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A large fire is burning on a hillside, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from the ground. Several pine trees are visible in the foreground, some of which are partially obscured by the fire. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with some clouds. The fire appears to be spreading across the hillside.

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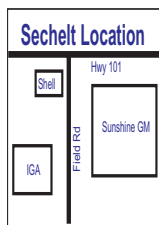
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EDITORIAL

Longboarding not a crime... yet

By Brian Lee



I was having lunch the other day at the burger shack in Madeira when I overheard a conversation.

A local kid and his mom were retelling a story. The 15-year-old was on his longboard (long skateboard) when a car came up behind him and started honking. The kid took the hint and pulled over looking for the next safe place to exit.

The honking continued and when the kid looked back he realized the car's bumper was only feet from his leg. The kid had no choice but to cross into the oncoming lane to get out of the man's way.

Fortunately there wasn't a car coming in the other direction because, as the man drove by still honking, the kid hit some gravel and went down.

Hard.

He was wearing a helmet but his arms still bore the evidence of an unnecessary brush with pavement.

We've produced some of the top downhill skateboarding talent in the world. Someday there may be closed training courses but, for now, the sport absolutely requires practising on roads.

This means continued clashes with motorists who practise the "might is right" form of conflict resolution. I've been the victim of this same attitude many times, mostly as a cyclist but also as a longboarder, and can tell you it's terrifying.

But I also own a car and know what it's like to come around a corner and see a kid edging toward you in the next lane with the faintest of "speed wobbles."

It's *almost* as terrifying.

And c'mon, enough with the black Coast longboarding hoodies at night. That's ignorant.

Longboarders have a responsibility to protect their sport and it isn't in anyone's best interest to give authorities reasons to look for ways to stop it.

So far, the law has been fairly mute on the issue. The Motor Vehicle Act requires skateboarders to wear approved helmets but does not bar them from public roads. That could change.

The SCRD recently started discussions about longboards on roads and it was clearly aimed at Area A.

Apparently, some on the SCRD transportation committee recognize longboarding as a viable and green means of transportation in an area without bus service but many are unsure about the safety implications.

The safety implications are clear. It's an age of innocence for longboarding right now — the period before an accident.

But mathematics ensures it will happen and when it does, expect hysteria. There will be meetings and cries for action and, in the end, longboarding will suffer.

I think it would be a shame to see longboarding snuffed from our roads.

Longboarders clearly accept the inherent dangers of the sport. It's a huge part of it.

But when the accident happens, let's hope it doesn't involve an irate motorist and some kid just trying to get to his buddy's house to play some X-Box.

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The fifth annual Pender Harbour Show & Shine takes place Sunday, August 10 next to the Garden Bay Pub and Marina from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is free and includes a ticket for all-day prize draws. There will be music, a Rotary Club BBQ, Skinny Jimmy hillbuggies, and many classic cars on hand.

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ABBEYFIELD PICNIC IN THE PARK - AUG. 16

"Picnic in the Park" takes place on August 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Chamber Music Festival at Millennium Park, at the Govt. Dock in Madeira Park. Come out for cold meats, salads, cold drinks and home-made desserts. Adults: \$15/Children under 12: \$10.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

9 am - 5 pm Set-up and Participants arrival
7 pm - 9 pm Participants "Meet and Greet"
(P. H. School of Music)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

8 am - 10 am Registration
9 am - 5 pm Boat Festival Open to the Public
\$2/\$5 entry Fee
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Entertainment by Joe Stanton
10 am - 2 pm Children's activities
10 am - 5 pm Painting by Motoko "2006 People's Choice Award Winner"
Silent Auction
7 pm - ??? Seafood Dinner & Dance at the P. H. Community Hall

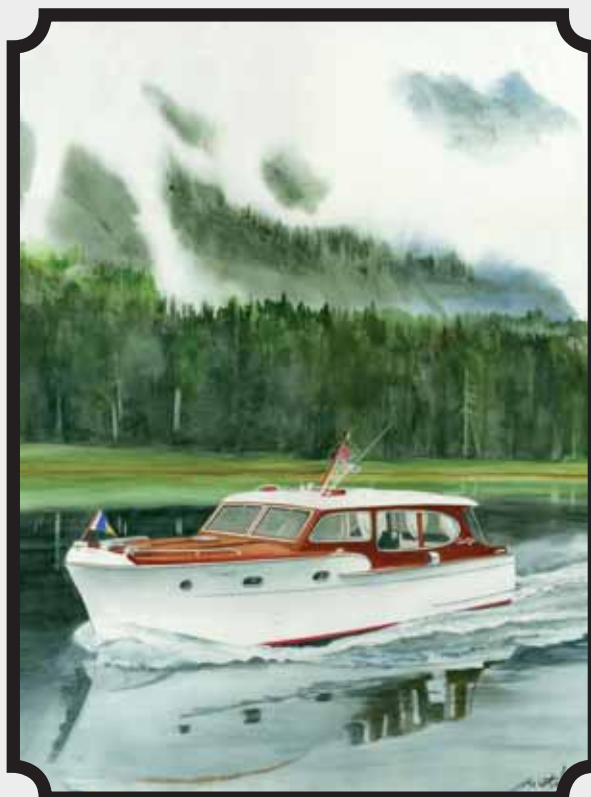
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8 am Lions' Breakfast at the MPCCommunity Hall
9 am - 3 pm Boat Show Open to the Public
\$2/\$5 entry Fee
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50/50 & Souvenirs
Entertainment by Jim Dougan
10 am - 2 pm Children's Activities
10 am - 3 pm Painting by Motoko -
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3 pm Announce Silent Auction Benefactors
3 pm Final Awards at Millennium Park
7 pm - ??? Participants Banquet

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9 am - 12 pm Boat Show Open to the Public
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In-water/On-land Displays/Exhibition
50/50 & Souvenirs
12 pm - 5 pm Participants return to base!

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Semi-trailer overturns near Ruby Lake spills magnesium chloride

A truck and trailer containing four 2,600-litre containers of magnesium chloride overturned near Ruby Lake Resort on the morning of June 24, shutting down the highway for more than three hours and causing a scare for local residents.

The driver sustained minor injuries and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Sechelt.

Magnesium chloride is a non-toxic, pH neutral compound, especially so when diluted with water.

Some of the contents of the plastic containers spilled into a ditch that drains into the nearby lagoon and an unknown amount of the chemical washed over the road directly into the lake.

Macal Bulk Transport was transporting the chemical to Capilano Highways in Powell River to be used for dust suppression on roads.

Bill Elsner, SCRD Emergency Program Co-ordinator, said it's unclear how much of the liquid contents leaked out but estimated the amount to be less than 500 gallons (1,320 litres).

Other estimates run higher.

Aldo Cogrossi of the nearby Ruby Lake Restaurant was one of the first on the scene and immediately started damming the ditch to prevent contamination of the lake water.

He claims approximately 80 per cent of the chemical leaked out of the tanks.

Pat Leech of AAA Peninsula septic says he pumped 1,800 gallons (4,752 litres) of the chemical with only half coming from the containers and the remainder out of the ditch.

Leech also returned later to pump out a reservoir built into the ditch to catch effluent from clean up



It looks worse than it is. The driver of this accident near Ruby Lake was OK and the chemical spilled was non-toxic. Crews considered the accident a valuable test of emergency response and containment.

by the Egmont Fire Department and estimates that amount to be approximately 250 gallons (660 litres).

Water samples were taken but Department of Fisheries Officer Jeremy Hunt says the chemical has a low toxicity and was well-contained so he didn't expect the spill to cause

a contamination problem.

As a precaution, many lake residents chose not to drink the water for a few days until test sample results confirmed there was no serious contamination of lake water.

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Pender Hill fire consumes large portion of park in a battle that takes

Careless use of fireworks is being blamed for a wildfire that engulfed local landmark and favourite weekend hike, Pender Hill.

It took local volunteer fire crews, BC Forest Service crews and a plethora of helicopters and air tanker planes over two days to completely extinguish the fire.

It's alleged four teenage boys camping with their families at nearby Lakeside Resort lit fireworks near the peak of Pender Hill on the morning of July 23. One of the teens was treated for smoke inhalation on the scene after he tried to put the fire out.

Dry conditions allowed the fire to catch and spread rapidly. Suppression was hindered by 20-25 km/h winds coming from the southeast which threatened to blow the fire deeper into



Alan Stewart photo

denser forest on the north side of the mountain.

The terrain of Pender Hill is steep and rugged, accessible only by hiking trail or air.

BC Forestry's three-person Initial Attack crew was on the hill by 2 p.m.

Soon after, BC Forestry crews directed local volunteer fire crews on

the hill to set up reservoirs and dig fire lines while BC Forest Service helicopters continually doused hot spots with buckets of ocean water.

By 4 p.m. a fleet of airtankers had dumped fire retardant along the flanks to contain it so fire crews could move in.

The Conair airtankers are stationed in Abbotsford and each contains a single payload. A spotter plane defines the route for each plane by flying the drop path first while blasting a siren warning ground crews as to the path of the next drop.

