Recently a Madeira Park business owner talked to me about ongoing problems at night and on weekends in the downtown area.

There has been recent vandalism and the constant spinning of tires in many areas around Madeira, Kleindale and Egmont.

I hope to arrange a meeting with the commanding officer of the Sechelt RCMP, some local business owners and concerned citizens.

If you have thoughts on this please email me at ericgraham@dccnet.com.

LOCAL ELECTION: NOV. 2011

I would like to make it official that I will not be asking for another three-year term as your representative on the SCRD Board.

It has been very rewarding for me to represent you in the most beautiful area of Canada.

I would like to warn you though:

To do the job properly, it is a lot of hard work and you earn every cent.

I use to be able to handle the meetings that start at 9 a.m., run until 10 p.m. while adding the two and a half hours return driving time from my house to the board office in Wilson Creek.

When I signed the nomination papers in Sept 2008, I committed myself to a three-year term and hoped to give you the option on whether I earned a second term.

After the heart attack my priorities changed.

With the tremendous support of my alternate (Barrie Wilbee), we will complete our full term.

It is very gratifying when people stop me on the street and just say, thank you for doing what you do.

As mentioned before, I couldn't think of a greater group to serve.

So seriously consider putting your name forward or support someone you think would do the job.

It is only three and a half months before nominations papers must be submitted.



PENDER HARBOUR LEGION

Upcoming events

Giant Legion Garage Sale

Sat. June 4, 10 am - 4 pm

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June 3, 11 - 7 pm

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Tickets \$15 at the bar. Prizes.

Christmas in July

Sat. July 2

Turkey dinner - Santa arrives

Open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$20 / Children \$10

Tickets at the bar.

Pender Harbour Golf Course hits 25 year milestone

By Brian Lee

The question of how to replace a decline in logging and fishing has stimulated any number of projects in Pender Harbour and Egmont over the past few decades.

And while no one yet has come up with a satisfactory alternative, a group of local volunteers attacked the problem with fervour in the early '80s.

Their solution? Pender Harbour needed a golf course.

"Cathy McQuitty gave it the big push," says Helen Crabb.

"She's the one that did all the talking. She was a very aggressive woman which was exactly what was needed. She talked to everybody and she knew everybody."

Though Cathy may have been a driving force behind the project, it never would have taken shape without scores of volunteers involved in the planning stages and the later construction of the course.

Dozens of local people — many



P. H. Golf Club photo

From humble beginnings... the Pender Harbour Golf Course, 1984

of whom had never golfed — arrived to pitch in.

The vision to hew a golf course out of the swamps and bedrock of Kleindale was motivated less by golf than it was community spirit.

Early members say most pitched in to help the community realize a beneficial resource for the area.

By October 1983, the Pender Harbour Golf Club Society was registered under the BC Societies Act.

In December of that year, the club's first president, Bill Lawrenuk, wrote a newsletter updating Area A residents on the group's progress.

"The purpose of the golf course is to promote year-round recreation, increase tourism and to help solve the the high unemployment in the area."

Lawrenuk also explained they had just obtained a provincial Crown lease for 80 acres of land staked across from the Pender Harbour Lions Park.

Helen Crabb's husband Jack was a surveyor and played a major role in surveying the land and designing the course.

But he knew nothing about designing a golf course so he purchased a book on golf course design and set off through the bush.



P. H. Golf Club photo

The first volunteer work crew day, 1984: Ross and Catherine McQuitty, Wilf Dupont and John Willcock.



P. H. Golf Club photo

March 23 1985. Close to 250 arrive at the newly constructed clubhouse for one of the first major fundraising event: the tee marker and flag auction.

As soon as he and other volunteers started out, they realized that the topography presented some unique challenges to golf course design.

Anyone who has ever played the Pender Harbour Golf Course understands it isn't your typical course.

The fairways travel through swamp and forest and up and down gigantic hills of bedrock.

"I think there were a lot of people who were very skeptical about it, says club past-president Jan Watson.

"In fact, many ended up not joining in initially but came on later because they couldn't picture a golf course being created out of that."

But Watson says for those people who did get involved, their enthusiasm overcame any challenges presented by the land itself.

And it is the topography of the course that instantly gave it a unique reputation for physical challenge.

The club later sold over 1,000 T-shirts proclaiming, "I survived number four at the Pender Harbour Golf Course!"

The T-shirts refer to the mam-

moth hill facing the tee on the fourth hole.

It instantly made the course memorable and in the days before golf carts were introduced on the course, a round of golf could almost be considered extreme.

It was initially expected that the nine-hole golf course would cost ap-

proximately \$550,000 with financing obtained through a combination of federal and provincial grants, debentures, the sale of memberships and a variety of fundraising efforts.

A federal grant was available to get the project off the ground but first the club needed to raise \$75,000 of its
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P. H. Golf Club photo

Some familiar faces purchased cup flags and tee markers in the March 23, 1985 auction at the unfinished club house.

Pender Harbour golf (cont.)

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own.

The society decided to sell 150 “charter life memberships” for \$500 each.

Charter memberships were different than the Pathfinder memberships that were to come later.

They could be “transferred, sold or willed at any future time.”

Pathfinder memberships could only be sold once offering substantial value to the charter memberships.

They were a hot commodity and the club sold 153 of them before anyone noticed they’d exceeded their limit of 150.

Many of the memberships were “social memberships,” purchased by local families who had no intention of golfing but wanted to support the project.

Similar to buying shares in the future of the area, many are still held by the original owners, a certificate of their early support.

With financing in hand and an army of willing volunteers itching to



P. H. Golf Club photo

The new board of elected officers, 1985-1986. Back (l-r): Catherine McQuitty, Bill Lawrenuk, Milt Watson, Bob Fielding, Andy Tapio, Helen Crabb. Front (l-r): Sam Walker, Mac MacFarlane, John Willcock. start, the construction of the Pender Harbour Golf Course began in early 1984.

As work began, revised budget predictions (reported by then president Bill Lawrenuk in the society’s spring 1985 newsletter) had climbed to \$783,000.

By then the club boasted 208 members and was fundraising in earnest.

Close to 250 people attended an open house that April held in the newly built — but yet unfinished — clubhouse.

Members auctioned off tee markers and hole marker flags and raised a further \$5,347.

As other fundraising efforts drew them closer to their goal, crews were hired to clear the land and an army of volunteers descended on the course raking rocks, roots and anything else that floated up through what was a forest floor only a year before.

A greenskeeper was contracted to finesse the greens and on June 21, 1986, Ross McQuitty had the honour of teeing off (officially) for the first time in front of a crowd of members, politicians, dignitaries and media.

The course was still rough but the Sunshine Coast News reported broadcaster Keith Williams telling the crowd, “Back in 1889 they were picking rocks on St. Andrew’s too.”



P. H. Golf Club photo

A crowd of supporters and dignitaries gather on the first tee on June 21, 1986 to witness Evelyn Tapio and Catherine McQuitty cut the ribbon to open the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

Since that time the course has had its ups and downs.

On May 14, 1987 Carl Rietze lined up his tee shot on the third hole and recorded the club's first hole in one.

There have been many more tales of glory on the course since.

Many are reputed to be true.

In the spring of 1996, the course opened its driving range but improvements to the course in the 1990s were somewhat overshadowed by the now famous battle with Roosevelt elk.

Attempts to protect greens and fairways from the beasts were unsuccessful for many years.

Letters were written while trapping and scare tactics did nothing to intimidate the herds who seemed to revel in the open fields of manicured grass.

Many a golfer returning to the clubhouse after a morning round gave witness to evidence of the previous nights' party — greens massacred by sliding hooves, sometimes rendered unplayable.

The crisis built until it was estimated the elk were costing over \$10,000 per year to repair damage in wages alone. In October 2000 the club finally decided they would pursue funding to build an "elk fence" around the entire course and set about raising the \$60,000 required.

They did it without the help of outside grants and the fence was an instant hit.

President Jan Watson wrote in the December 2001 Pender Harbour Golf Newsletter:

"I can only say how gratifying it has been to receive such a wonderful response from all members concerning the building of our elk fence. As course conditions will indicate, there is no doubt it was the right decision to

go ahead and build the fence."

The golf club has also had its share of infighting and political disagreements.

In 1999, smoking was banned from the clubhouse "after considerable debate."

An April 24, 1999 newsletter reported the motion was passed 34-7 at the annual general meeting but noted that, "many of those who spoke against the motion had walked out before the vote."

Smoking had already been prohibited in the Pro Shop for several years due to "damage to clothing for sale."

