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Brian Lee

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Ryan Lee took this shot of the “sturgeon moon” on Aug. 1. (Ryan Lee photo)

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editorial

A whale of a proposal



Brian Lee

I recently had a scary encounter with a dangerous wild animal.

While running back from Thormanby Island, two feisty humpback whales startled my passenger and I when they surfaced a boat length off our port bow (see photos p. 16).

As we drifted, the 40,000-kilogram speed bumps continued to feed, unconcerned by the near collision.

Vessel strikes have become a significant hazard in the Strait of Georgia in recent years.

So, I will say what everyone’s already thinking — it’s time for a cull.

At best, humpbacks have become a hazard to navigation.

At worst, they’re an ecological disaster.

People refer to Pacific herring as a foundation species because so many other species rely on them for food.

But what do herring eat?

Krill.

A healthy marine ecosystem depends on a healthy population of krill.

A humpback sucks up an estimated 1,360 kilograms (3,000 pounds) of krill and other small fish each day.

Since commercial whaling closed in 1967, not a single humpback was spotted in the strait until 1997.

According to CHEK News, 396 humpback whales returned last year.

Because they live an average of 80 years, even that one lonely whale

spotted in 1997 may have 50 more years to plunder the food chain.

This superabundance of whales is already depleting Strait of Georgia krill by 1.2 million pounds each day.

In 2022, 34 calves were identified in local waters — clear evidence of a population wildly out of control.

The good news is they’re valuable behemoths of protein and blubber.

One economist’s estimate places the value of a harvested humpback whale at close to \$100,000.

A sustainable harvest of 40 whales per year would land \$4 million at the dock.

Including spinoffs from processing and retail sales, that figure could double.

By taking the lead, Pender Harbour could be the epicentre of BC’s revitalized whaling industry.

The timing couldn’t be better.

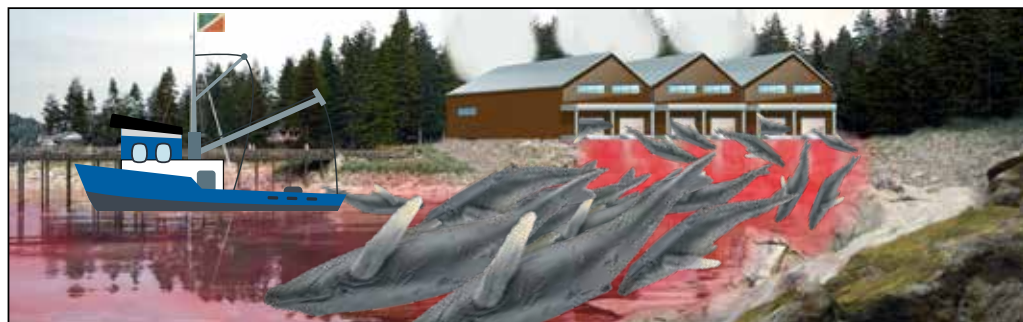
Local fishermen all need new trucks, and are eager to retrain in modern whaling techniques.

Plus, there’s an undeveloped piece of Irvines Landing waterfront that would make an ideal processing plant, providing seasonal employment for local families.

The “Pender Ocean Whaling Station,” could return Irvines Landing to the forefront as the centre of commerce in the community.

Then, whale steak and chips at the Legion on Friday nights.

Call your MP today.



Artist’s rendering of the proposed Pender Ocean Whaling Station in full operation.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MERGER INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Come out to the Fuse Work Hub in Madeira Park to learn more about a proposed merger between the Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour Chambers of Commerce. As part of the process, the three chambers will hold separate special general meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 8 for members to vote on a resolution to merge. Only members in good standing will be able to vote. Prior to this vote, members are invited to an information session on Oct. 10 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fuse Work Hub located above the Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital. For more information on the proposed merger, please visit <https://www.penderharbour.ca/sunshine-coast-chambers-merger-initiative/>.

SUNSHINE COAST ART CRAWL: Oct. 20-22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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PHARA TOWN HALL MEETING: Sunday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m.