By late afternoon, the fire seemed better controlled.

Two helicopters continued watering hot spots into the evening. Crews were forced to quit at dark leaving numerous spot fires still visible from a distance through the night.

"By last night it was down to a big snag and a couple of spot fires," said Pender Harbour Fire Chief Don Murray.

Murray kept fire watch through the night checking every one to two hours and reporting to the Coastal Fire Centre in Parksville.

By morning the scarred face of Pender Hill still showed signs of smoke and by 8:30 a.m. crews were



Crews stay out of the way as over a half dozen Conair airtankers drop fire retardant along the flanks of the fire before they move in to put out the hotspots.

days to put out



At 1 p.m. the fire was compact but spreading quickly as seen from outside the Spiel office on Francis Peninsula.



By 2 p.m. the fire could be seen to be gaining in size and strength. Photo taken from Hotel Lake.



Alan Stewart photo

By 3 p.m. the fire had doubled in size from two hours previous. Photo taken from Francis Peninsula.

back on the hill.

Another crew from Pemberton arrived later in the morning.

By Saturday, thermal scans showed two remaining hot spots which were extinguished by a small BC Forestry crew.

Murray says his crew would have been helpless to do much other than stand by if not for a donation received last year from Daniel Point developer Les Allen. After last year's Daniel Point fire, Allen donated \$5,000 which allowed the PHVFD to purchase wild

land fighting gear — regular turnout gear is too heavy and cumbersome for wilderness terrain.

Murray also expressed appreciation for the outpouring of support from the community. Businesses like John Henry's Marina, the IGA, Garden Bay Pub and even community members dropped by with food and water for the fire crews.

RCMP did not return calls from the Spiel.



BC Forestry Fire Protection Services Initial Attack crew leader Toni Large (middle), talking strategy with PHVFD members as they wait for the airtankers to finish. Large and her crew of two were first on the scene to prepare the ground assault.



A helicopter drops a bladder of sea water into the PHVFD's inflatable reservoir, erected on the very peak of Pender Hill, just uphill from the encroaching fire line.

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24 year old male drowned in Ruby Lake

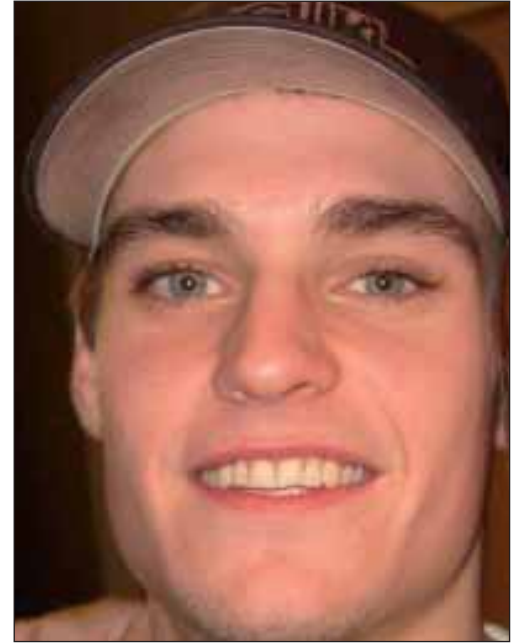
The body of Christopher Frederick Maclean, 24, was recovered from Ruby Lake a day after a cliff-diving accident took his life.

Maclean was missing and presumed drowned after jumping off a 12-metre cliff into the water on the evening of July 7.

Friends tried in vain to find him before Sunshine Coast RCMP attended at 9:20 p.m.

RCMP attempts were also unsuccessful and the search was postponed until the next day, when dive team members recovered the body from a considerable depth.

Maclean was originally from Orillia, Ont. and had been living in Pender Harbour since April 2007 while working for a local construction company.



Christopher Maclean

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Bargain Barn experiences record sales

The Bargain Barn in Madeira Park has been having a banner year, allowing it to boost contributions to the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

With income up 25 per cent from last year's record, the Madeira Park thrift store has given the Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary a surplus of \$16,700 to purchase badly needed items.

Aside from a new defibrillator and accessories, the health centre received a CADD pump to manage morphine delivery to palliative care patients, reducing stress and labour for nursing staff and caregivers.

Othe acquisitions included an

oxygen aximeter (a tool to monitor all vitals including oxgen levels in the blood) and an IV pump which allows safer delivery of IV fluids.

The remainder of the surplus funds will be spent on furniture for the President's Learning Centre.

The P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary raises about \$40,000 - \$50,000 a year from Bargain Barn sales.

In addition to the equipment, it also presented three bursary awards worth a total \$5,000 at this year's high school graduation and another \$5,000 to the Harbourside Friendship group to help fund their meeting and organizational expenses.

Fifth Garden Bay car show set to shine

The fifth annual Pender Harbour Show & Shine is taking place Sunday Aug. 10 next to the Garden Bay Pub and Marina from noon until 4 p.m.

Admission is free and includes a ticket for all-day prize draws.

There will be music, a Rotary Club BBQ, Skinny Jimmy hillbuggies, and many classic cars on hand.

"Nobody Rides for Free," a 2008 Walters original acrylic on canvas painting valued at \$1,200 will be raffled and other local artists and crafters will have their creations for sale onsite.

All proceeds of the Pender Harbour Show & Shine go to the Egmont Volunteer Fire Department.

The event is held in conjunction with the Coasters Car Club 13th annual Festival of the Rolling Arts Aug. 8-10 as an alternative to the drag races.

Winners at the Pender Harbour Show & Shine are decided entirely by people's choice voting, rather than a formal panel of professional judges which is usually the case at this type of competition.

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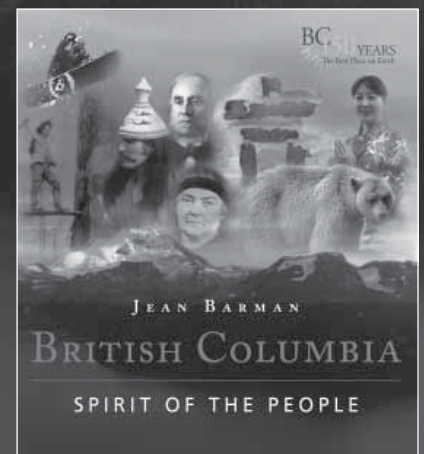
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Such things can yet be done: The push to preserve Harry Roberts'



By Brian Lee

According to Sechelt lore, a village named Skwalt once stood on the field above the pebbled shores south of Cape Caution on Nelson Island.

It isn't known how long the settlement existed but it vanished soon after the white man first appeared. The story goes that a marauding Indian

band from somewhere upcoast raided the spot with guns received from early contact with traders and many villagers were killed.

Its violent history had been long forgotten more than a century later when Harry Roberts deemed it the perfect spot to escape the hustle and bustle of 1920s Roberts Creek.

Harry Roberts has been called

the "founding spirit of the Sunshine Coast" and described in any number of books as a unique, non-conformist, controversial, colourful, magnetic, visionary philosopher who literally put Robert's Creek and the Sunshine Coast on the map.

Roberts spent almost half his life in "Sunray" the iconic cabin he built on his 350-acre Nelson Island home-
stead. For the past 71 years Sunray has been synonymous with Nelson Island and the man himself.

The Roberts family emigrated from Britain and landed in Vancouver on June 29, 1900 — Harry's 16th birthday.

After a night in the city and two days of rowing, their borrowed native dugout canoe finally landed at the creek mouth already named after Harry's uncle, Thomas "Will" Roberts, who had pre-empted land there 10 years before.

Though Robert's Creek isn't named after Harry Roberts himself, the area surely owes much of its character to the industrious fellow who, over the next three decades, purchased land around the mouth of the creek



Margaret Stanley/Powell River Museum

Photo of Sunray taken in 1964. Vandals have since destroyed all but one sunray window frame. It sits in the bathroom, empty of its hand cut glass but still intact.

Nelson Island “Sunray” homestead

and set about developing it.

Roberts built the first store and mill, bought and subdivided large tracts of land around the creek mouth and spearheaded the push to rebuild and maintain the oft-destroyed wharf that beckoned the Union Steamships.

He also served as postmaster, water taxi operator and justice of the peace.

By 1929 Robert’s Creek had become a popular destination for vacationing families from Vancouver and a busy Union Steamship port. Though Roberts had profited from the growth, he likely missed the tranquility of earlier days.

Roberts took to sea on his 36-foot yawl, *Chack Chack*, and eventually found refuge on Nelson Island.

After first settling in Cockburn Bay on the other side of the Cape, Roberts and his second wife Cherry built Sunray on the western end of the idyllic beach east of Cape Cockburn.

There’s evidence of a foundation at the eastern end of the beach that was likely either temporary or never finished.

Roberts finished the cabin in 1938, the date inscribed in the fireplace in the main room.

Roberts’ Beach, as it’s commonly called today, is a long crescent pebble beach in front the of homestead.

The beach faces south down Malaspina Strait, exposed to the bat-



Roberts rarely built anything without some some unique artistic touch. The main room of the cabin boasts painted floor tiles and a sculptured fireplace with happy faced gargoyles and glass bottles embedded in the concrete to allow light through.

tering gusts wrought by an open stretch of water that extends all the way to Seattle.