But squabbles and setbacks aside, co-operation has been the cornerstone of what has been a 25-year labour of love.

And as the Pender Harbour Golf Course celebrates a quarter of a century, the new directors who have taken on the responsibility for maintaining its fiscal health still face significant challenges.

But despite a faltering local economy and two 18-hole alternatives in Sechelt and Roberts Creek, the course still employs four full-time greens staff, five part-time pro shop staff and 12 full- and part-time restaurant staff.

The course has always been public and non-profit with a mandate to welcome non-members.

But a healthy membership gives

a welcome boost to finances as well as providing more golfers on the fairway and at events.

It always was and still is a focus for the club to boost its membership.

"In the beginning we were aiming for 300 members," laughs Helen Crabb.

"And we still are."

But despite falling short of that goal, the Pender Harbour Golf Club is one of those sometimes forgotten local success stories.

A local initiative driven largely by volunteers that's provided an untold return of social, physical and economic benefits to the community.

And it's exciting to think that even after 25 years of picking up rocks, the course is still getting better.

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Walters: The finger was pointed at you too

Dear Editor,

In response to your letters column, (May 2011, Harbour Spiel) the first letter was disappointed at the disrespect shown Harper by McCune's doctored "finger."

But there was no mention made of the disrespect shown Ignatieff in the barrage of attack (hate) ads put forth by the Conservatives or the disrespect they showed Parliament by being held in contempt of it twice.

The second letter was so far out there by just dismissing McCune's column because he knew nothing about the subject matter and failing to give any factual examples of what he was talking about.

The contempt and the prorogations are a matter of public record, as are the constant attack ads.

Did you somehow miss all of that?

The "finger" was obviously a

metaphor for how the columnist felt Harper had disrespected our democracy and the laws that protect it.

It's amazing the two letter writers couldn't understand the finger included them too.

G.K. Walters
Madeira Park

(Note: The editor was responsible for inserting the accompanying graphic into the piece, not the columnist. ~Ed.)

Fearn misses his greens

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your piece on recent North Lake Forest Road work. (Harbour Spiel, April 2011).

The monstrous 14' x 500' wall featured in your photograph was only made "necessary" when the contractor and work crew tore down all the vegetation which had successfully held the road in place for over 60 years.

They were following a plan approved by the Ministry of Forests that called for the complete "removal of all vegetation" (read trees) along the lakeside next to the road.

It was on the plan.

I have a copy (received only after the work was completed).

I learned two things from this experience.

The first is that the forest service now approves its own plans and does as it pleases, i.e. there was no referral process.

This involves most of the land in the province.

And secondly, and sadly, that the environmental movement around here appears to be dead or at least slumbering.

To my knowledge there was no real opposition from any local wildlife group.

If this wasn't a case of lost habi-

tat, I don't know what is.

Didn't people get money for habitat preservation?

Are lagoons more important than lakes?

Almost \$400,000 of taxpayer stimulus' money went to a Powell River crew to damage our local environment.

And it's still a one-lane road to a forest park located in the headwaters of all our local water systems.

Well done Mr. Weston, well done.

Ron Fearn
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A big Seal of Disapproval to **the person who stole the cement leprechaun from our garden** on Murdock Road in April. He was found at the walkway behind the post office by our kind and caring postmistress, Judy. An even bigger Seal to Judy for calling and sending him home!

Mrs. B. McGurk

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Pam at Pam's Plants, Troy at the IGA, and Jean at Kleindale Nurseries** for their generous donations to our Mother's Day tea raffle, as well as to all the people who came to support us.

Maureen Lee

St. Mary's Hospital/Health Care Auxiliary (P. H. branch)

A Seal of Approval to the **P. H. Heritage Society and especially Jackie Ordronneau and Richard Haschke** for all you have put into April Tools over the past 10 years. We have enjoyed each and every year.

Garden Bay FireFlies
(Bruno Cote, Kerry Rand, Dave Goble & Dustin Ouellette)

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Dr. Rick, John and Loretta and everyone else who helped** when my puppy got hit by a car — thank you so much.

Fred Baldwin

A huge thank you for all the help and support over the past year: **Sherri, Dina, Anne, Candace, Lauri, Lori, Michelle, Deb & Troy, Niki & Neale, Randy, Bree & Joe, Meredith & Jeff, Mary, John & Jim, Bik, Leslie, Jessica, Paula, Gwen, Kate, Nadine & Nigel, Katy, Kristine, Marissa, Amelia, Deb and the fitness ladies, the Oak Tree boys and everyone else** I have missed that has been rooting for me.

Patti Donnahee

Harbour Seals to **Rick and Jill Wagner** for supplying everything for the childrens' Easter egg hunt. Also **Lil Beharrell** must be acknowledged for continued help supplying us at our pancake breakfasts.

Neale Smith
P. H. Lions Club

The May Queen float of 2011 would like to thank the following people and sponsors: **Target Marine, Oak Tree Market, Madeira Marina, Pam's Plants, Clayton's Market, Tom's Signs, IGA Madeira Park and Alan Stewart of Royal LePage.** Also thanks to the float and dance committees for their hard work.

Diana Roach

A Harbour Seal of Approval in praise of **the honest man** who found my wallet and returned it to the IGA.

Rita Zotoff

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Jackie Ordronneau, Richard Haschke and Rick Crook**, who did a great job organizing the April Tools boat-building competition, and to all the event sponsors and supporters. Much applause also to the volunteers who set up the booths and displays, sold sustenance to the crowds and made the tenth April Tools event a resounding success.

Elaine Park
P. H. Living Heritage Society.

PHOTOHISTORY ~ A LOOK BACK AT SOME PHSS GRADUATES OF THE 1970S

CLASS OF 1972

 Billy Reid nickname: "Rodent" favorite saying: "You old honker" activities: chasing girls birthdate: December 6, 1954	 John Malcolm nickname: "Shack" favorite saying: "Oh #(\$!" activities: basketball birthdate: August 22, 1954	 Roxana Dubois nickname: "Tocks" favorite saying: "You meat-head" activities: basketball, volleyball, badminton, annual club, George birthdate: July 25, 1954
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CLASS OF 1976

 Jim Cameron..July 1, 1958..Cancer.. Nickname..Skipper.. Pet Peeve..Playing tennis with the net too low.. Activities..Tennis,Outdoors,Hockey,Grad.. Future Ambition..Marine Biologist.. Probable Destination..Tracking Sasquatches Fondest Memory of School.. Hiking the West Coast Trail.. Hobbies.. Flag Collecting,hiking,fishing.. Favorite Saying..None.. Interesting Fact..Tennis has <u>Probably</u> given Jim Balls-on-the-brain syndrome..	 Gail Dobrindt.. Aug. 21, 1958.. Leo.. Nickname.. None.. Pet Peeve..People not listening to her.. Activities.. Dave, Grad club.. Future Ambition.. Airline Stewardess.. Probable Destination.. Flying for Tyee Fondest Memory of School.. Graduation Day.. Hobbies..Dave, swimming, skiing, tennis Favorite Saying..Come on you guys, No Way! Interesting Fact.. Gail has faced near Insanity, refraining from hitting small children..	 Suzanne Girard..May 7, 1958..Taurus.. Nickname.. none.. Pet Peeve.. P.H.S.S.. Activities..Grad Club.. Future Ambition.. To Travel.. Probable Destination.. Pender Harbour.. Fondest Memory of School..Last Days Of SCHOOL!! Hobbies.. swimming, reading, parties.. Favorite Saying..I don't care.. Interesting Fact.. Suzanne has covered more blackboards in Chalk than the Teachers..
 Sharon Falconbridge, Aug. 6, 1957..Leo.. Nickname.. None.. Pet Peeve.. Getting up early for school.. Activities..Badminton, Grad Club.. Future Ambition..Receptionist out of Pender Harbour.. Probable Destination.. Receiving Guests at Brightside RESORT.. Fondest Memory of School.. My Friends.. Hobbies.. Water Skiing, Practise spelling, and Mike.. Favorite Saying.. Can I have a mouthful please..	 Mike Kammerle..March 10, 1958..Pisces.. Nickname.. MooCow, Pet Peeve..waking up Saturday morning.. Activities..Volleyball,tennis,badminton, and Grad club.. Future Ambition..Millionaire living in Jamaica.. Probable Destination..Running a Chinese laundry in Chinatown.. Fondest Memory of School..FOND MEMORIES?? Hobbies..Collecting playboy books,Friday nights,Sharon.. Favorite Saying.. "Sharon!" Interesting Fact..Mike would secretly like to pose for the centerfold of Playgirl magazine..	