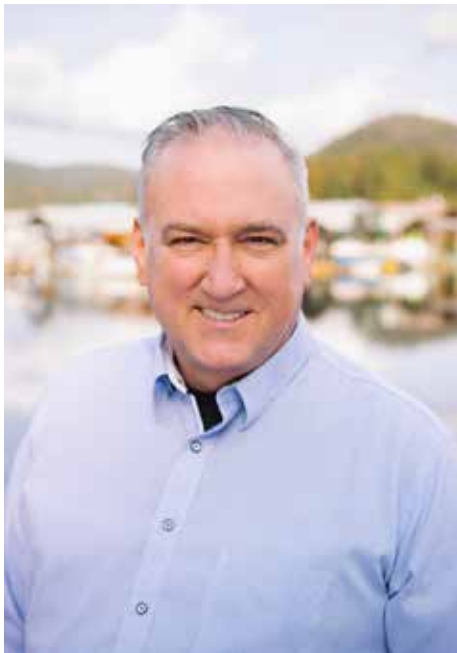
All residents are invited to a town hall meeting at the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Oct. 22 hosted by the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association. Expect updates on ongoing issues including the dock management plan, name changes, derelict boats, the illegal encampment on Garden Bay Road and others. New issues will include the future of our community gardens and the proposed implementation of Section 7 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. For more information, visit www.phara.ca.

HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS DISPLAY: Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

The traditional Halloween fireworks display is put on by the P. H. Volunteer Fire Department each year and is best viewed from Millennium Park in Madeira Park at 7:30 p.m.



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From 1 to 190: First *Harbour Spiels* now digitized and online

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society recently completed a digitization project of early *Harbour Spiels*.

Now available online through the society's digital collection on their website at www.penderharbourheritage.ca are the first 190 issues of the *Harbour Spiel* dating from Feb. 1991 to Oct. 2006.

Also known as the "Myrtle Years," they are almost all issues published by the *Spiel's* founder Myrtle Winchester.

The current editor took over as a young boy in November 2006.

Three PHLHS volunteers headed up the project — Cathy Jenks, Carol Howie and Marg Skelley.

Volunteer Carol Howie told the *Harbour Spiel* that, originally, the group planned to do the physical scanning themselves.

"Because there were so many issues and so many pages, and we're all volunteers and didn't have time, it would have taken forever to chip away at it," said Howie.

"Luckily, Cathy said, 'Well, why not let's try for a grant?'"

In 2022, the PHLHS received a grant-in-aid from the SCRD for \$2,000.

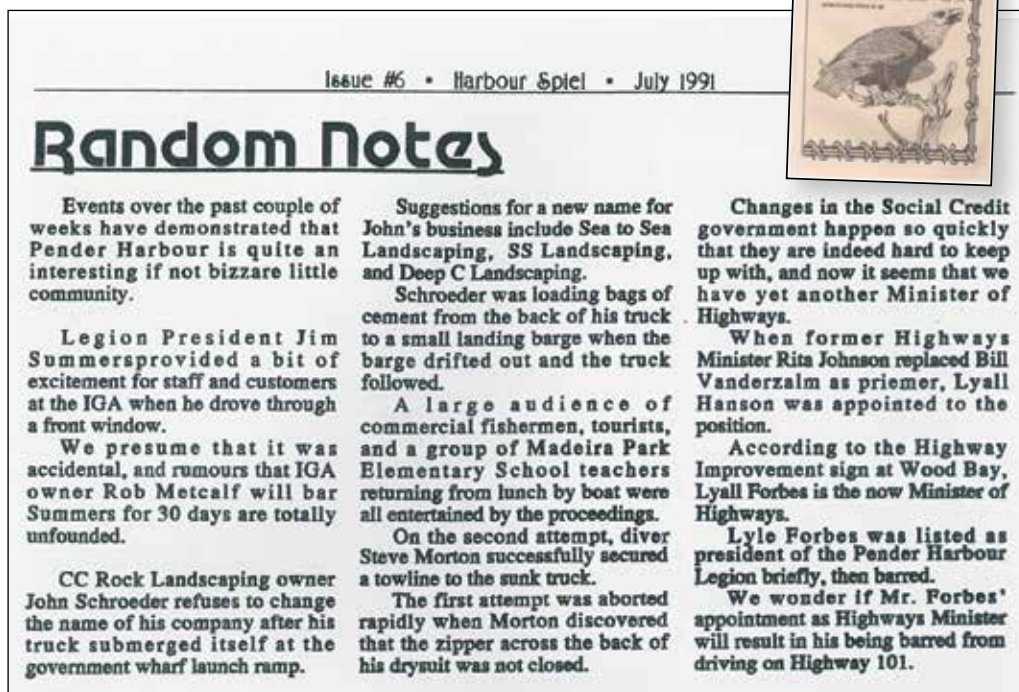
They contracted Micro Com Systems Ltd. in Burnaby who handled the scanning and digitization process.

"They scanned, indexed and OCR'd every page from the first 190 *Harbour Spiels*," said Howie.

OCR stands for "optical character reader" and electronically converts type on scanned images so it can be electronically edited and searched.

"Even after the scanning was done, it took a lot of time to enter it into the database."