To withstand the fierce southeast storms, Roberts built Sunray low to the ground with the south-facing roof line extending only five feet off the

ground.

Sunray is a log cabin built with cedar logs towed from Texada Island and the healthy supply of materials deposited on the nearby beach.

The post-and-beam construction

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Harry Roberts' Sunray (cont.)



The *Rupert Pelican* at anchor at Roberts' Beach. The *Rupert Pelican* is the mothership for the Shipyard School Raid, an annual seven-day, 145-kilometer sailing and rowing race for traditional small boats. The Raid is organized by Harry Roberts' grandson, Tad Roberts, director of the Silva Bay Shipyard School on Gabriola Island, which teaches traditional wooden boat building. They stopped for the night at Roberts' Beach on July 6 but were pummelled by a sudden southeast wind late in the evening. It scattered the boats forcing organizers to cancel the next day's leg to Powell River.

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offers a glimpse into the mind of a talented builder with an artistic flair.

Walking through Sunray, it almost seems that Roberts reacted to changes in topography or a sudden abundance of materials or inspiration as he went along.

In other words, the cabin isn't built simply.

Sunray has at least 16 different standing walls, designed in a labyrinthine spiral that can be a little disorienting.

As you wander through the cabin you notice that each room is constructed on a different level, often with dangerously low beams that ambush the unwary adult — Harry wasn't a tall man.

The lowest and largest room of the house sits a step down from the front entrance with a hand-built fireplace and chimney. Painted floor tiles and glass balls embedded in the concrete add colour to what must have been a comfortably warm room for waiting out winter gusts.

According to Beth Hill in her book *Upcoast Summers*, Harry had first called the unique cabin "The House of 10,000 Faces" because it had more than 300 pieces of glass in windows designed to look like large spider webs — or sunrays.

Vandals have destroyed all but one of the 17 namesake cut glass window, leaving an empty frame remnant in the east facing bathroom.

Like the low ceilings, the south facing dining nook is designed for a smallish person. It resembles a fish boat galley table: compact and functional with an expansive view.

It once had a sky light and is likely where Roberts sat watch over the familiar water as he sketched plans or philosophized in his journal.

Roberts published two books, *The Natural Laws of Chack Chack* and the *Trail of Chack Chack*, along with many volumes of handwritten journal entries.

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The Sunshine Coast Museum has a stack of Roberts' handwritten papers in which he claims to have discovered the answer to man's ills. He focuses on common themes of preserving respect for home, nature and the Creator and insists the way to right the course of mankind is through producing better children.

"We, as men, are here to help a woman to build a better home for a better child so that it might build the better home, which this earth will ever be in need of.

"What have you been doing towards this simple idea?"

~ Harry Roberts
(courtesy of the Sunshine Coast Museum)



Margaret McIntyre/Powell River Museum

Harry Roberts contemplating under his bower at Sunray, date unknown.

Roberts often referred to himself as "Chack Chack", a nickname given to him by a Sechelt Indian chief who thought Harry's bald head reminded him of a bald eagle, "chack chack" in Chinook jargon.

He must have liked the name because he named three of the boats he built Chack chack also.

His final boat, Chack Chack III, was a Chinese junk lovingly built on the shore in front of the cabin.

It had four large rooms, a full bath and the figure of an eagle's head carved into the bow.

By the time he finished Chack Chack III he was nearly 70 years old and his family was afraid he was too infirm to handle it so it was never launched.

The boat lay abandoned on the beach, breaking up, rotting and finally disappearing only a few years ago.

Another example of Robert's flair for building design — and one often missed by visitors — is his quaint guest cabin.

A short walk from Sunray west along a deer trail a few feet above the high tide line, it too boasts unique features to marvel at.

Its handmade fireplace/chimney contains Japanese glass fishing floats and bottles embedded in the walls to allow light to pass through and a handmade center swivel door that you can't help but examine to figure how it works.

The door doesn't swivel anymore and the glass balls are all busted out but the cabin is still a fascinating gem, tucked away in the bush and slowly being reclaimed by it.

Roberts had three kids at Sunray with Cherry, before catching her with a neighbour one evening when she thought he was away.

In his book *The Sunshine Coast*,
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"Woe to he who shall join house to house or field to field and leave no space to be alone with nature;

"Woe to that father who shall fail to teach his son how to make the plan of the idea offered by the Master over all things. The Creator;

"Woe to the Mother who shall fail to teach her daughter to help her change that shelter into the home of their own.

"Woe to he that shall remove things from deep within the earth. Such must be within for ever and ever. Why should this be so? That so-called black gold — coal and oil — are not things of this earth. So must have been brought here from the older planets."

~ Harry Roberts
(courtesy of the Sunshine Coast Museum)

Harry Roberts' Sunray (cont.)



The guest cabin is slowly deteriorating from neglect but is still a fascinating piece of hand built architecture.

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Howard White retells a Jim Spilsbury yarn about how the diminutive Roberts took down the philandering Scandinavian with a combination of cunning and gravity.

It was 1942 when Cherry left Harry alone to raise the three kids, Yolana, Lee and Zoe.

The Roberts children took correspondence courses but only until Grade 8 — Roberts apparently placed more emphasis on “informal” learn-

ing.

Roberts married his third wife, Marjorie McKewen, in 1957.

According to Karen Southern's *A Nelson Island Story* (Hancock House, 1987), Marjorie was an aspiring novelist who hoped “to write a novel set on an island and came to Nelson Island for local flavour.”

She became Roberts' housekeeper first and later his wife but never finished her novel, opting

instead to help Roberts with *The Trail of Chack Chack* (1968).

Marjorie died several years before Harry. When she became ill and had to leave to be cared for, Harry wrote in his journal “Marjorie taken aboard boat by friends on the last day of Sept. 1970, never to return.”

Roberts lived in Sunray until the mid-seventies when severe arthritis in his knees made walking impossible.

He was moved to Florence Fredrickson's home in nearby Hidden Basin. She cared for him until he passed away in 1979 at the age of 95.

“By your foolish acts you have cut yourself off from the two masters, Creator and nature. Of course, you can not believe this. You have been blinded by the bright glitter of things from man's own created ideas.”

~ Harry Roberts

(courtesy of the Sunshine Coast Museum)

Since 1989, Sunray has been maintained by Marg and Barry Pearson, a devoted couple who fell in love with the place and have sought ever since to preserve it.

Late in his life, Harry sold the land to a developer with the proviso that he be able to live there until he died.

It was later subdivided into 35 lots with ten acres along the beach beside the house becoming Sunshine Coast Regional District park land.

The land was later purchased by BC Hydro to put the Cheekeye Dunsmuir hydro line through to Texada Island.

The land near Cape Cockburn still sits with the surveyors' lot plans, divvied up like an ominous portent for Sunray's future.

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They describe their amazement at the number of visitors they've met during their restoration efforts each summer.

In a letter to BC Hydro, the Pearsons describe the efforts they've made to preserve the place that had fallen victim to years of neglect.

The Pearsons are petitioning BC Hydro to save Sunray, the small guest cabin and the early foundation Roberts built at eastern end of the beach.

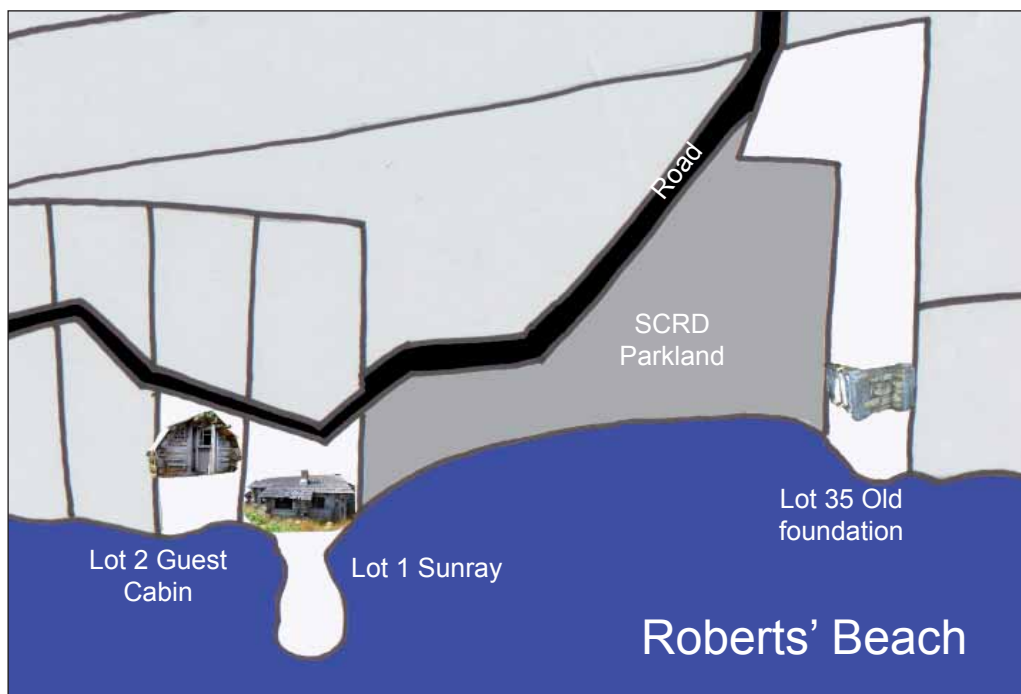
"We have come to a point where the expense and the obvious hard work have become more than we can do alone," write the Pearsons.