CLASS OF 1977

NAME: Arthur Jensen BIRTHDAY: October 28, 1958 ZODIAC: Scorpio NICKNAME: Bee PET PEEVE: Tutus Pole ACTIVITIES: Bugging people, volleyball, basketball, Grad Club FUTURE AMBITION: To be a millionaire PROBABLE DESTINATION: Slaving at Haseans HOBBIES: Driving, boating, partying FAVOURITE SAYING: Cheer! Bee bee! FAVOURITE MEMORY: Not getting caught at... 	NAME: Terry Langford BIRTHDAY: April 15, 1959 ZODIAC: Aries PET PEEVE: Mr. D. and his desk peeve NICKNAME: Elia Maria ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, Grad Club treasurer FUTURE AMBITION: Traveller, world-wide PROBABLE DESTINATION: Cashier at Jim's store HOBBIES: Partying, boating, camping, being with friends FAVOURITE SAYING: Oh, you're kidding? FAVOURITE MEMORY: Meeting new friends 	NAME: Geraldine Bilcik BIRTHDAY: BIRTHDAY: July 11, 1959 ZODIAC: Cancer NICKNAME: Gerbel PET PEEVE: Mrs. Ios ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, basketball, Grad Club FUTURE AMBITION: Legal stenographer PICKABLE DESTINATION: Waitress at the Pender Harbour Hotel HOBBIES: Terry, working, driving, collecting clothes FAVORITE SAYING: Don't....,Dag me! FAVORITE MEMORY: ??? 
NAME: Kristi Larson BIRTHDAY: January 11, 1959 ZODIAC: Capricorn NICKNAME: Lars, Tinky PET PEEVE: Fast drivers ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, basketball, Grad Club, FUTURE AMBITION: Policewoman PROBABLE DESTINATION: Inside Alcatraz HOBBIES: Stewart, drinking coffee, swimming, driving FAVOURITE SAYING: Sure FAVOURITE MEMORY: Team trips with Mr. Tiernan 	NAME: Shirley Roberta Seid BIRTHDAY: August 6, 1959 ZODIAC: Leo NICKNAME: Seedless PET PEEVE: "Mercury Bobcats" ACTIVITIES: Basketball, volleyball, athletic committee, Grad Club FUTURE AMBITION: teaching in a Day-Care Centre PROBABLE DESTINATION: Head Dock-Boy, at Harbour Marine HOBBIES: reading, avoiding homework, guessing at what questions may be on the History 12 tests FAVOURITE SAYING: Jeopere FAVOURITE MEMORY: ANNUAL summer basketball trips to Notre Dame 	

CLASS OF 1978

 TERRY BARRALOUX BORN: December 12, 1959 Sagittarius NICKNAME: Ter ACTIVITIES: Grad Club, Annual Club, Student's Council FAVORITE SAYING: Imagine that! PET PEEVE: Making speeches in front of people.. FUTURE AMBITION: Social Worker PROBABLE DESTINATION: Social Partying FAVORITE MEMORY: May Day 77, my friends	 RUSSELL CAMERON BORN: July 24, 1960 Leo NICKNAME: nil ACTIVITIES: Outdoors Club, Grad Club, All teams FAVORITE SAYING: Holy doodle! PET PEEVE: Insane photographer for the Annual Club (S.M.). FUTURE AMBITION: Rich famous playboy PROBABLE DESTINATION: Deceased! FAVORITE MEMORY: Being expelled for two weeks, Outdoors Club trips.	 DEBORAH CARSWELL BORN: February 19, 1960 Pisces NICKNAME: Debbie, Hop ACTIVITIES: President of Student's Council, Annual Club, Grad Club, All teams FAVORITE SAYING: But what if it rains? PET PEEVE: The wonderful?? Communication and organisation in P.H.S.S. FUTURE AMBITION: Teacher PROBABLE DESTINATION: Unemployed FAVORITE MEMORY: Grade 10 report card.
 LINDA CHRISTIAN BORN: May 6, 1960 Taurus NICKNAME: Frog ACTIVITIES: Grad Club, Lance, driving, skiing, being with friends, FAVORITE SAYING: Don't bug me! PET PEEVE: Mr. Cross's SS 11, Deedee's pestering FUTURE AMBITION: Court Stenographer PROBABLE DESTINATION: Wife and mother FAVORITE MEMORY: Mrs. Hoff, Nut Cracker Suite	 APRIL EDWARDSON BORN: April 10, 1960 Aries NICKNAME: Ape, Spud ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Volleyball, Grasshockey, Cheerleader, Grad Club, Student's Council FAVORITE SAYING: Oh, fish cakes! Dii PET PEEVE: Feeding FUTURE AMBITION: To be a librarian. PROBABLE DESTINATION: Purse thief FAVORITE MEMORY: Team trips, friends, stealing purses, Trisha Kobus, Bill	 DEBORAH HANNA BORN: December 10, 1960 Sagittarius NICKNAME: Bannna ACTIVITIES: Doug, cooking, Grad Club, raising animals FAVORITE SAYING: I know! Watch it! PET PEEVE: English 11, SS 11 FUTURE AMBITION: Social Worker PROBABLE DESTINATION: Housewife with seven children. FAVORITE MEMORY: Mrs. Hoff

Heading to the highlands: A winter trip to western Panama (Part III)



By Joe Harrison
(Continued from May issue)

Our time here will end with Carnival, a giant blowout and party that signals 40 days of Lent, when good Catholics are supposed to choose a personal sacrifice in order to make Easter more meaningful.

The country seems relieved since the president announced that the min-

ing issue is on hold for the remainder of his term which ends in 2014.

So, a celebration is timely.

I think the Canadian mining executives, including Don and Lorreto whom we met our first day in Panama City, may have wisely counselled the government to back off and let the Indians have a chance to consider their proposals.

Everyone remembers the last bloody uprising with the Kunas in the 1920s, one of a series going back centuries.

I have my doubts that the mining people will succeed.

The Kunas live on the Atlantic Coast near the San Blas archipelago and they rigidly adhere to their culture.

The women sew “molas,” a colourful work of several square or rectangular layers of cloth skilfully cut away to reveal cultural motifs with appliqué and embroidery and taking up to 100 hours to complete.

The Kuna women incorporate the mola into blouses worn with beaded leggings.

The production and sale of molas is a major source of revenue.

Similarly, the Ngobe-Bugle women sew the long elaborate dresses known as “enaguas” that help subsidize their culture.

Molas sell from \$20-\$80 depending on size and complexity and are used for handbags, cushions, or framed as art pieces.

Recent changes to Panamanian labour law prohibit the use of children to pick coffee so women, now confined to the home, have time on their hands.

School attendance is compulsory but no one can get the Indians to comply.

Similar laws throughout the region are driving up the cost of coffee production, which is partly behind the current rise in price of a Starbucks.

In addition, the increased rainfall with global warming means an explosion of fungi that kill leaves, denuding the coffee bushes and reducing yields.

But still, I never cease to be amazed by the joy and resilience of people in the face of darkness.

The Americanos really have it when it comes to selling their view of modernity and perpetual optimism.

Incongruently there was a significant presence of colourful enaguas at the gringo-organized Panamanian Jazz Festival yesterday in Bouquete.

Locals, Indians and Panamanians were all there, even after the previous week when they had been shouting at each other at roadblocks.



Solveigh Harrison photo

A Kuna woman selling “molas,” a colourful piece of local craftwork whose production and sale is a major source of revenue for the indigenous group.

The children returned to school this week after summer holidays that began at Christmas, just as in the rest of South America.

Panama was once part of Colombia and the whole rhythm here is set by its proximity to the vast continent to the south.

Parents struggle to find a day's wages for new shoes for each child and many have to go into debt for uniforms and supplies.

No wonder a third are in school for just a few years or not at all.

And the teaching has been subject to the whims of dictators.

For example, a generation lost the chance to learn English because the dictator at the time was angry with the Americans who were trying to stop cocaine smuggling from Colombia.

"Spanish only!" was the rule.

Many brave teachers ignored him, but it will take years to undo the damage.

We had a lovely exchange with Antonio, a teenager from Cerro Punta standing in the rain with a few scraps of paper, trying to do a bit of cramming for his English entry exam at the college in Volcan.

Antonio fastened on us to try out his skill.

Our few moments restored our faith in the wholesomeness of humanity reflected in his wonderfully pure energy.

We both commented on his brilliant black eyes, flawless skin and his teeth beyond any orthodontist's genius as he rode away behind his brother on a much too small motor bike.