The PHLHS has a digital collec-



A random snippet from the July 1991 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*. Now available online through the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society's digital collection.

tion that is keyword searchable and hosts full copies of entire issues of the *Harbour Spiel* up to 2006, as well as many other items of local history.

"But we have way more stuff than is currently online," said Howie.

She said the PHLHS archives at Sarah Wray Hall now has one set of *Harbour Spiels* (issues 1-190) stored safely and another set that is available for the public to view.

The collection of *Harbour Spiels* (1 thru 190) can be viewed at https://penderharbourheritage.catalogaccess.com/advanced-search?includedFields=Objects%2CPhotos%2CArchives%2CLibrary%2CPeople%2CContainers&Catalog+Number=001.7-6.1.*&page=1&size=10&withImages=false.

All issues since November 2006 (nos. 191 to 394) are available to view at www.harbourspiel.com.

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Esther Chetner

Esther Chetner recently caught these two black-tailed deer making out.

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October 22 ■ Madeira Park Community Hall ■ 1 to 3 pm

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~ ALL RESIDENTS INVITED ~

PHARA is a community-based non-profit that is your voice for local governance issues.
Come out, let your voice be heard and have an impact on the future of our community.

We'll be providing updates on ongoing issues: the Dock Management Plan, name changes, derelict boats, the illegal encampment on Garden Bay Road and others. New issues will include the future of our community gardens and the proposed implementation of Section 7 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We have also invited the Pender Harbour Health Centre to provide an update on the search for a new doctor.



An open mic will give you the chance to put your concerns on the table,
have them discussed and if possible, put into action.

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Mark your calendars and check out our website www.phara.ca for more information!



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Dedicated Bargain Barn volunteers celebrate another successful year supporting the Pender Harbour Health Centre on Aug. 24. The event was a ‘thank you’ afternoon tea for Bargain Barn volunteers and the theme was ‘bring a friend’ as they are always looking for new volunteers. Due to popular demand the thrift store will be extending its operating hours by opening on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

news

Byelection in the works to replace Haines as school trustee

School District No. 46 has announced a byelection to replace Pender Harbour and Egmont’s school trustee, Samantha Haines.

Last spring, Haines moved out of province but continued to fulfil her duties as trustee by taking part in meetings via Zoom.

Since then, Haines has formally resigned from her position.

Haines represented Electoral Area 1 (Upper Coast) which is made up of electoral Areas A and B of the Sunshine Coast Regional District and shíshálh Nation Government District lands 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

From a Sept. 15 School District 46 press release:

Haines’s “departure will trigger a byelection process, paving the way for the arrival of a new trustee in the upcoming months.

“Within 30 days, the board will appoint a chief elections officer to lead the byelection process.”

The district said an election date will be scheduled for later in the fall to fill the vacant seat.

“I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve the Sunshine Coast community,” said Haines.

“I wish the staff, students and community a successful future.

“The Sunshine Coast will always be my home.”



file photo

After moving out of province while still fulfilling her role as our area’s school trustee since last spring, our area’s school trustee Samantha Haines has now officially resigned, triggering a byelection.

Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society

Outreach Healthy Meal Program

Healthy Meals service

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Don't miss the P. H. Volunteer Fire Department's annual

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7:30 p.m.

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**The P. H. Volunteer Fire Department thanks the donors and those who purchased raffle tickets.
Without your help the fireworks display would not be possible.**

Storybook walk recently installed in Tyner Park

You can now read while you exercise in Madeira Park.

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour recently installed a “storybook walk” in Tyner Park.

After months of preparation, and planning, volunteers completed placing the pedestals and mounting the frames along paths last month.

In an email, a Rotary spokeswoman told the *Harbour Spiel* that the idea came from a similar walk in Ladysmith where people can explore the pages of a book that are installed along a path.

“The storybook walk is intended to create opportunities for children and families to read and stay active.”

In Tyner Park, at the south end of Lily Lake, a series of 22 pedestals pull you along the forest trail, with captions that centre on physical activity and literacy.

The first book featured is *Salmon Forest*, by David Suzuki and Sarah Ellis and illustrated by Sheena Lott.