"We want BC Hydro to preserve the house as a heritage site of historical value. We want the properties of lot numbers 1, 2 and 35 to be designated as parkland and to be forever so. Harry Roberts left pieces of his life on all three of those properties. ... (They) would bracket the 10-acre SCRD park making it all one piece,"

As if Harry knew this day would come, he wrote in his journals:

"There will soon be another batch of home builders along this shore just as after World War I. So it might be as well to try to help them in this work which has been ours for so many years. It is very clear that lumber will [soon] be short and expensive. So we will, of course, go to the woods again for such things as our fathers did.

"Back in 1936, you may remember things were hard. No jobs. And no money for most of us. At that time, I said:



BC Hydro owns the three lots that bracket the SCRD owned park on Roberts' Beach. All contain items of historical significance. Lot 2 — Harry Robert's guest cabin, Lot 1 — Sunray and, at the far end of the beach, Lot 35 is the site of a foundation built by Roberts' before Sunray.

"We have all the time we want so let's build a real log home. One which might show another man that such things can yet be done. Then, should even another one go and do likewise, we have helped another man.'

"This very thing has happened. Our home has been looked over many times. Others have taken ideas from this home and I am sure many more will come and do the same."

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Camping sites exist along beaches and in the orchard near the cabin. Malaspina Water Taxi offers drop off and pick up services.

FURTHER READING...

Remembering Roberts Creek, 1889-1955, Roberts Creek Historical Committee, (Harbour Publishing, 1978).

The Sunshine Coast, Howard White, (Harbour Publishing, 1997)

Sailing Back in Time, Maria Coffey (Whitecap Books, 1996)

The Nelson Island Story, Karen Southern, (Hancock House, 1987)

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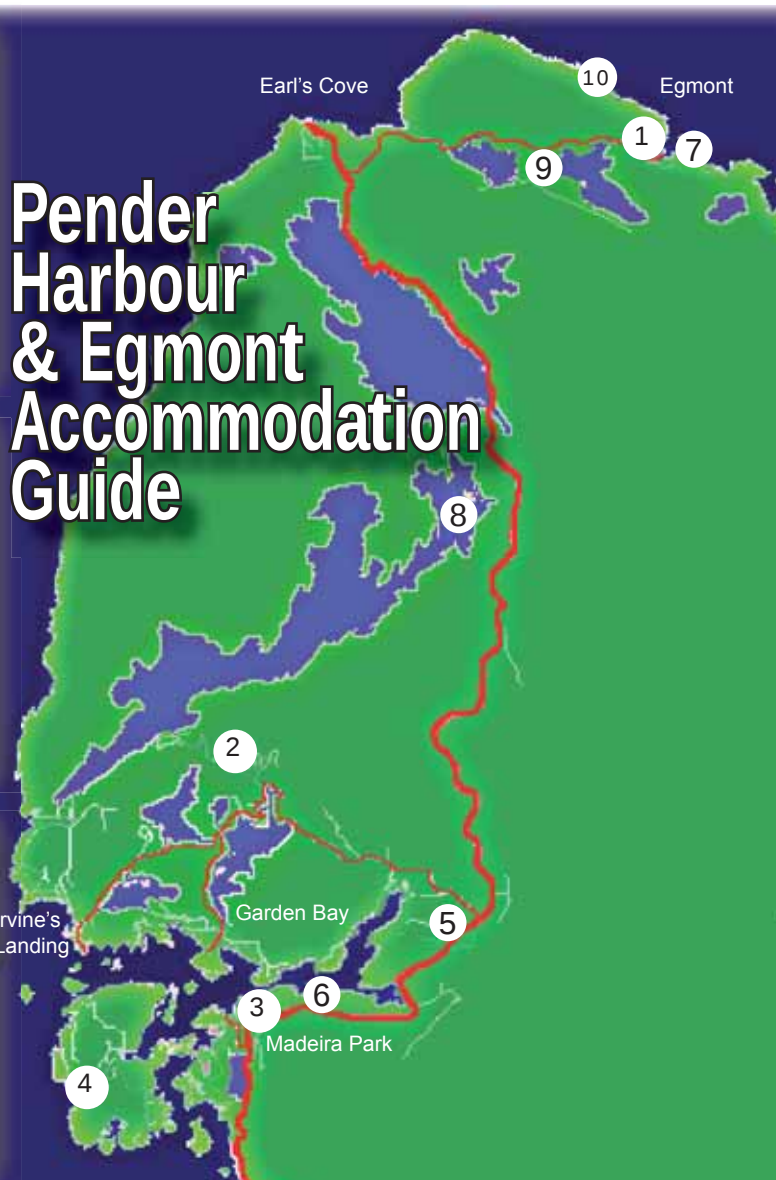


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Ray will be forever missed and loved by his wife Doreen, daughter Diane (Bob) Fielding, grandchildren Ash Fielding, Venessa (John) Smith and great-grandson Alexander Smith.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Carol, in 1999.

Following his long career as a tugboat captain, Ray enjoyed his time sailing, playing the flute, making blackberry wine, waltzing with Doreen, planting an amazing garden each year which he loved to share and, in

recent years, becoming quite the cook.

Most of all, he was a wonderful husband and father.

He had a long, full life and although grateful for that, he will be so very missed.

The family would like to thank everyone who have given their love and support to them during this time.

No service by Ray's request.

Stevan Robert Warner

JULY 1, 1953 - JULY 13, 2008

Stevan Warner died peacefully on July 13, 2008, after a brief, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born in Toronto, Steve spent most of his life in the Lower Mainland, Pender Harbour included, but called North Vancouver home.

His two great passions were bass guitar and carpentry and he was an expert at both.

Predeceased by his father Timothy Warner, Steve is survived by his mother Beth (née Durnan), children Stephanie and Geoffrey, brother Patrick (Wendy) and sister Julie (Jim).

Steve will be remembered by all

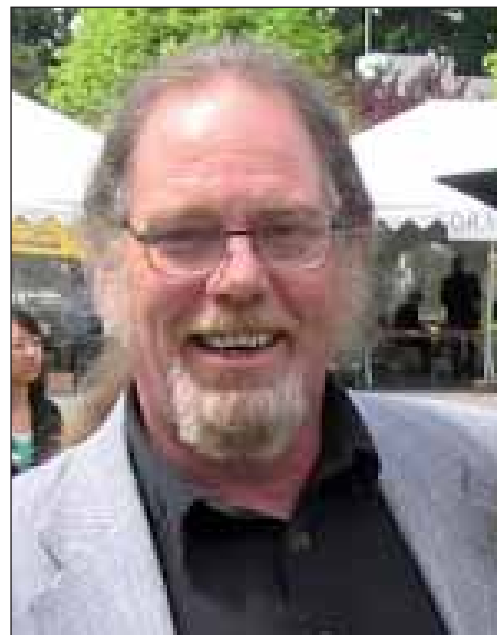
who knew him as a sharp, independent, good-humoured guy who was always full of life and laughter.

He will be dearly missed and we hope he will be waiting for us to join him again one day.

Many thanks to Dr. Jennie Shaw and the staff at Lions Gate Hospital for their care and support over the past few months.

A celebration of Steve's life was held Saturday, July 26 at the Legion Branch 118 in North Vancouver.

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Busy summer for SCRD issues



By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A

SUMMERTIME WATER USAGE

Writing
this column in

mid-July with no precipitation relief in view, our collective water usage is becoming a little alarming.

In the South Pender System we are currently using 400,000 gallons per day. The infrastructure, including reservoirs, pumps etc., is labouring to maintain fire service pressures.

This figure is as high as we have ever had including the hot summer of 2006.

Consequently I am appealing to all residents, not just in the South Pender area, but all folks on a community system to conserve, conserve, and then cut back some more.

For instance, do we have to use all the sprinkling time allowed? If you can, cut that in half.

Irrigation is the main cause for concern, but we can also cut back in normal domestic use within the home.

A note on the SCRD Toilet Rebate program: North Pender water users can access this plan, as a modest allowance was made in the current budget. South Pender will come on stream in 2009.

SCRD SATELLITE OFFICE IN MADEIRA PARK

I am pleased to announce that in September the SCRD will open a satellite office in Madeira Park at the former SPHWD office on Lagoon Rd.

A staff person will be available to handle calls and answer questions for local government services, five days per week during normal office hours.

Initially it is thought that planning information, mapping, property zoning, property uses and meeting information will be provided, along with building inspection services and application procedures.

By-law information and complaints and procedures for same will also be handled.