The world's best hope, we wished him well.

Each morning as we awake at first light, we listen to the dawn chorus in the garden and stretching down from the mountain among the huge



Solveigh Harrison photo

Joe and Solveigh Harrison in the Panamanian rainforest.

old trees laden with bromeliad and orchid.

The pastures are vaguely green veldt, or savannah, with Holsteins and Brahma cattle replacing the African megafauna.

It's the melodies of the gray-headed chachalacas, a small turkey-pheasant type bird that we wait for.

Ranging a full octave, it really is a melody when a small flock begins in counterpoint to receive the first slivers of red dawn.

"Cheeri-po. Cheeri-po. Cheeri-po," is repeated six times.

"Po po po po po po."

And continuing with distinct and discrete notes up and down a scale without impinging on the last, several birds compose a new melody every morning.

The song is sung once or twice, and occasionally a distant flock answers.

From time to time the howler monkeys start in with their maniacal growling hoot-yell.

Or perhaps the beautiful turquoise, green and ochre motmot (like a kingfisher with a long tail) which gobbles bananas at the feeder while serenading the neighbourhood.

Solveigh discovered its nesting burrow at the foot of the stairs.

Its "Mot. Mot," repeats softly over and over as dozens of voices blend and we roll over in bed to a new day.

The clay-coloured thrush with a tireless song like a June robin at home or the black striped sparrow with its rapidly accelerating ping-pong ball song.

Where to stop?

Perhaps here, because this trip from its dreamy beginning has seemed endless.



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Tick bites and Lyme disease

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Many people can relate to tick bites on the Sunshine Coast and, while most tick bites do not result in disease, some do.

The best known disease passed on to humans from tick bites is Lyme disease.

Lyme disease takes its name from Lyme, Conn., where it was first identified.

In BC, fewer than one per cent of ticks tested carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease and there is only a very small chance of them giving it to you.

However, the disease can be serious, so it is worth taking steps to avoid being bitten:

- Walk on cleared trails wherever possible.
- Wear light coloured clothing; tuck your top into your pants and tuck your pants into your boots or socks.
- Put insect repellent containing DEET on all uncovered skin.
- Check clothing and scalp.
- Check in folds of skin; check the whole body!
- Regularly check household pets for ticks.

If you do find a tick on your skin, you will need to remove it as soon as possible.

Infected ticks usually don't spread Lyme disease until they have been attached for at least 36 hours.

To remove the tick yourself:

1. Use tweezers to gently get a hold of the tick as close to its mouth as possible.
2. Steadily lift the tick straight off the skin. Do not jerk or twist and avoid squeezing the tick because this

can force its stomach contents into the wound and increase the chance of infection.

3. Once the tick has been removed, clean the area with soap and water.

If the tick has burrowed deep into your skin and you are concerned about removing it or have tried without success, possibly leaving body parts inside your skin, you should seek medical attention.

Any mouth parts that are left behind in the skin can cause infection.

If you start to exhibit any of the following symptoms of Lyme Disease within days or weeks after been bitten by a tick, report them to your family doctor right away:

1. General symptoms of fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue or weakness of the muscles of the face.
2. Skin rash, especially one that looks like a bull's eye. It may or may not be where the bite was.
3. In some cases, paralysis may occur. The paralysis usually starts in the feet and legs and works its way up to the upper body, arms and head. This paralysis usually starts within a few hours to a day or two of the bite.

Lyme disease can be diagnosed

by your doctor and may include a blood test to see if you have certain antibodies in your blood that could mean you have the disease.

The main treatment for Lyme disease is antibiotics.

These medicines usually cure Lyme disease within three weeks of starting treatment.

It's important to get treatment for the disease as soon as possible as early diagnosis and treatment can prevent complications.

Some of these complications can include problems with your skin, joints, nervous system and heart.

So with all this said most people who have had a tick bite do not get Lyme disease.

Misdiagnosis of Lyme disease is common, especially if you do not have the characteristic circular red rash.

And anxiety and awareness of Lyme disease has resulted in frequent use of antibiotic treatment for people who really do not need it.

So enjoy the outdoors this spring, but take the appropriate precautions.

For more information, go to www.HealthLinkBC.ca or check out your health guide at home.

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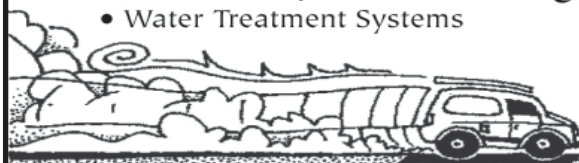
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P. H. COMMUNITY CLUB

The Community Club Market will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. More vendors are needed if the event is to continue operating. If you do crafts, any kind of hand work, art or garage sale items please come and support the Community Club by renting a table. For table rental reservations, phone Sunny at (604) 883-2715.

Bingo is still on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. There are many empty chairs lately and we need to fill them for this Pender Harbour tradition to continue. Please come out for for an evening of fun.

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The Pender Harbour Music Society presents its last concert of its 2010/2011 music series with Tiller's Folly appearing at the P. H. School of Music on June 18.

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Pender chamber music festival's seventh year promises sublimity

By Barbara Storer

The idyllic setting of the school of music in Madeira Park will once again resound with the sublime strains of chamber music as the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival begins its seventh season Aug. 19 to 21.

It all begins on Friday afternoon with the free afternoon concert, Chamber Music Doesn't Bite.

Headlining this year's weekend event is the world-renowned violinist, James Ehnes, referred to by The Guardian as "effusively lyrical... hair-raisingly virtuosic."

Beginning with a solo violin sonata by Eugene Ysaye in the opening concert and ending the weekend with a concerto for violin, string quartet and piano by Ernest Chausson, he will impress with his "dazzling virtuosity and... easy charm" (Winnipeg Free Press).

The excitement does not end with this magnificent violinist.

Works performed by the Boreal String Quartet throughout the weekend will show why this dynamic ensemble has received international acclaim for its fiery performances, passionate style, and refined musical interpretation.

As strong advocates of Canadian music and active promoters of new works, they will play the moving and evocative "Ashes" by Canadian Kelly-

Marie Murphy in addition to works by composers as diverse as Beethoven, Chausson and Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Guitarist Daniel Bolshoy's previous two appearances in Pender Harbour garnered enthusiastic responses to his musicianship and to his friendly and informative spoken introductions.

As "the whole passionate package" (CBC's Eric Friesen), he has made an indelible impression on audiences around the world for his musical ability and his willingness to connect on a deep emotional level.

Performing compositions by Schubert, Paganini, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and Canadian Clark Winslow Ross, Bolshoy shows great pride in playing a guitar crafted by Martin Blackwell of Roberts Creek.

The festival has made a commitment in recent years to showcase young and emerging artists and this year is no exception.

The vibrant and award-winning cellist Emmanuelle Beaulieu Bergeron will grace the stage to perform works ranging from Haydn to Schubert to Shostakovich.

Currently playing with the Tokai String Quartet and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, her remarkable musicianship has earned her invitations to play throughout North America and

Europe as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician.

Artistic director and pianist, Alexander Tselyakov, has done an outstanding job in bringing world-class musicians to the Sunshine Coast.

Now in his seventh year with the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival, he continues to explore the full range of this musical genre with the inclusion of works by some of the world's most loved composers.

His strength in assembling musicians who complement each other on stage is a great treat for the audience and over the three days there will be many opportunities to appreciate this rare ability.

Then, as a pianist in his own right, he offers up his own great talent to this event, having been described as "the best kept secret in the Canadian piano world" (CBC) for his rich sound, technical mastery and thoughtful musicianship.

Tickets will go on sale June 3 at Harbour Insurance in Madeira Park, Sechelt Visitor Centre and at Gaia's Fair Trade in Gibsons.

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Boating safety the Pender Harbour way



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Where are their lifejackets? Members of the P. H. Power and Sail Squadron anchored off Musket Island (near Nelson Island).

By David Pearson

Too many people will die in British Columbia waters this year while they are enjoying themselves boating.

Many of you will remember the terrible accident on Shuswap Lake last summer when a small runabout, driven at speed, ploughed into a 12-metre houseboat, killing the captain of the houseboat and injuring eight others.

It was not the first boating fatality on that lake in recent years, and probably won't be the last.

The majority of boating accidents are preventable and can be put down to operator inattention, operator inexperience, excessive speed, improper lookout, alcohol consumption or a combination of these.

To help combat these types of unnecessary boating accidents, the

Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is launching national Safe Boating Week this month in conjunction with Transport Canada.