The Rotary club plans to rotate



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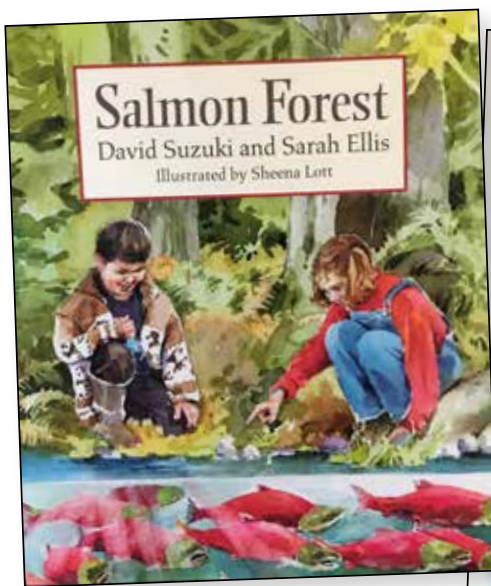
Rotary volunteers at work installing one of the signs for the Tyner Park story book walk. (l-r): Jim McKnight, Bill Charlton, Sean McAllister and Len Lee.

the books on a regular basis.

To access the pathway entrance, park in the gravel lot beside the Pender Harbour Health Centre and enter

the pathway on the opposite side of Francis Peninsula Road.

The storybook walk officially opened on Sept. 23.





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The first book featured in the recently installed storybook walk in Tyner Park is *Salmon Forest*, by David Suzuki and Sarah Ellis, illustrated by Sheena Lott.

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trivia

Where is it?



- ☐ a. Chrome Island
- ☐ b. Point Atkinson
- ☐ c. Sangster Island
- ☐ d. Merry Island



- ☐ a. Sakinaw Lake
- ☐ b. Blind Bay
- ☐ c. Baker Beach
- ☐ d. Ruby Lake



- ☐ a. Garden Bay Lake
- ☐ b. Hotel Lake
- ☐ c. Mixal Lake
- ☐ d. Katherine Lake



- ☐ a. Earls Cove
- ☐ b. Pender Harbour
- ☐ c. Secret Cove
- ☐ d. Blind Bay



- ☐ a. Hospital Bay
- ☐ b. Gerrans Bay
- ☐ c. Bargain Harbour
- ☐ d. Gunboat Bay



- ☐ a. Fearney Point
- ☐ b. Moorsam Bluff
- ☐ c. Freil Falls
- ☐ d. Sakinaw Lake

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



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The ladies' club of the Pender Harbour Golf Club recently concluded its annual championship tournament. Following the three-day event, the Championship Cup was awarded to Anita Caspersen(r) by club captain Lori Wilson(l). Winning low net was Reni Ducich. Recipients of the club's previous 2023 tournament honours include Linda Klikach (match play and golden girl) and Kathy Needham (33-plus handicap). The ladies' club is active April through mid-October on Thursdays when golfers of all calibres are welcome as guests or new members.



Brian Lee

Before the fall wind topples them, and the fall rains sink them, the rock stacks near the Rock in Garden Bay Lake make for a photogenic oddity.

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South Pender water



Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD

Updated information gives us a clearer understanding of the effects the current drought has had

on the South Pender water supply, and indicates what the future might hold.

- This year, the McNeill Lake level started dropping two months earlier and at a faster rate than 2022;
- By the end of July, the rate of decline slowed due to increased supply from Harris Lake, Stage 3 regulations, and a bit of rain;
- The surface of McNeill Lake is now 30 inches below the weir, one foot lower than this time last year;
- Three feet of water was released from Harris Lake, which is the

maximum that can be accessed by the outlet channel, and

- We will likely have to install a temporary pump in a matter of weeks.

But, there is some good news in all of this.

At the current rate of use and with the temporary pump, we expect there will be enough water in our reservoirs to last until the anticipated rains in late November, including a reserve for emergency use.

Local action remains the best way to retain water for essential use throughout summer and early fall.

By pulling together, we've so far ensured that water will be available for our anticipated needs.

I thank both residents and businesses for making the effort and sacrifice to conserve water in these challenging times of climate change, and

urge you to keep up the good work until our rainy season.

Regular SCRD staff presentations, with some interesting infographics, concerning our water situation are available at <https://www.scrd.ca/2023-water-supply-presentations>.

IMAGINE A DISASTER

Disasters have been top of mind throughout the summer, especially with the Clowhom fire triggering an SCRD state of emergency, evacuation orders, and evacuations alerts.

The SCRD takes the lead in emergency planning and operations on the Sunshine Coast, including fires, floods, droughts, atmospheric rivers, earthquakes, and yes, evacuations not led by first responders, such as those for active shooters or chemical spills.

So what's the plan, who is com-



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole
October 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee
October 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Regular Board
October 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
October 26 at 9:30 a.m.

**Electoral Area Services
Committee Meeting**
October 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
October 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Regional Hospital District
October 19 at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please
visit www.scrd.ca/agendas.

Waste Reduction Initiative Program is back for 2023!
The SCRD is seeking applications for projects that contribute to waste reduction or diversion from the garbage. Funding is available to community groups and associations, non-profit societies, registered charitable organizations, SD46 and SD93 and school groups. Deadline to apply is October 20, 2023. Visit letstalk.scrd.ca/wrip for more information.