In addition, residents will have access to information on all SCRD services, including emergency services, 911, solid waste, recycling, recreation, Pender Pool, parks etc.

The development of staff, the facility and the services provided will depend upon community response — the SCRD is flexible and will respond to our local requirements.

This is essentially a pilot project.

Normal and waste water business will continue for both North Pender and South Pender systems and bills can still be paid locally.

UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS:

A few important dates for candidates to consider.

August 22: Nomination packages available to candidates.

September 30: Nomination period commences.

October 10: Nomination period closes.

November 15: General voting day.

Good luck all...

I might add that it will also be a location where you can, by appointment, meet and discuss issues with your local elected representative and, providing there is sufficient room available, hold smaller meetings.

This improvement in local government service has not been an easy process to develop.

I certainly hope that it is embraced by the entire community of Area A, resulting in a permanent facility.

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Grant fund for support financing for a modest bus service in this community. It was rejected as the funds were not available for operating costs.

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community bus.

The idea is to purchase a small bus (21 passenger "Airporter" type) and have it stationed at a central location.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS: There are no Board or Standing Committee meetings in August

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Director John Rees is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9033 or by email, jarees@dccnet.com.

Alternate Director Barrie Wilbee is assisting Director Rees with Policing and Transportation issues. Barrie can be reached at 604-883-2243.

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission, if required, is scheduled for:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Pender Harbour School of Music.

SCRD OFFICE TO OPEN IN PENDER HARBOUR

In September the SCRD will open a satellite office in the former South Pender Harbour water office building at 12828 Lagoon Rd. The office will be open Monday – Friday and will offer the following services:

- a full time administrative assistant to provide information and direct inquiries as required
- website access to the SCRD and printed information materials
- building inspectors will be available for appointments one day a week
- planning staff will be available for appointments one day a week
- water services will be available five days a week.

Watch for more information in the September edition of the Harbour Spiel.

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MORE INFO

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www.PenderHarbour.org (click Show & Shine)

To cut or not to cut, Rutherford answers the question

By Jim Rutherford
(assisted by Nolan Sawatzky)

After all the weather's insults of April and May the garden's a jungle out there right now.

Deep spring rains will always produce this lush growth and bloom when the heat comes on.

Those sickly garden plants we choose and planted with only optimism are beginning to flourish.

CHOOSING A VASE

The Garden Gate Florist in Sechart has a great selection from table size to floor-standing behemoths.

Based on the height of your material, and considering a ratio of two to one for material to vase, let's start with 15 inches for the vase.

A clear cylindrical form fits into any décor. The smaller the opening, the fewer flowers it hold. The more flared the opening the more difficult it is controlling the fresh material.

CUTTING

A few cuttings of salal or dagger fern will do nicely as a criss-cross hose to hold your cut flowers upright.

As mentioned before, no foliage should touch the water.

That beautiful salal you see with the bright emerald green foliage is actually the new leaves and will wilt right away when cut. So cut deeper

into the shrub for longer branches and discard those tender top few leaves.

Campanula, bee-balm, Shasta daisies, Rudeckia (black-eyed Susan's) phlox, lupines all make good cut flowers.

Add lukewarm water and floral preservative to the vase, leave about an inch down and away you go.

Dahlias are great for cutting but a little soft (mushy) in the stem, so in a couple of days you'll see the water cloudy and smelly.

This slime is really the killer of cut flowers. It cuts off the oxygen supply to all plant material. It's slippery to the touch and really does smell like pond scum.

Grab the whole arrangement in one hand and rinse off the stems with soapy water. Like any glassware, wash it clean replace the preservative, refill with lukewarm water and reset the flowers. To help combat algae I use a cap full of bleach in the water.

Lilies have almost taken over roses as the top selling cut flower. In this case, they're for sale many places two, three or four to a pot.

Tiger lilies and oriental lilies come in orange, yellow, pink, burgundy, white and two tone. They're a great deal and you get the bulbs for free — good thing as these bulbs have really been forced and should rest for a whole season before reproducing flowers again.

Cut the spent flowerets off the main stem and check that there are

several buds to go. To stop fertilization, pull off the orange stems wearing rubber gloves or using paper towels, the stem dust (pollen) stains and has ruined many a fine wedding dress.

The best result for cut flowers has always been to cut early morning or late evening while the plant sap is at rest and condition the cut flowers before you start designing with them.

As a little fun, to begin with or as an afterthought, we can add a couple of accent leaves around the rim of the vase. Any leaf formed at 90 degrees to the stem is ideal. Just cut the stem off and insert over the rim of the vase and quick as that you have a collar on the vase. Even an indoor monster-philodendron leaf can give you that great dramatic, "done by a designer" look.

No digging by Nolan this time, but a whole lot of cuttings!



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Editor's insensitivity raises ire of Daniel Point residents

Dear Editor,

I have just read your editorial in the July issue of Harbour Spiel in which you say:

"During winter there's very little glow escaping from the homes we've seen built in Daniel Point. High end subdivisions don't seem to bring full-time residents – the kind who populate our schools and local volunteer boards."

I just thought you would like to know that, as one of many year-round residents at Daniel Point, I have compiled a list of some of the activities that those of us who live here are involved with in the community.

- Bargain Barn volunteers & members of the women's auxiliary for the Health Centre
- Board member of the Abby-

Field House

- Rotary members & board members
- Board members of the PH Golf Club
- Coast Guard Volunteer
- Community School Board members
- Involvement with the Sarah Ray Heritage Centre project (the old Irvine's Landing School)
- President of the Chamber of Commerce
- Synchronized swim lesson instructor at the pool
- One of our residents brought in the Olympic Swimmers to encourage the youth of our community to become enthused about forming a swimming club
- Volunteer working on the PH Chamber Music Festival

• Members of the local Dragon Boat team

• Artists and musicians who volunteer their time and talent at fund raising events

• As well we have three families with six children attending the local schools

I am sure I have probably left out some of the other ways in which the residents here are involved in the community.

We have chosen to live here and make our homes here.

Yes we sometimes go away for a month or two in the winter, but the majority of us are here most of the year.

Cheers,
Jackie Grant

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Dear Editor,

Your recent editorial – Let's promote the 'WHC' – contained a few questions and generated a few others from within our community that I would like to comment on.

Are the residents of Daniel Point subdivision full-time residents and the kind who populate our schools and local volunteer boards?

As a resident of Norman Point (a few outsiders call it Daniel Point – don't know why) and after a few subtle comments like, "Aren't you related to Brian?" I realized I should defend my friends and neighbours and answer these question.

So what follows is a best effort analysis based on local knowledge of our neighbourhood.

Norman Point residents currently have 15 of their offspring in the local school system. Sadly, very few of us have our adult offspring living in the Harbour. All of us would like to improve on that.

Phase one, two and three of the Daniel Point subdivision have 54 completed homes.

Forty-one are primary residences and the other 13 homes are divided into two empty or for sale and 11 weekenders (there are six more under construction but not counted here).

This means 76 per cent of the current homes are primary residences.

This is balanced by the fact that only 60 of 128 lots are being developed after 10-plus years of evolution.

Are the people of Norman Point contributing to the greater community by serving on local volunteer boards?

Ten are on the executives of various volunteer groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, P. H. Community School, P. H. Golf Club, Volunteer Coast Guard, TOPS, Irvine's Landing School/Sara Wray Hall and Big Sisters.

Seventeen others are active volunteers for various organizations such as the Bargain Barn, swim club, Dragon Boat, Irvines Landing/Sara Wray restoration and chaplain for the RCMP.

Most people I have talked to agree that better planning and adherence to the plan could encourage

commercial development in the appropriate areas. Norman Point/Irvine's Landing does not have a public boat launch, a public wharf, a neighbourhood pub, a corner store or land reserved for these and other appropriate commercial activities.

We share this problem with most other areas around the Harbour and appreciate your efforts to highlight them so they can be corrected (translation – we miss our Irvine's Landing pub and wharf).

So I left the best to the last: Is Brian really picking on the Residents of Norman Point (Daniel Point)? Sadly he is — either deliberately or accidentally.

However, if that is what it takes to improve our communities then we must thank him for bringing the subject up for public action.

Len Lee



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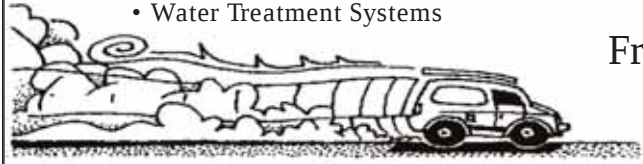
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This letter was prompted by your editorial in the July Harbour Spiel.

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By our calculations, approximately two-thirds of the residents here are full time.

There are several children who live here and attend local schools and, most importantly, there is a huge base of volunteer support from our little community.

Among the volunteers, we have

talent that raised considerable money for the health centre.

We have the Coast Guard, the Rotary and Lions' Club members, Bargain Barn and library volunteers and the latest group that is pulling together to bring the old Irvine's School back to life as a community centre.

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CONGRATULATIONS to this year's winner, Cheryl Jensen, for the largest salmon, Teresa Sladey for a very close 2nd place, Keith McKenzie(not pictured) for placing 3rd and winning the "biggest liar award" and Brandon Jensen for his big win on the boat auction lottery.