The message of Safe Boating Week is simple: you can avoid becoming one of these accident statistics if you follow five easy-to-follow pieces of advice:

1. WEAR A LIFEJACKET AT ALL TIMES.

Don't just sit on it.

Across Canada, nearly 90 per cent of recreational boaters who drown each year were not wearing a lifejacket.

A majority of these victims were males between the ages of 19 and 35, out for a day of fishing.

An average of 140 unnecessary drownings occur every year.

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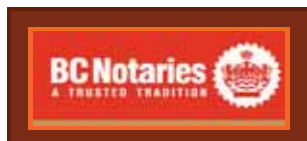
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4. BE PREPARED

Approximately 75 per cent of calls for help to the Coast Guard are non-distress calls.

The most common ones deal with boats that have broken down, run aground or have just run out of gas.

Have a proper checklist for your boat and follow it before you head out, each and every time. Make sure that your boat is mechanically sound and that you have enough gas for your intended voyage with some in reserve.

5. TAKE A BOATING COURSE (OR TWO)

The most basic course, and now a legal requirement for Canadian boaters, leads to the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card. This is a minimum.

The Pender Harbour Squadron's



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JUNE ASTROLOGY

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They are particularly drawn to tinfoil and should avoid situations involving confetti. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming.

JUNE 21-JULY 22 (CANCER)

Those born under the sign of the Crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities, and don't like surprises. Cancerians coin new words to describe philosophical concepts they don't understand or to refute truthiness.

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Each year lightning kills approximately 10 Canadians and injures approximately 100 to 150 others. The first and most important thing to remember is that if you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Take shelter immediately, preferably in a house or all-metal automobile (not convertible top). If caught outside far from a safe shelter, stay away from tall objects, such as trees, poles, wires and fences. Take shelter in a low lying area.

Once indoors, stay away from electrical appliances and equipment, doors, windows, fireplaces, and anything else that will conduct electricity, such as sinks, tubs and showers. Avoid using a telephone that is connected to a land-line.

If you are in your car during lightning, do not park under tall objects that could topple, and do not get out if there are downed power lines nearby. If you are caught outside, don't stand near tall objects or anything made of metal, and avoid open water.

If caught on the water in a small boat with no cabin during thunder and lightning, quickly get to shore. Boats with cabins offer a safer environment, but it's still not ideal.

People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and can be safely handled, but victims may be suffering from burns or shock and should receive medical attention immediately. If you come across someone who has been struck, call for medical assistance immediately and, if breathing has stopped, administer mouth-to-mouth or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

~ Environment Canada

JUNE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C. The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

June averages 10 days with rainfall and a 46.9 mm total. June has an average of 230.1 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in June is 41.9 mm (June 10, 1972).

Skookumchuck viewing times ~June~

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June 3	11:57 am -XL, 7:41 pm +XL
June 4	12:39 pm -XL, 8:18 pm +XL
June 5	1:24 pm -XL, 8:55 pm +XL
June 6	7:37 am +M, 2:14 pm -XL
June 7	8:42 am +S, 3:10 pm -L
June 8	10:11 am +S, 4:12 pm -L
June 9	11:43 am +M, 5:22 pm -M
June 10	1:04 pm +M, 6:42 pm -M
June 11	2:18 pm +L, 8:09 pm -M
June 12	7:37 am -XL, 3:27 pm +L
June 13	8:36 am -XL, 4:29 pm +XL
June 14	9:45 am +XL, 5:25 pm +XL
June 15	10:45 am -XL, 6:15 pm +XL
June 16	11:32 am -XL, 6:55 pm +XL
June 17	12:13 pm -XL, 7:49 pm +XL
June 18	12:53 pm -XL, 8:17 pm +XL
June 19	1:34 pm -L, 8:51 pm +XL
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June 21	9:17 am +S, 3:05 pm -L
June 22	10:43 am +M, 3:57 pm -M
June 23	11:50 am +M, 4:57 pm -M
June 24	1:01 pm +M, 6:08 pm -S
June 25	6:43 pm -L, 2:07 pm +L
June 26	3:07 pm +L, 8:35 pm -S
June 27	8:19 am -L, 4:00 pm +L
June 28	9:19 am -L, 4:48 pm +XL
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A fireside chat about our local real estate market



By Alan Stewart

Rotarians have a tradition of “fireside chats” where members sit in a casual group, preferably around a fire with coffee in hand, and openly discuss matters on a certain topic.

It’s a great way to clear the air and brainstorm solutions to problems.

With the local real estate market still suffering the hangover of the economic downturn, you can imagine that a lot of Realtors are having similar discussions with their colleagues and clients.

The biggest topic of discussion revolves around how the Sunshine Coast can be so geographically close to a booming real estate market yet so far away from the buzz of activity.

While prices in Richmond and Vancouver are up 10 to 18 per cent this year over last, Sunshine Coast prices are down four per cent.

While the North Shore of Vancouver is seeing houses selling for hundreds of thousands over their asking price, sellers in Pender Harbour can go months on end without a single showing.

There are a number of theories as to why our local economy and other BC communities outside of the Lower



MLS photo

This home at 5230 Wesjac Road is considered to be a “top buy” at \$139,000.

Mainland are lagging but it’s generally accepted that the Lower Mainland’s real estate market has been fuelled by overseas investors who are attracted to the international flavour of Vancouver, the easy access to an international airport, outstanding schools and restaurants that meet their tastes.

But the question remains:

Where are the people going who are selling out of this rising market?

And why aren’t more of them considering the Sunshine Coast, less than 20 kilometres from Vancouver?

Interestingly, a healthy percentage of this year’s home sales in Pender Harbour have been to locals.

Three of the five homes sold in Pender Harbour and Middle Point this year were sold to folks who already

held real estate in the area.

I don’t have exact figures but I can assure you that in recent years it would be unlikely to see more than 10 per cent of our real estate being sold back to locals.

So why are we experiencing the shift to a reliance on local buyers?

It’s likely a result of deals simply being too good to pass up.

With 249 properties for sale in and around Pender Harbour (land and homes) and a total of nine sales this year, motivated sellers are coming to the realization that to ensure a relatively quick sale, the price simply must be too good to be true to effect a sale.

Estate sales and court-ordered sales lead the way in attracting buyers.

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In March, a 1,605-square-foot, three-bedroom home with workshop was listed for \$239,000 and sold in three days for \$232,500.

The buyers know they got an excellent deal and the seller's family is happy to have moved on.

So what other "too good to be true" deals are there out there?

After discussing the matter with other Realtors in the area, I've come up with a list of what I consider to be three top buys in our market and they're all in Madeira Park.

1. 5230 WESJAC ROAD

This small one-bedroom, one-level home on a 7,830 sq. ft. lot is located close to Madeira Park and marinas. Originally offered at \$199,000 and assessed at \$168,500, the property is currently offered by the estate at only \$139,000. For reference, a \$139,000 mortgage at current rates would cost about \$700 a month, certainly attainable in rent.

2. 4581 RONDEVUE ROAD

Set on an 11,761 sq. ft. level lot, this 1,433 sq. ft., two bedroom and den rancher came off the market in 2008 at \$279,000.

Assessed at \$239,000, this home has just been listed for sale at \$229,000 with a \$2,500 "move in allowance" to be paid by the seller to the buyer at completion.

3. 12888 FRONT ROAD

This recently updated 1,034 sq. ft., two bedroom rancher on a 20,038 sq. ft. lot is assessed at \$283,500 and has been listed for sale as high as \$348,888 in 2009. The price was reduced mid-May to \$239,900 by a motivated seller. New paint, roof, skylight and sundeck all add to the attractive package.

June 2011

This list reflects the "deals" out there in the lower end of the price spectrum, but there are other homes and lots in different price ranges that offer great value too.

While it's taking longer to reach us than the last real estate boom of Vancouver, it's inevitable that the

throng of folks who have made it rich in the Vancouver real estate market will once again seek investment opportunities in areas just like Pender Harbour.

Please send any suggestions for future columns to alan@sunshine-coasthomes.com.



Toddlers and Teeth



Any parent will know that children have a real knack for falling over, running into or tumbling off just about anything, anywhere.

Sometimes these mishaps result in an injury to the mouth and teeth.

About 30 per cent of children experience dental trauma, which can have serious long-term consequences if not dealt with as soon as possible after injury.

The top front four teeth are most often involved in a dental injury in children.

Most injuries to baby teeth displace or move the tooth rather than actually breaking the crown or root.