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ing to save me and where should I go?

That depends on the individual emergency, because each one is different and emergency planning must include procedures for each, as well as be flexible to deal with variations of each type.

Nancy Hughes, co-ordinator of our emergency management program on the Coast, walked us through the response to the fire north of Wakefield Creek near West Sechelt.

When Hughes was informed by local firefighters that they were investigating a plume of smoke spotted in the hills, she notified SCRD senior staff and put tactical partners RCMP and BC Hydro on alert.

The plume location was pinpointed on mapping systems, a three-kilometre perimeter was set, and all residences and critical infrastructure, like dams, power lines, water treatment plants, were identified.

Emergency operations and reception centre locations were chosen, and Hughes remained in frequent communication with BC Wildfire Service about their progress, so she could be prepared to quickly expand or retract operations as circumstances changed.

Residents are notified of emergency situations by standard communication tools, door-knockers and, more recently, the made-in-Canada Voyent Alert messaging system, which I strongly recommend you obtain.

Our best resource is our community—you, me and our first responders—so we need to look after ourselves and our neighbours, and be ready to help where we can (those door-knockers will be our local people).

TIPS FOR EMERGENCIES

- Get Voyent Alert.

Voyent Alert is your fastest alert from emergency planners, via electronic devices and landline, and it's available free from an app store or from the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/alert-system;

- Make sure your address is visible.

Emergency personnel and door knockers can't knock if they can't find you;

- Assemble a "go-bag."

In case of an emergency that forces you from your home, have a go-bag ready for each household member to shelter for 144 hours.

Include medication, food, water, change of clothing, flashlight, etc., and don't forget about pets;

- Neighbourhood planning.

We'll do better together, so get to know your neighbours and identify who has a defibrillator, chainsaw, generator, etc.

Know who will need extra help, who is away, who has a tenant with the door around back, and who has pets or livestock, and

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William Jans

Photographer/adventurer William Jans comes to the Pender Harbour School of Music Oct. 14 with his 10th and newest live multimedia show, 'Ire and ice: Ireland charm and Iceland chaos.' Jans will present another show at the school of music on Nov. 4, 'A man, a plan, Japan show.' For tickets, visit williamjans.com. Seen here is an Icelandic waterfall, that Jans says is off the tourist track and one he had all to himself.



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Harbour Spiel

Williamson: Placement of MPES swing set is ‘mind-boggling’

Editor,

A field full of Harbour Seals of Disapproval to whoever decided on the placement of the new swing set in the middle of the Madeira Park Elementary School sports field.

How this could ever get approved is mind-boggling to every single person I have spoken to.

A sports field where generations have learned to play soccer, baseball, track and football has been ruined for another swingset surrounded by bark mulch?

A full-sized field is essential to prepare kids as they move through primary school and embark on their sports careers.

Pretty sure “swing setting” isn’t a recognized athletic venture as kids become more mature and organized in team and individual athletics.

Was another couple swings worth losing a playing field?

This field is now unsafe for playing actual regulation sports as it is too narrow and risks injury by collision.

No wonder kids’ athletics continue to decline in the community as students leave for opportunities only available down the Coast.

Perhaps some community voices are required to safeguard our athletic sites and not turn everything into a playground.

Hundreds upon hundreds of kids have run that field learning what it took to play meaningful sports to ensure we weren’t a step behind as we grew older.

I guess the next generation will be a handful at the annual BC Swing-ing championships?

Steve Williamson



Brian Lee

This swing set on the Madeira Park Elementary School playing field appeared last spring and has become a point of contention for many who question its placement. The MPES parents’ advisory committee fundraised \$17,024 to put towards the project and received an additional \$14,185 from a capital project grant from the province. In the June 2023 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, a PAC representative said the swing’s placement was a school district decision and intended to avoid an underground stream and future locations of a planned daycare and new P. H. Community School building.

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After the closure of commercial whaling in the Strait of Georgia in 1967, it wasn't until 1997 that another Hhumpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) was spotted here again. Now, with a growing number returning each spring, estimated at 400 last year, they're almost commonplace. Still, it never gets old to stumble upon whales like these two humpbacks off Middlepoint on Sept. 17.

The remarkable journey of the *Pacific Challenge*

By John Dafoe

This story originally appeared in the Harbour Spiel (Oct. 2013).

Clearly the rusted hulk of the *Pacific Challenge* currently moored in Whiskey Slough has seen her best days but it turns out the ship has a remarkable past.