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Healthy and happy septic systems



By Alan Stewart

Alright, it's not the most glamorous part of property ownership in rural communities, but septic systems are an essential part of life anywhere not connected to a municipal or city sewage system.

A septic "system" consists of two basic parts: a septic tank or a treatment plant and a dispersal area, or "field." A field consists of a series of underground pipes that evenly distribute the partially treated liquid into the ground for final treatment.

THE BASICS

Here's the skinny on how it all works: Waste water and human waste enter the septic tank where the solids settle to the bottom and become sludge, while oils and other light material float to the surface, forming a scum layer (yum).

If everything is working properly inside the tank, anaerobic bacteria (bacteria which need no oxygen) break down the solids by 50 – 60 per cent.

The liquid between the sludge on the bottom of the tank and the scum on the top is what flows out of the tank and into the septic field where further treatment naturally occurs, until the liquid effluent is harmless.

The sludge and scum layer in the tank need to be pumped out regularly by an authorized contractor.

I'm told that a tank for a three bedroom home should be pumped out every three to four years.

When there is limited room or soil for the dispersal area the waste material may need further treatment before it is sent to the septic field. In these cases, a treatment plant may be utilized.

Inside the treatment plant, oxygen is used to help break down the wastes by allowing aerobic bacteria, which are more efficient, to further treat the waste. Simply, it's cleaner and safer before it enters the dispersal area.

According to www.bchealth-guide.org, a service of the British Columbia government, the new Sewerage System Regulation of the Health Act (2005) has set some parameters for new septic installations and repairs. Requirements include:

- that discharges do not cause or contribute to a health hazard
- that only authorized persons construct and/or maintain systems
- that systems must be designed to adhere to strict performance standards
- that maintenance requirements be established for the system
- and that ongoing system records be kept – ensuring industry and

owner accountability.

MAINTENANCE

Once a system is working, it's the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the maintenance plan is followed.

If you don't have a plan, contact a local service agent who is authorized and experienced with your specific treatment plant and model. Set up an annual service contract. There are a number of companies listed in the Harbour Spiel or the Yellow Pages under "Septic Tanks – Cleaning & Removal."

When preparing your plan, remember to have sludge removed in the spring rather than the fall, which prevents leaving undigested solids in the tank during the cold winter months, and don't scrub your tank clean – a small amount of sludge should be left to renew bacterial activity.

It's important to have an accurate drawing that shows the location of all the parts of the septic system so you and your service agent can find them.

UPGRADES

Local certified septic system installer Mike Sheehan says there are a few inexpensive things owners of older systems can do to help improve the health of their septic systems and avoid costly repairs.

On all new septic tanks, a filter is installed on the outflow pipe to prevent solids from entering the dispersal field. These filters can also be installed into older tanks.

Secondly, "speed levellers" can be installed in the distribution box which allows for even distribution of waste water to the field. If you fail to take care of your system, the bill can

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DANGERS

Most septic systems will fail sometime.

They are designed to have a life-time of 20 to 30 years, under the best conditions. Well maintained, newer systems can last even longer by utilizing new technology.

According to certified septic system installer Don White of Indian Isle Construction, in-ground "infiltrators" can improve the effective distribution of waste water by up to 43 per cent and lessen the probability of organics and roots collecting within the septic field runs.

The most serious effect of a failing system is the potential for serious disease from the leaking, improperly treated waste. Dysentery and hepatitis can be spread by these wastes.

Another danger is posed by the methane gas produced by the systems.

Not only is methane gas toxic, but it is also explosive and can cause asphyxiation.

These are all good reasons to utilize a qualified service agent in maintaining the systems.

COSTS

Depending on the amount of native soil and the topography of the property, there is a range of costs associated with installing a septic sys-

tem.

For basic budgeting purposes, you can expect a basic gravity fed system in an area with ample native soil to cost in or around \$7,000.

If you have to add a pump to the system for an elevated field, add approximately \$2,000.

If you have limited soil and need to install a "sand field," add approximately \$2,500.

For a treatment plant you can add an additional \$6,000.

If the property is too challenging for a Certified Septic Installer to deal with, you will have to look to an engineer to design a system which can run anywhere from \$25,000 to \$45,000.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION

If you are thinking of subdividing a property, there are stringent requirements for the provision of not only one suitable septic area, but also a back up septic area and a covenant

preventing construction of roads or buildings on those areas.

The process is governed by Vancouver Coastal Health and you can find a handy 31page guide full of all the forms required at www.vch.ca by typing "subdivision guide" in their search engine.

If you don't have access to the internet let me know and I can print one out for you.

SUMMARY

If you're buying a house, make sure the septic system is identified, mapped and inspected by a qualified service agent.

If you have an existing system, make sure you have a plan in place for regular maintenance and inspection.

If you fail to plan – plan to have your septic system fail.

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Tick bites and disease

Compiled by PH Health Centre Staff

Ticks are tiny bugs which feed on blood. They live in tall grass and wooded areas.

Ticks burrow part way into the skin, bite, draw blood and then drop off.

The feeding tick's mouth will be under the skin, but the back parts will be sticking out.

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

Check your whole body and clothing. There may be more.

If the tick is buried deep into the skin you should go to the Pender Harbour Health Centre and see a doctor or nurse for removal.

TO REMOVE THE TICK YOURSELF:

a) Use tweezers to gently get hold of the tick as close to it's mouth as possible. Don't touch the tick with your hands.

b) Steadily lift the tick straight off the skin. Do not jerk, unscrew or twist the tick because this may separate the head from the body. It is very

important to make sure that all of the tick, including the mouth parts that are buried in your skin, are removed. If concerned that all the body parts are not removed, come to the health centre and the nurse can carefully check the bite area.

c) Once the tick has been removed, clean the bite area with soap and water. You may also put a small amount of antibiotic ointment on the area.

Live ticks can be sent to the BC Centre of Disease Control. Bring live ticks in a container to the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

Several diseases can be passed to humans from tick bites. The most well-known is Lyme disease.

Borrelia burgdorferi is the organism that causes Lyme disease.

There are no confirmed Lyme disease cases on the Sunshine Coast.

However the organism causing Lyme disease has been found on ticks here.

TO AVOID TICK BITES

a) Wear light coloured clothing with your top and pants tucked in.

b) Use an insect repellent containing DEET on your clothes and on all uncovered skin.

c) Check clothing and scalp after leaving an area where ticks may live.

d) Regularly check household pets that are in tall grasses and wooded areas.

SYMPTOMS OF LYME DISEASE

If you have the following symptoms within days or weeks after being bitten by a tick, report them to your doctor.

a) General symptoms of fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue or weakness of the muscles of the face.

b) Skin rash, especially one that looks like a bull's eye. It may or may not be where the bite was.

c) In some cases paralysis may occur. This usually starts in the feet and works up. This paralysis usually starts within a few hours to a day or two after the bite.

Lyme disease and other tick-related disease can be treated with antibiotics

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Week 14: *Prepare a first-aid kit that includes extra prescription medication, extra eyeglasses, bandages, sterile gauze pads, tape, scissors, tweezers, antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide and over-the-counter pain pills.*

Week 15: *Add a change of clothing for each family member to your kit. Be sure to include warm clothing, heavy work gloves and sturdy shoes.*

Week 16: *Add some canned food like stews, baked beans and vegetables to your kit.*

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AUGUST WEATHER

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August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

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cheechako — newcomer (emphasis on second syllable). Chee means “new” and chako means “come”. Ko means “arrive”

cultus — bad, worthless, inconsequential, unimportant. Or just “ordinary” or “nothing special”, and also “idle”.

hooch — homemade liquor

hyak — fast, swift.

klootchman — woman or female, long common throughout the Northwest to mean a native woman, but without the derisive sense of “squaw”.

lemolo — wild, dangerous, from the backcountry.

puss-puss — cat, house cat.

skookum — big/strong, powerful, awe-inspiring; monster or monstrous (obsolete). Opposite of cultus. Used as a verb auxiliary for “can” (to be able) or “powerful at”.

tatoosh — milk, butter. Also means breasts, or the chest.

tillikum — friend; also means people, kin

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Simon Fraser: In Search of Modern British Columbia

By Theresa Kishkan

Two hundred years ago, a North West Company trader named Simon Fraser managed a feat of exploration that was as important a part of establishing the province of British Columbia as any other enterprise.

By descending an unnamed river from South Fort George with a team of Indian guides, translators, and French-Canadians through its turbulent canyons and rapids, using rudimentary navigation systems, creating maps along the journey, Fraser and his men arrived at the river's mouth 36 days later. The purpose was to determine a navigable route to the Pacific for the fur brigades.

With *Simon Fraser: In Search of Modern British Columbia* (Harbour Publishing, 2008), Stephen Hume has written an extraordinary account of that journey.

In his foreword, he stresses that the book is neither a scholarly history nor a biography of Fraser yet the func-

tions of both are accommodated with skill.