That's because in small children, the supporting bone for these teeth is quite forgiving.

It allows the tooth to move to the side, tip to the front or back, or drive directly up into the bone. If the primary (baby) tooth actually comes out it is usually recommended that the tooth not be put back into the socket.

In older children however the permanent teeth are usually broken rather than moved out of position.

Because an adult (permanent) tooth has no replacement waiting underneath to take its place, if it is displaced or totally lost, the treatment

is different than with primary teeth.

If any loss of consciousness is associated with the injury, take your child first to a doctor, then a dentist.

Generally the sooner a dentist sees the child the more likely the injured tooth can be saved.

The dental exam will include a full exam of the head and neck.

This exam will rule out less obvious injuries that can sometimes go unnoticed.

What do you do if your child's adult tooth is knocked out?

- When picking up the tooth do not touch the root of the tooth.

- Do not scrape debris from the tooth; rather rinse it off in water.

- If possible replace the tooth in its socket, holding it gently in place.

- If you cannot reposition the tooth, place it in a solution of milk or saline.

- Never allow the tooth to dry out.

- See the dentist as soon as possible, ideally within an hour of injury.

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Introducing a pup to an older dog



By John Wade

Hi John,

I would like to ask about introducing a new puppy into a household where I have a six-year-old golden retriever.

Ema (my golden) is healthy, active and very friendly.

I am concerned how she will react to a new member of the family.

Ema has been my companion for six years but four years ago I lost my mother and Ema was my sole companion and helped me get through a very bad time.

I may have depended on her too much and overdid the attention she got.

I am worried that she may react to the new puppy in a negative way.

I know she won't be aggressive but I am concerned she may fret since she has been the sole recipient of my love and attention.

I have had many dogs visit and she always accepted them and played with them.

She is a very social dog but my biggest concern is that she will become despondent.

I know if I bring the puppy in



that I will have to be sure Ema still gets lots and may be a little extra attention but I am concerned that she just might hide, not eat or countless other things.

Possibly a six-year old dog might be too old to introduce a new puppy?

Please advise me if possible what you think.

-Sandra

Hi Sandra,

It would be unusual based on what you've told me that she would find this anything other than a positive experience.

There are situations where I've found that two dogs are just incompatible but yours doesn't have any of the red flags, in fact just the opposite.

People can be particularly antsy when one of the two housedogs is a pup and it's on the receiving end of a little dog-to-dog discipline and you might confuse "parenting" for resentment.

Again, generally speaking, the older dog knows exactly what it's doing.

It's teaching boundaries of acceptable behaviour, at least as far as its own comfort zone goes — not too much, not too little.

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establishing your idea of acceptable behaviour with you.

Introduced properly, most dogs sooner rather than later find a balance as to which is going to have say over what and it's normal for dogs living together to have scuffles once in a while.

Problems can arise if the dogs' owner keeps interfering with the dust-ups before they have resulted in a conclusion satisfactory to the dogs.

Unresolved issues can result in an escalation of aggression so it's usually better to let them work it out.

It's easier said than done, though, as the difference between a dog argument and a dogfight is like the difference between Donald Trump on a clever and not so clever day.

You know there must be a way to tell but either way all you want to do

is to find a way to make it stop.

Make the introduction off property if you can.

Tire out both dogs before the meeting and leave the puppy in the crate in your house until your dog has had a chance to investigate and you have a feel for which way the wind blows.

When it's time for nose to nose outside of the crate, leave Ema's leash on and keep it slack so you don't tense her up but not so slack that you can't stay on top of things should the need arise.

Regards,
John Wade

e-mail John at: johnwade@johnwade.ca or visit his website at www.johnwade.ca



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PENDER GOLF

Golf course slices off 25 years



By Jan Watson

It's hard to believe but this month — on June 25 — we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the

Pender Harbour Golf Course.

Much credit should go to the wonderful volunteers who have contributed so much effort over the years in making this facility a great asset to the community.

There are a few left who were here from Day 1 and are still contributing their time.

The fourth annual Masters Par 3 tournament held on April 30 was well attended with seven teams competing on one of our better weather days.

The winning team was Bruce Forbes, Lorraine Wareham and Reni Ducich with 111 and they were presented with the traditional green jackets.

Second, after a tie breaker, was the team of Garry Noble, John Cameron, Kathy Needham and Terry Cowan with 119. A barbecue followed on the sundeck.

MEN'S CLUB

On April 19 the men played a Texas scramble and the winners were Alex Kerr, Blake Priebe, Glenn McCuaig and Eldy Gandy with low net.

Kp on No. 3 was John Forward and on No. 6, Glen Bonderud.

April 26 saw a Money Ball event with team low net winners: Lorne Campbell, John Duggan and Alex Thomson with 132.

May 3 was Individual Stroke Play and low gross (under 19 handicap) was Lorne Campbell with 77.

Low gross (19-plus handicap)

was John Cameron with 90.

The first Low Net was Brian Disney with 66 and second Low Net was Terry Pollock with 67.

Kp on No. 3 was Terry Pollock and on No. 6 it was Blake Priebe.

On May 10 the Men's club hosted a Stableford:

1. Blake Priebe 25 pts
2. Brian Disney 24 pts.

Kp on both No. 3 and No. 6 was Blake Priebe.

LADIES CLUB

April 21 was a game of blind partners and the winners were Liz Wood and Kathy Needham.

April 28 was a hidden score and the winner was Joan Stanton with 76 low net

May 5 was stroke play and from the white and red tees, Heather Cranston shot 71 and from the red tees, Liz Wood shot 73.

On May 12 blind teams of three took to the course and the winners were Kathy Bergman, Linda Klikach and Cathy McEachern with 222.

Runners-up were Louise McKay, Wendy Haddock and Jan Watson with 232.

On Friday, May 13 the first Ladies Steak Night and Scramble was held.

The winners were Di Foster, Lorna Lycan and Nora Brooks with 37.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all our events.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE

I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced!

~ Lee Trevino



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Connecting trail networks such as the creation of the Sun Coaster Trail have increased accessibility to outdoor activities and the creation of the Dakota Ridge Recreation Area has increased the opportunity for winter recreation on the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District manages and maintains 102 community parks and beach accesses with a total size of 698.78 hectares, 16.79 kilometres of paved bike paths and 71.6 kilometres of trails.

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Located in Pender Harbour, the Pender Hill trail is all about the magnificent view from the top.

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Klein Lake recreation Site and Campground day use area.

rience its rugged nature.

Soames Hill offers impressive second growth forest trails leading to spectacular views of Howe Sound mountains and islands, Gibsons and the Strait of Georgia.

PARKS

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CAMPGROUNDS

Klein Lake Recreation Site and

Campground is a popular lake camping spot near Egmont with tent and RV sites and a day use picnic area.

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Wei Hsu: The first non-native Pender Harbourite (Part XI)



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 XI: (Continued from May 2011)

With a growing market for salmon and an increasing ability to process and store excess catch, Wei Hsu found that the main restriction to his business was supplying his outfit with enough fish.

Hsu provided Qwuní and Smqáma with 60 per cent of profits from the portion of their delivered and processed salmon.

It was an equitable arrangement where they could just fish and deliver their catch to Lucy and Inix (who received wages in return for her processing work) back at the Hsu dock.

Until the returning fall runs when the men would set up weirs and dipnet the salmon from creek mouths, they relied on handlining.

Handlining didn't work well for the seasonal sockeye runs so most of their catch was coho and chinook salmon.

On one of his trips to Nanaimo, Hsu came across a used gillnet for sale. Hsu and Qwuni had talked about gill-netting but neither had a boat big enough to accommodate it.

Hsu badly wanted to be able to take advantage of the larger sockeye runs that travelled past each summer and placed a small down payment on the net, promising to return the following week.

The problem was that he didn't have a way to fish it.

His 16-foot row/sailboat was ideal for handlining but couldn't be expected to hold two men, a wet gillnet and their catch.

Hsu returned the following week with Qwuni and the two men found an old 22-foot open boat with two rowing stations.

It was beat up and lacked a sail but had solid planks.

The men loaded the net in the stern and rowed back across the Strait of Georgia, towing Hsu's 16-footer behind.

The trip turned out to be an adventure in itself.

Most of the time only one man was able to row while the other bailed.

The boat had been left dry on the beach for some time and the planks had shrunk to let plenty of water in through the poorly caulked seams.

A stopover on Texada Island allowed some repairs and they arrived home the next day with soggy feet.

It turned out the boat was in much better shape than their gill net. The linen net was only a year old but already had rotted in many places. It was hard to tell until they had made their first set and realized that most of the fish simply swam through it.