She wasn't always the *Pacific Challenge* either.

The *Suderøy XVI* was built in Norway in 1952.

She was installed with a Fredrikstad Mekaniske Verkstedsteam steam engine Kaldes mek Workshop.

She is 52.67 metres (172 feet) in length with a nine-metre (30 foot) beam.

Destined to be a whaler, she was delivered to Knut Knutson O.A.S. in October 1952 at Haugesund and was renamed the *Hebrides XVI*.

From 1952 to 1959 the *Hebrides XVI* hunted whales in the Antarctic Ocean.

In 1959, she was resold and renamed *Kos 51* by new owner Corporation Kosmos in Sandefjord, Norway.

She was sold again in 1961 to Japan and renamed *Toshi #21*.

Two years later the Western Canada Whaling Company purchased her, renaming her *Westwhale 7*.

As the *Westwhale 7*, she operated from Coal Harbour on Vancouver Island from 1963 to 1967.

In 1967, commercial whaling on the B.C. coast was halted due to over-exploitation.

In 1970 she was sold to Knight Towing and fitted with a 20-cylinder, two stroke diesel engine and became the *Jacqueline W*.

According to a July 1989 *Washington Post* article, on July 19, 1988 an unidentified U.S. submarine snagged the towing cable of the 3,600



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Top photo: After an eclectic career at sea, the Norwegian built *Suderøy XVI*, now called the *Pacific Challenge*, sits moored in Whiskey Slough (2022 photo). Bottom photo: The *Pacific Challenge* pictured at her former anchorage in Jervis Inlet sometime prior to July 2013.

-horsepower *Jacqueline W*. while towing a barge from Oregon to Vancouver.

The submarine pulled the tug backward until the towing cable snapped — the U.S. navy paid \$59,984 in restitution.

In 1996 she was sold to Hi Seas Marine Ltd.

The *Pacific Challenge* was eventually retired to the banks of the Fraser River, where she was a bit notorious as a derelict.

Later, she was brought to Jervis Inlet and resided for some time at Stakawus Creek, until being towed to Whiskey Slough in July 2013.

Despite suffering a fire in 2017, the *Pacific Challenge* is still moored in Whiskey Slough.

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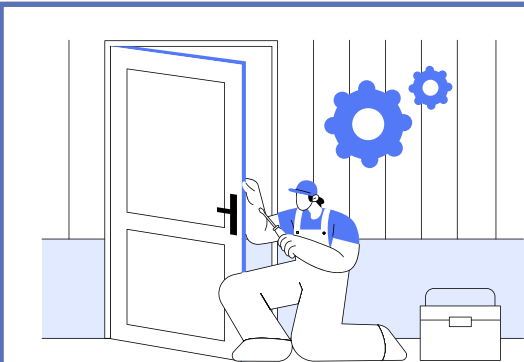
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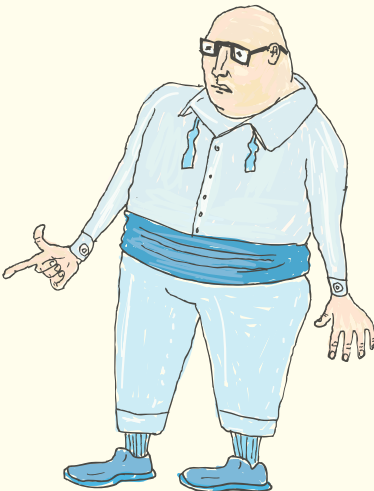
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harbour lore

The dipsomaniac

Few have heard the rarely repeated story of the old logger who lived on Beaver Island in the 1950s.

He built his house on the shore of Gerrans Bay many years before and lived in it with his wife until she left him, it was said, for a fisherman from Sointula. It was well known that she didn't approve of the man's excessive drinking. After she left, he drank even more and never remarried.

Like many others around here at the time, he had a still. He'd make barrels of brandy in his cellar, rarely aging it more than a month or so before it found its way down his thirsty maw. He got a pretty good name around Pender Harbour for his unripened hooch but kept one special barrel untouched.

"Aging," he would say.

Years went by and the man grew darker. His only contact with the outside world was a weekly trip for supplies to Lloyd's Store in Garden Bay. With a vast supply of liquor available to him, he continued to drink harder and harder until one day he was found dead in his chair, a quarter jug of brandy on the table beside him.

He had no real friends or family, so his estate was sold complete, exactly like the day he left this earth. A young local couple bought what was an exceptionally good deal.

He was a fisherman and she a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay. Their new home was in a horrible state but soon they had the place shining with a fresh coat of paint and all traces of the old drunk removed.