First he followed the paper trail — the journals, letters and NWC ledgers — to determine the historical context of his subject. Then he travelled to New England and eastern Canada in search of Simon Fraser's origins and early years.

The first half of the book provides a concise history of the fur trade.

Maps, sample documents, photographs of significant locations, archival material and period illustrations all serve to offer the reader a clear picture of the man and the world that created him.

And then the book moves west with Fraser's story:

"Eventually I laid aside my books and papers and turned to the land for my sense of the elusive Simon Fraser. Since my search had to start somewhere, I decided the narrow,

windy point where the young explorer first stepped ashore was the place to begin his story." (page 25)

Hume is a consummate story-teller with a fine sense of detail.

In many ways this narrative is as much his own as Simon Fraser's.

By following the explorer's trail, by canoe, rented car, in the company of river guides, anthropologists, native elders, ranchers, archivists, museum curators, and amateur historians, he finds common ground, shared expe-

rience, as well as affec-

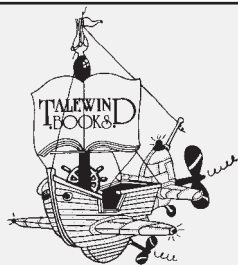
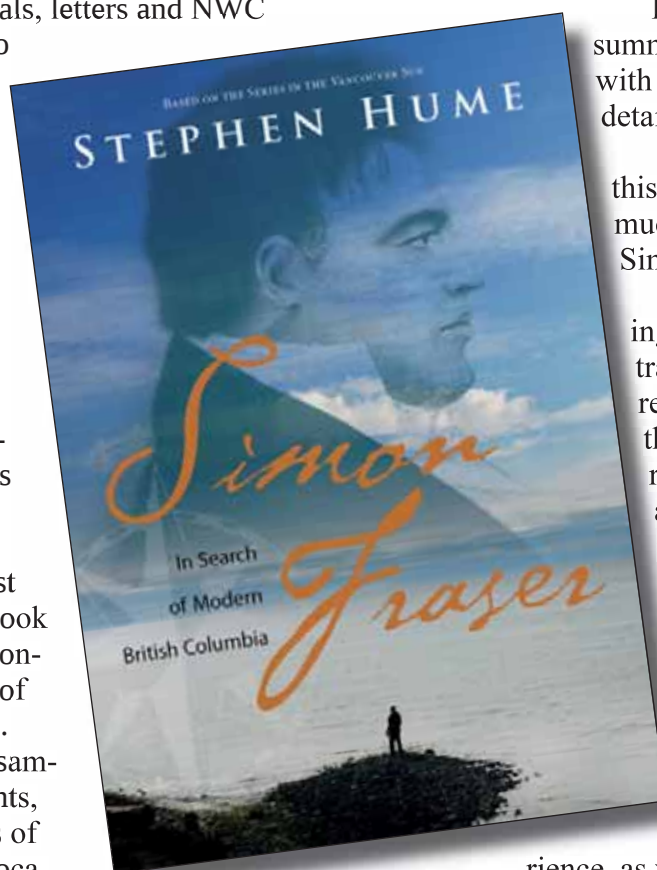
tion for Fraser.

He recognizes that it is not entirely fashionable to concentrate one's attention on dead white male explorers.

It is more usual to deplore their advancement of Eurocentric values and to concentrate on the subverted or marginalized histories supplanted by the colonial enterprise. But, of course, both are important.

It isn't particularly useful to simply judge the actions of 18th and 19th century nation-builders by our current standards of justice and tolerance and to ignore the courage and vision that motivated them.

It was enlightening to me to learn how much Simon Fraser depended on native guides and how he respected that they represented individual nations with clear boundaries;



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he was frequently met at these borders and escorted through the territory.

His journals detail his encounters, grateful to be given specific knowledge of the landscape he was travelling through as well as the potential navigational hazards in store for his team. Occasionally there was hostility but more often generosity.

I was also fascinated to read of the oral tradition of these encounters among the various nations.

In the early 20th century, ethnologist (and former Spences Bridge storekeeper) James Teit collected a story from a woman from Stein River whose grandmother, as a young girl, had witnessed Fraser's arrival in her village:

"She saw two canoes with red flags hoisted, come downstream. She ran and told her mother and the people gathered to see the strange sight. Seeing so many people gathered, the canoes put ashore and several men came ashore...Some of the men looked like Indians, and others looked like what we call white men. Among them was a Shuswap chief who acted as an interpreter...After distributing a few presents, they boarded their canoes and went on to Lytton." (page 273-4)

I was fascinated too by the way Hume "read" the landscape, finding many of the same features that Simon Fraser would have noticed – the rock paintings, the geological formations, abandoned village sites (smallpox swept through the native communities before and after Fraser's journey), the extraordinary physicality of the mountains and cliffs.

Once, after a wild ride through Iron Canyon, between Riske Creek and the Chilcotin River, in a jetboat piloted by river guide Doug Green, Hume quotes from Fraser's journal:

"It is terrible to behold the rapidity and turbulence of the immense body of water that passes in this nar-

row gut."

Fraser chooses to portage rather than run the rapids, a gruelling chore after which he rewarded his men with a dram of "shrub," a drink of lemon juice, sugar and rum. One imagines the relief and pleasure of the men as they drank.

Readers of the Vancouver Sun might have a sense of déjà vu and, in fact, Hume presented a version of this material in a series in that newspaper

in 2006.

But in *Simon Fraser: In Search of Modern British Columbia*, he has built on that earlier series, providing a good deal of background to prepare the reader for the thrilling saga of Fraser's journey and the result is a marvelous work of historical narrative.

Beautifully written, this is a book that should be in every home and school.

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SERENDIPITY PRESCHOOL

Serendipity Preschool has a few spots open for the September 2008-9 school year. The first day of preschool starts on Tuesday, September 2. For more information, please call (604) 883-2316 and leave a message.

PENDER HARBOUR LEGION

Where can you take your kids for dinner on Friday nights in our community? The Legion Hall for Friday Night Fish and Chips! There is plenty of room and the sounds of kids munching on homemade fries, laughing and having fun is music to the ears. The Branch needs plenty of volunteer help to make the Legion viable again. The membership group is very strong but volunteers are crucial to getting the Legion back on track. Please come in and offer a couple of hours of your time. The Pender Harbour Legion has been in the Harbour for more than 60 years and is a meeting place for friends, neighbours and visitors alike. We have a great facility and we must not lose it. Watch for new opening hours and special events. Absolutely everyone is welcome.

ABBNEYFIELD PICNIC IN THE PARK

"Picnic in the Park" takes place on August 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Chamber Music Festival at Millennium Park, at the Govt. Dock in Madeira Park. Come out for cold meats, salads, cold drinks and homemade desserts. Tickets available at Harbour Insurance, at the Sechelt Visitor Information Centre, through the PH Chamber Music Festival (call 604 883-1230) and "at the door." Adults: \$15/Children under 12: \$10.

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Busy season at the golf course

By Jan Watson

With the good weather it is busier at the golf course, so please phone ahead for tee times (604)883-9541.

Also please note the number for the restaurant is 604-883-9542.

We are still a little short of staff for the mornings and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Hopefully this will be rectified soon.

INTERCLUB

The ladies made a great effort to make up the deficit from their away match at Roberts Creek when they played the return match at Pender on July 7.

They won by eight points but Sunshine Coast won overall by four points to retain the trophy.

It was a better outcome against Sechelt.

Down by seven points from the away game, Pender came through very strong in the return leg at home on July 14 winning by a whopping 16 points which meant an overall nine point victory to bring the trophy back to the Harbour.

MEN'S CLUB

July 1 was a four man team low net event and after retrogression the winners were Rod Springman, Ross Elliot, Dan Weinhandle and John Christopherson with 40.9.

July 8 saw an individual Stableford won by Rod Springman with 48 points.

LADIES CLUB

On July 3 first in Blind Partners were Joan Stanton and Kathy Bergman with 132.

July 10 was a Team Low Net. First were Kathy Bergman and Bev Provost with 124.

Special congratulations to Lorna Lycan who broke 100 for the first time with an amazing 92.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT AND SCRAMBLE

As always a fun night, followed by a great dinner.

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Harbour Gallery showcases more than just coloured canvas

*By Nefri Lyske
(with assistance from Wendy Simmonds)*

The Harbour Artists, founded by a group of pals who met and drew (such as Ada Priest, Vera Love, and Elspeth Logan) was formed originally just to have artists paint together.

They started out by painting in each other's homes and then moved first to the Irvine's Landing Hall and then to the Lions Park Hall for a number of years.

In the very old days, when Sears moved out of what is now the Oak Tree Market building, they started a summer gallery in the vacant shop.

By 1986 the old Forestry site overlooking the Madeira Park Government Wharf was abandoned.

Community groups like the

School of Music, the Harbour Artists, the library, and later the pre-school, took over the buildings and renovated them for community use.

The Harbour Artist's Gallery was originally a garage, but opened in the summer of 1987 with whitewashed stud and shiplap walls and a donated scrap of carpet.

From there, they haven't looked back.