Still they were able to pull up the odd fish unlucky enough to meet one of the stronger sections and in the coming weeks purchased some new webbing to patch the weak spots.

Another benefit of Wei Hsu's boat purchase was that it left his other boat, the 16-foot gaff rigged sailboat, available for Mary to use. She loved the freedom of getting out on the water and as she became a better sailor, she started to travel farther from home.

This worried her mother and she forbade Mary from travelling farther out than the islands we now know as Pearson and Martin Island that front the harbour entrance. The wind was no different in 1875 than it is today and as anyone who sails knows, when the wind is light, that is exactly where you want to be.

Mary was still only 11 when she ventured out for a sail on one of those days in June when the breeze looked better from shore than it was. It had been strong through the night but had tapered off by morning and by the time she finished her chores and rigged the boat to set out, she could barely fill her sails.

Lucy imperceptibly drifted away from the harbour, but could barely tell if it was tide or wind that pushed her along. She could see a promising bristling on the water out past her designated boundary. Her mother was helping Inix at her home and her father was fishing down south just past where they were put ashore two years before. She



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives

A rare self-portrait of Mary Hsu sailing her father's 16-foot rowboat in front of their Pender Harbour home, July 1875.

really had no intention of disobeying her mother but by the time she reached Pearson Island she had finally started to gain some traction and decided to keep going.

Once past the island the wind was fair, not strong but allowed her steerage so she decided to travel up to Nelson Island and skirt the shore back. As she travelled farther out the wind was still light but she found herself heaving through deeper and deeper swells – the remnants of the previous nights blow.

A mile off she realized it was getting too big for her small boat and decided to turn back. As she did so, the combination of accumulated water in the boat and a poorly timed tack across a swell tossed her over.

It was a warm day in late June but the combination of tide and wind chop the night before ensured the water remained stirred and chilly. She scrambled to get on top of the hull to right it but the old wooden boat was far too heavy for a young girl to pull over on her own. She was still a mile from the nearest shore and though a strong swimmer for her age, wouldn't consider attempting that distance.

Luckily the wind and tide were working together to push her towards Nelson Island so she decided to stay put. For three hours she shivered uncontrollably as she lay

straddling the boat with as much of her body out of the water as its buoyancy allowed.

When less than a half mile off, she decided to attempt the swim. Afterward, soaked and chilled to the bone, she lay on the warm rocks trying to dry off. Four more hours passed as the sun began its downward drift toward the big island across the water. She watched in frustration as her father's boat rounded Francis Peninsula and entered the harbour.

As the sun disappeared in a fiery red sunset, her father's boat reappeared, this time leaving the harbour. It disappeared behind Pearson Island and when it reappeared, she could see two men rowing furiously.

Her screams were in vain as the small boat was rowed north towards the Hodgson Islands. As it came in view again behind the western most islet, she could hear them call. Her hoarse return was enough and within five minutes, her father had nudged the beach where she lay.

The men were able to find and recover her boat near the entrance to the nearby channel.

Qwuní rowed it back as she sat in the stern, relieved but already worried about the punishment she faced when she arrived home.

(Continued next month)

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of May 15)

1. **The Sentimentalists** by Johanna Skibsrud
2. **Adventures in Solitude** by Grant Lawrence
3. **Backyard Bounty** by Linda Gilkeson
4. **Patriot Hearts** by John Furlong
5. **The Man Who Killed** by Fraser Nixon
6. **Trauma Farm** by Brian Brett
7. **How Bad are Bananas?** by Mike Berners-Lee
8. **52 Best Day Trips from Vancouver, New Edition** by Jack Christie
9. **Vij's at Home** by Meeru Dhalwala & Vikram Vij
10. **Working with Wool** by Sylvia Olsen

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A colourful bouquet of spring books



Keith Shaw photo

By Theresa Kishkan

As I write this, the sun is finally shining and even though the wildflowers I've been watching for 30 years are about a month later than last year, they're blooming — violets on the Klein Lake trail, bleeding heart and mimulus, wild currant up under the Hydro lines where the elk browse on spring mornings.

And spring brings books too, as welcome as blossoms. In these pages last month, there was an excerpt from Joe Denham's debut novel, *The Year of Broken Glass* (Nightwood, 2011). The main character, Francis Wichbaun, is a crab fisherman who finds a glass fishing float, as beautiful as it is enigmatic. This discovery sets in motion a series of events which take Francis across the Pacific while the world he has known shifts and collapses in the wake of natural disaster. I highly recommend this novel for its original plot and the vivid descriptions of both landscapes and seascapes which will resonate with readers, particularly those who appreciate deeply intelligent writing.

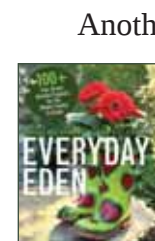
Merilyn Simonds is the author of several novels; one of them, the haunting *The Holding*, is set on a property north of Kingston, Ont. which sounds suspiciously like The Leaf, a stone house surrounded by gardens which she shares with her husband Wayne Grady. The Leaf is the subject of her memoir, *A New Leaf*:



Growing With My Garden (Random House, 2011). Using short essays which appeared first on her gardening blog, www.frugalistagardener.com, Simonds guides the reader through her life and gardens. She is always warm and friendly, with an eye for the beautiful as well as the funny.

"We opened the soil for vegetable beds," she tells us in the foreword to *A New Leaf*,

"Fruit beds, tea beds, herb beds, perennial beds, a woodland garden, a garden of ephemerals, another for native plants, and a Hortus Familia where I grow species that honour our mothers and fathers and where we bury our pets. In all, twenty-six beds. An alphabet of plants."



Another book for gardeners, though not so rooted in rich botanical history and lore, is *Everyday Eden: 100+ Fun, Green Garden Projects for the Whole Family to Enjoy* (Harbour Publishing, 2011), by Coast writers Christina Symons and John Gillespie. Many of the projects will be familiar to readers of the local papers where the two frequently provide design ideas for home and garden.

Sylvia Tyson is best known as part of the 1960s and '70s folk/country duo, Ian and Sylvia ("Well, I woke up this morning, and you were on my mind..."), as well as a member of the group Quartette, where her beautiful voice joins in perfect harmony with Caitlin Hanford, Cindy Church, and Gwen Swick.

Those who enjoy her music know that she has always had a keen sense of story.



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This is also evident in her first novel, *Joyner's Dream* (HarperCollins, 2011).

Joyner's Dream is a family saga, its cast of characters fanciful and lively. The elements that connect them all and propel the narrative from 18th-century England to contemporary Toronto are a journal and a fiddle. The former records the exploits of each generation from the perspective of one member and the latter carries their songs. A wooden chest made by one of the early Joyners (who took their name from the craft of cabinet and furniture making) is also fundamental to the story of what a family remembers and passes along.

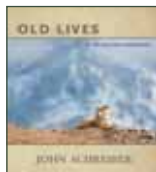
The literary models for Tyson are, not surprisingly, the sprawling novels of Charles Dickens and the country sagas of Thomas Hardy. It's refreshing to read an old-fashioned novel which never falters but keeps its music alive and renewed.

What about poetry? Sunshine Coast poet John Pass (to whom I happen to be married), has just released *crawlspace* (Harbour Publishing, 2011), his first collection since his 2005 book *Stumbling in the Bloom* won the Governor General's Literary Award for Poetry.

Read it for its meditations on the

passage of time, history, and love, for "the past-lives of smooth pebbles/shimmering in a creek-bed, washed/out of the old concrete into dusky light, new dusk..."

Ever since John Schreiber wrote *Stranger Wycott's Place* in 2008, I've been looking forward to seeing what he'd do next. *Old Lives: In the Chilcotin Backcountry* (Caitlin Press, 2011) is certainly worth the wait.



In his trusty Pathfinder, or on horseback, or on foot, Schreiber explores a country many of us only know about from books. He searches for stories and finds them in kitchens and on porches where people gather to remember what it was like to chase cattle or wait out the legendary winters of the early part of the 20th century. He also finds stories in forgotten homesteads and tracks leading to lakes or cemeteries, grassy hills where coyotes watch him arrive.

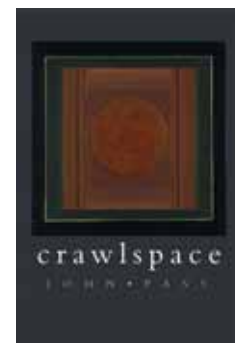
"There is nothing like the long view," he says, "to get a good and lasting perspective on your own, small place in this great, vast, rolling land."