The wife wasn't much of a drinker and insisted the last, very full, keg of brandy in the cellar be destroyed. The husband wouldn't hear of it and instead suggested they throw a housewarming party.

The couple was popular and had many new friends in the community who knew what to do with a full keg of liquor, so she agreed.

If you have ever drunk with fishermen, it won't surprise you that the party lasted until the keg was dry. The wife didn't even wait for her husband to recover from his hangover before sternly suggesting he remove the now smelly keg from the house.

He tried to lift it and was surprised when the empty keg wouldn't budge. Curious, he took saw and cut it open.

There, inside the cask, was the body of the wife — imperfectly preserved for all those years in the brandy they had just consumed.

~ Brian Lee

David Nield

FEBRUARY 12, 1943 — APRIL 3, 2023



Long-time resident of Pender Harbour David Nield died at Totem Lodge, in Sechelt, on April 3.

Born in Chilliwack, Nield came to Pender Harbour as a young boy with his parents and siblings John, Roger and Susie.

He travelled to school in Madeira Park by school boat, and later to the new Pender Harbour Senior Secondary School by boat and by school bus.

He logged for some time in Vancouver Bay and on Vancouver Island, and worked on seine boats for several

seasons.

In 2003, he joined the New Westminster Fire Department and remained there until his retirement to Garden Bay.

He could often be seen peacefully paddling his yellow canoe around the Harbour.

A man of great warmth, generosity and kindness, Nield was devoted to his two daughters and their children: Karen (Michael), and daughters Meghan and Karley, and Cathy (John) and daughter Grace.

seals



Note your seal of approval or disapproval.

By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **“father and daughter team”** who on Sunday, Sept. 10 were picking up garbage along Irvines Landing and Garden Bay Roads. I didn’t get their names when I said “thank you,” but they will know and appreciate the recognition.

From appreciative neighbours,
Ron Seymour

Harbour Seal of Approval to **Kerri Cheung** for arranging a fabulous retirement party. It was a fun night with great food enjoyed among former and new colleagues.

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Oceans full of Harbour Seals to **Bob Fielding, Dwayne at Sechelt Sign & Printing, Don White, KER Enterprises and Niels Frederiksen** for their generous donations of materials and services for the P. H. Rotary storybook walk project.

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October 2023

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval and thank you to **my friends** who rallied when I had my accident in June.

Especially to **Sheila and Doug Silvey and Sheila Munro** who went above and beyond. Thank you also to the **VCH homecare team**.

Irda Sherman

Harbour Seal of Approval to all the **folks who wished me a happy retirement**, who came by with cards, beautiful flowers, yummy goodies, gifts. Thank you, it meant so much.

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Royal Franklin Maynard

JUNE 27, 1943 — AUG 5, 2023



Captain Royal Franklin Maynard died on Aug. 5, 2023.

He was born to Carol and Lorne Maynard on Nelson Island in 1943.

Maynard was the consummate mariner throughout his life, working his way through the tow industry to become skipper at the age of 19.

Maynard reached the pinnacle of his career when he landed master duty on the mighty 144-foot Rivtow commissioned *Captain Bob*.

He manned the helm of the *Captain Bob* for the last 10 years of his career before retiring in 2007.

He also owned many pleasure craft over the years but his pride and joy was the 66-foot seiner conversion the *Universe*.

Maynard spent his leisure time on this vessel entertaining friends and family, with first mate June Maynard.

For many years the couple explored the BC coast, on journeys and adventures far beyond the scope of most imaginations.

Maynard loved fishing, crabbing and prawning but most of all, he just

loved to be on the water.

The limited amount of time his feet found ground, he enjoyed tending the garden with June

Beyond Maynard's career duties, he was an entertainer at heart.

He often engaged his company with his quick wit and endearing sense of humour.

For many reasons in living and in death, Maynard has and will be often described as a legend.

He is survived by his loving wife June Maynard, children Deanna, Glenn, Leanne, John, Greg, Royal and Andreas, plus 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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photohistory



From a June 1973 newspaper, this photo shows the intermediate grade students at Madeira Park Elementary School posing after the left of the group while principal Verne Wishlove stands at the right. Back row (l-r): Brian Scoular, Kathy Lloyd, Marie Jensen, Banyay, Diana Iverson, Terry Barsaloux, Collen Newick, Karen Morrison, Mrs. Banyay. Second row (l-r): Jeannie Paul, Lhevinne Yvonne Campbell, Violet Bilcik, Ruth Rae, Katey Bilcik, Mokey Sterloff, Kim Fillion, Janet Tremblay, Cindy Brown, Linda Christian, Potts, Rick Johnson, Lance Rancier, Ernie Kingston, Sandra Gough, Carey Paul, Ian Campbell, Glen Brown, Paul Phillips. Front

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Starting this month, the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park will open on Tuesdays from 4 to 9 p.m. with two weeks of line dancing classes (Oct. 3 and 10) before a dart league starts up for teams on Oct. 17. Email the Legion for more information at rc1112@telus.net.