Back then, membership included people like Noreen Marshall, Elva Smith, Bea MacFarlane, and Wendy Simmonds.

In 1992, both the School of Music and the Gallery received help from Community Futures in the form of some money. In the case of the Harbour Artists, the money was used to create a bathroom, some insulation

and a ceiling, as well as some basic kitchen and water facilities.

Much volunteer help came from generous technicians and worthy husbands, notably Edith Hubbard's husband Bob who more or less became the general contractor for the project.

Eventually, the SCRD formally took over the complex and named it the Pender Harbour Cultural Centre.

All of the groups involved then became tenants and continued to be responsible for the interior of the building, insurance and any upgrades.

Today they have a wonderful facility that fosters the local arts, providing space for weekly painting meetings, workshop space for lessons and small meetings or gatherings. The space also serves as a "Green Room" for performing artists next door.



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Membership is drawn from Area A though some people who have moved down the Coast have been “grandfathered” and still belong to either the Gallery or the Artist group.

When open in the summer, the artists act as community ambassadors to both the boating visitors and road travellers. Many of the approximately 2,000 people who visit annually have travelled from off the Coast.

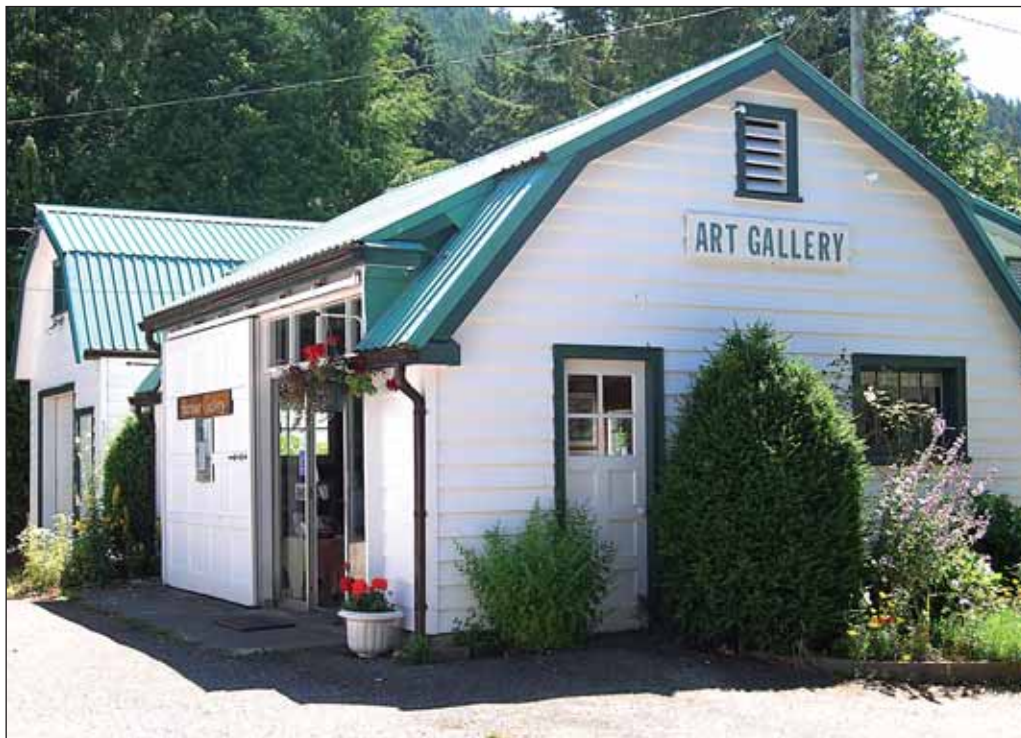
At present, they have about 17 exhibiting artists in the Gallery membership including long-term members June Malaka, Nefri Lyske, Wendy Simmonds and Louise Lenko.

In the early years the group held painting raffles for the Health Centre and the Area A Auxiliary to St. Mary’s. Many of the members have donated originals and prints to support both local and international causes, such as the Diabetes Foundation and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Closer to home, the artists have supported such groups as the Friends of Caren, the Iris Griffith Centre, the Rotary Club and, collectively, the Garden Club, Food Bank, Health Centre and the Revitalization of P.H. Committee.

Since 2006, the members of the gallery have sponsored a bursary for a Pender Harbour graduating student pursuing a career in the fine arts.

Past recipients include Denise



Once a garage, the Harbour Gallery now showcases the work of 17 local artists and provides a space for any number of artistic and community projects.

Cymbalist (2006) and Chris Nichols (2007).

In 1997, the Harbour Artists split into two groups: the Harbour Artists and the Harbour Gallery members.

Most belong to both groups but some people choose to just show with the Harbour Gallery.

Other members just meet Mondays or Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to paint together as members of the Harbour Artists.

Helping and teaching one another is part of their mandate regardless of

skill level.

The gallery is a co-operative venture where all of us who show take turns sitting.

The Harbour Artists hold workshops with instructors from on and off the Coast during winter sessions and during summer “plein air” outings.

The Harbour Gallery is open Saturdays only from May Day until July.

From July 1 to Labour Day weekend the gallery is open daily, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Scott Smith retains World Cup downhill longboard points lead after



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Scott Smith showing the form that earned him second place in Peyragudes, France on July 15.

Scott Smith has absolutely dominated a three-race European World Cup tour this summer.

After a victory in Austria and a second place in France, Pender Harbour downhill longboarder "Scoot" was literally rolling away with the lead in the International Gravity Sports Association World Cup point race.

Until his last race on July 26 in Austria, Smith hadn't missed a podium in every IGSA race he's entered this year.

After placing third in a World Cup race in Australia in March, Smith went on to pick up more points by placing second at a National event in Vernon in June.

On July 15, Smith placed second once again in a World Cup event held in Peyragudes, France.

That race was described by IGSA President Martin Rietema as having the most competitive field ever assembled for a downhill longboarding race.

Vancouver's Kevin Reimer, 2008 Danger Bay champ, placed first at Peyragudes, with three-time World Champion Martin Siegrist from Switzerland taking third and Cape Town, South Africa's Mike Zietsman fourth.

Next, Smith travelled to Germany to make a dramatic come-from-behind finish to win the 1.8-km Almbtrieb World Cup race July 19 in Jungholz.

Once again Smith faced his nemesis Reimer in a final described on the IGSA website:

"It looked like the race was over and 'K-Rimes' was going to make it

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dominating European tour

two World Cup victories in a row but Scoot nailed the Carousel and got into K-Rimes draft coming off the final corner leading onto the finish straight-away,” wrote Rietema.

“Scoot timed the draft perfectly, eating up Reimer’s lead and surging past him as they came to the finish line.”

Kevin Reimer came second.

Smith finished off his European Tour in Thalgau, Austria at the Rock and Roll World Cup July 23 - 26, finishing a respectable tenth.

The winner of that race, Vancouver’s Mischo Erban, is Smith’s closest rival for the World Cup points title setting up a dramatic showdown at the Mary Hill Festival of Speed in Washington later this month. The three European races were each won by a different BC athlete.

Another local, Rylan “Raggie” English, was third in World Cup standings before bowing out of the European leg of the tour. He placed 10th in Australia and 7th in Vernon.

Funding seems to be the only barrier keeping Pender Harbour talent from dominating international downhill longboard racing.

After his first race in France, Smith was interviewed by the French station GlisseMag TV:

“I’d like to thank Landyachtz and my Dad for helping me out and my family and the Lions’ Club in Pender Harbour — they helped me out a lot,” Smith told the interviewer.

“I got a great community where I come from. Most of all, I’d like to thank Bricin Lyons for getting longboarding as big as it is in Canada. If it wasn’t for him, most of us wouldn’t be here.”



Photo by Marcus Rietema
Provided courtesy of the IGSA

Scoot is hoisted triumphantly after winning his first race of the season, the Almatrieb World Cup in Junholz, Germany. Smith returned to Canada with a win, a second and a 10th place finish to maintain his lead in the World Cup title points race.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AUGUST EVENTS

- Fri. Aug. 1.....Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival - Madeira Park Government Wharf, 4 days
 Sat. Aug. 2.....Raise the Roof Seafood Dinner Fundraising Dinner/Dance - P. H. Community Hall, 5:30 p.m.
 Mon. Aug. 4.....P. H. Food Bank Pick Up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Sun. Aug. 10.....Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Garden Bay Pub, Noon
 Wed. Aug. 27.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Fri. Aug. 15.....Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival - P. H. School of Music, 3 days
 Sat. Aug. 16.....Abbeyfield "Picnic in the Park" - Millenium Park, 4:30 p.m.
 Mon. Aug. 18.....P. H. Food Bank Pick Up - P. H. Community Church, Noon

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Members of the Pender Harbour Dragon Boat Team along with nine Rotary Youth Exchange Students from Argentina, Mexico, Czech Republic, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, France, Sweden and Denmark. The Pender Harbour Rotary Club's exchange student from Argentina, Aldi Arambarri (front row, third from left), will be leaving Canada this Sunday after an incredible year in our small town. The students were on a 25-day B.C. Tour hosted by Pender's own David Bradley.

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