Trust John Schreiber for his vision, and the gift of the right words to describe it.

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Shane, planes and automobiles



By Shane McCune

Last month I had to cover a one-day conference in Vancouver. If success is a journey and not a destination, this jaunt was, as the kids say, an epic fail.

Actually it was a four-day conference, but my client wasn't keen to pay for more than one night in a hotel. Great, I say to myself. Ten hours return by car and ferry to spend four hours watching PowerPoint lectures on risk management.

(Seriously. It's the annual convention of the Risk and Insurance Management Society. But it's not as glamorous as it sounds.)

It dawns on me that Harbour Air flies seaplanes from Comox Marina to Vancouver harbour — steps away from the convention centre. Bonus: I find discount fares each way, so the client will be impressed.

And so I get to the job via a 50-minute flight in a trusty de Havilland Beaver.

But the next day, just as four of us prepare to board the 5 p.m. return flight, it's cancelled. A gusty southeaster at low tide is creating a nasty chop in Comox harbour. So Harbour Air arranges for seats on a 7 p.m. Pacific Coastal Airlines Saab 340 from Vancouver Airport to Comox Valley Airport, and pays for a cab to take us to YVR.

There's a bit of tension when the cabbie doesn't show up until six o'clock and tells us (I think; he had a very thick accent) that he has to stop en route because his shift is ending. Or something. One passenger tells him only half-jokingly that he can get out and we'll drive ourselves to Richmond.

We should have nurtured that little seed of rebellion. But I get ahead of myself.

The cabbie insists we'll make our flight and, sure enough, the hand-off is executed in less than two minutes at a South Granville gas station.

We present vouchers at the PCA counter in the almost empty south terminal. And I get a lesson in a whole 'nother world of risk management.

As my bag is weighed a brittle blonde of a certain age, with the permanently bitter expression of someone who will never get a transpacific gig or the handsome pilot who goes with it, asks me if there's anything flammable in my luggage.

Why, yes there is: a butane lighter. I had remembered at the last minute to remove it from my pocket and stow it

in my bag.

(I forgot to do that a couple of years ago on a flight to Kelowna and had to discard a perfectly good cigar lighter. I could scarcely complain, though, because Osama bin Laden was still alive at the time.)

No, she says, you have to carry the lighter on with you. It can't go in the bag.

Huh? Since when?

She is adamant, her face tightening so tensely I fear one of its folds will crack.

I pocket the lighter and stride over to the safety screening area. A guy in a white shirt with epaulets watches as I empty every pocket in my battered tweed jacket, then helpfully tells me I should have simply dumped the jacket into the tray. In fact, he insists that I do so. In goes the jacket. In go my shoes. I open my laptop computer bag and set it on the belt.

Then he spots the lighter.

"Is that a butane lighter?"

Yes.

"Is it a torch?"

Yes.

"You can't carry that on board. It has to be in your checked baggage."

It was in my baggage. The woman at the counter told me to take it out of my baggage and carry it on board.

"Only if it's a regular butane lighter. Not a torch lighter."

I know better than to ask what difference that makes. Don't tase me, bro.

So now what?

"You could leave it in your car and get it when you come back."

I came to Vancouver in a seaplane and expected to return to Comox in one. I don't have a car here. And I'm not coming back. Ever.

I announce in what I hope sounds like a commanding tone that it's the brittle lady's problem so she will have to deal with it. I struggle into my shoes, throw my shoulders back, put on my best told-you-so expression and start to march back to the Pacific Coastal counter, but Inspector Gadget stops me.

"Please take your things, sir."

Huh? I look at the tray containing my jacket, watch, iPod, approximately \$3.78 in change, pens, calculator . . . by the time I put on the jacket and load my pockets the plane will be landing.

"Just take the tray, sir."

I worry that the plastic tray under my arm may undercut my aura of righteous wrath as I storm back to the airline counter. But at least it is evidence of my annoying and urgent problem. Duly chastened, the brittle lady makes me wait in line for only one other customer. The only other customer.

I hold aloft the weapon of gas destruction like a detective brandishing the murder weapon. ("Miss Cranky-pants, in the hall, with the lighter.")

It can't go on board the plane. Please put it in my bag.

Amazingly, her face tightens even more. She picks up the phone and asks, "Jerry, are the bags gone?" which is clearly brittle airline lady code for "Jerry, tell me this lardass's bag is halfway to Skidegate."

Jerry pokes his head through the rubber flap beside her and says nope.

"What colour is your bag, sir?" she asks.

Red with black trim. It should be easy to distinguish from the other three.

It comes back, and I hold the lighter toward her.

"I'll let you put it in the bag," she says.

I'm tempted to ask if I get to choose which bag I put it in, but of course I just clench my teeth and stuff the lighter into an outside pouch.

She looks at my bag as if it had just peed on her conveyor belt and says, "I don't know if it'll go through inspection."

And that's it. The poor woman's frangible face won't let her mouth form an apology.

I hustle back to Guantanamo, dump my shoes into the tray and walk through the metal detector. Which detects my suspenders. The beeping wand wanders inside my braces and waistband, and I'm waved on . . . to the chemical test.

I don't believe it. A young woman presses some kind of liquid onto my hands, blots them with a square of absorbent material and pops the square into what could be a cunning little mass spectrometer or perhaps a soap dish.

No alarms go off. The crack security detail waves me through, triumphant in the satisfaction that, in the tense hours following bin Laden's death, the Richmond-Comox air corridor has a bomb-free record second to none.

"Sometimes I think we Canadians are a little too sheepish," I remark to no one in particular. I should have said "sheeplike," but my fellow passengers know what I mean. Nobody says anything, but a couple nod sheepishly.

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As the late U.S. senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts." So I must correct misinformation in Rick Howard's letter last month about my April column on Stephen Harper's contempt for Parliament.

Dismissing my reference to increased use of the Prime Minister's Office for policymaking since Pierre Trudeau's time, Mr. Howard claimed that the practice dates back to Sir John A. Macdonald.

The online Canadian Encyclopedia's entry on the subject begins: "The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is a central agency that came into its own in the late 1960s."

Mr Howard also said, "We don't have an executive branch in Canada." Wrong again. The executive has three parts: The Crown, the cabinet and the administration. For more, go to www.canadianencyclopedia.com and search "government."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

JUNE

- Sat. May 28 (to June 7).....“Songs of the Earth II” by Fran Sevier and Pat Jobb - Harbour Gallery, 11a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Fri. June 3-5.....P. H. Blues Festival - three days, various locations
- Sat. June 4.....Giant garage sale - P.H. Legion, 1 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat. June 4.....Egmont Day - Egmont, All day
- Fri. June 10.....MPES Sports Day - Madeira Park Elementary School, All day
- Sat. June 11.....“Sea Things” artists’ reception - Harbour Gallery, 2 p.m.
- Sat. June 11.....P. H. Community Club market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
- Sat. June 11.....A ’60s evening with Kenny Shaw and Brian Temple - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.
- Sun. June 12.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. June 13.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Wed. June 15.....PHSS Awards night - PHSS, 7 p.m.
- Wed. June 15.....Area A Seniors Housing Project AGM - Lily Lake Village Activity Centre, 7 p.m.
- Sat. June 18.....Local poet John Pass - Bluewaters Books, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Mon. June 27.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Sat. June 18.....“No Floors Required” artist’s reception – Fibreworks Gallery, 2 - 4 p.m.
- Sat. June 18.....P. H. Rotary presents Wine ’n’ Hors d’Oeuvres - P. H. Golf Course, 7 p.m.
- Sat. June 18.....P. H. Music Society presents “Tiller’s Folly” - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
- Sun. June 19.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Wed. June 22.....SCRD open house on trash - P. H. Community Hall, 3:30 to 8 p.m.
- Sat. June 25.....Pine Needle Basket workshop with Hattie Olsen, Fibreworks Gallery
- Sun. June 26.....P. H. Golf Club 25th anniversary open house - P. H. Golf Course, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Tues. June 28.....PHSS Graduation ceremony - PHSS, 1 p.m.
- Wed. June 29.....MPES last day of school
- Fri. July 1 (to Oct. 4).....Harbour Gallery Summer membership exhibit- Harbour Gallery, daily 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

FERRY DEPARTURES

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~ Saturday afternoon Jam with Mark Vance

JUNE 5: Festival wrap w/ Tim Hearsey and Diane Lines (8 p.m.)

~ All star Sunday afternoon jam with Tim Hearsey and Arsen Shomakov

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