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The Women's Connection is delighted to present "Chatting with Marjory" on Oct 10. Margaret Skelley will sit down with Pender's centenarian, Marjory Mackay, for an intimate chat about the almost 80 years she has spent living in Pender Harbour.

On Oct. 24, Sydney More will join us. More is a young Canadian fibre artist whose works are becoming admired locally. Along with her felt friends, she will host a slide presentation that will answer the question, "What is needle felting?" Come and enjoy learning about this fascinating craft.

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an awards ceremony. School trustee Peter Precesky stands at Toni Kraft, April Edwardson, Sharon Mackay, Nancy Cameron, Mr. Talento, Jennifer Wilcox, Darryl Scoular, Wayne Newcombe, Joanne Iverson. Third row (l-r): Rick Merkel, Ross Fillion, Tony row (l-r): Kellei Page, Jesper London, Jackie Scott, Todd Mair.

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HALLOWEEN

\$2.26 billion

The amount Canadians spent on Halloween in 2019, before the pandemic.

39.3%

Percentage of American adults who plan to dress up for Halloween.

19%

Percentage of Americans who dress their pets in costumes for Halloween.

\$87.60

In 2022, the average amount spent by Canadians on Halloween.

47.5%

The percentage that costumes will make up the average Canadian's Halloween budget, or \$41.50.

86%

Percentage of parents who admit to stealing Halloween candy from their children.

\$1.64 billion

The amount Canadians across the country spent on Halloween in 2022.

11,000

The number of acres of pumpkin patches in Canada in 2021.

~ StatsCan, BNN Bloomberg, gitnux.com

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -0.4 C (Oct. 31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY



LIBRA: September 22 – October 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Librans are often impatient with criticism. This month, the sun is in your sign with lovely Venus, your personal planet. You will exude confidence and grace. Those of lesser signs will pale before your beaming aura and bulging chakras. Use this to your advantage with romantic pursuits — they will be powerless to resist you until Oct. 23 when your dull personality returns.



SCORPIO: OCT. 24 – NOV. 22

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. With Pluto as the ruling ex-planet, people born under this sign are considered to be dynamic and extreme in their opinions. Things start falling into place Oct. 2 when Mercury retrograde ends. After the past few months of false starts and failure, it would be easy to coast during this time of bounty — but don't. Take advantage of your momentum and chase your goals for it will soon become unbearably difficult once again. Cheers.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Sept. 16

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

1. **Every Child Matters** by Phyllis Webstad, illustrated by Karlene Harvey (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
2. **Unbroken** by Angela Sterritt (Greystone Books)
3. **East Side Story: Growing Up at the PNE** by Nick Marino (Arsenal Pulp Press)
4. **Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters** by Phyllis Webstad & Orange Shirt Society (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
5. **A Season on Vancouver Island** by Bill Arnott (Rocky Mountain Books)
6. **To Track a Traitor: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
7. **The Fire Still Burns: Life In and After Residential School** by Sam George, with Jill Yonit Goldberg, Liam Belson, Dylan MacPhee & Tanis Wilson (UBC Press)
8. **The Secret Pocket** by Peggy Janicki, illustrated by Carrielynn Victor (Orca Book Publishers)
9. **Skid Dogs** by Emelia Symington-Fedy (Douglas & McIntyre)
10. **Crushed Wild Mint** by Jess Housty (Nightwood Editions)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 1 ~ **Cory Cavalier, Don Macdonald and Lyn Watters.**
- Oct. 3 ~ **Maureen Parrott.**
- Oct. 6 ~ **Rick Higgins.**
- Oct. 7 ~ **Sharlyne Niemela.**
- Oct. 9 ~ **Jolaine Percival.**
- Oct. 10 ~ **Daryl Hegyi, Mitch Jones, Katrina Woodard, Val Silvey and Kate Daniels.**
- Oct. 11 ~ **Bruno Cote and Sarah Silvey.**
- Oct. 12 ~ **Bricin Lyons.**
- Oct. 13 ~ **P. D. Smith and Judy Sim.**
- Oct. 14 ~ **Nicole Forsyth.**
- Oct. 15 ~ **Courtney Hanna, Kaiden Bosch and Richard Norrish.**
- Oct. 16 ~ **Ursula Hardwick and Dane Hanna.**
- Oct. 17 ~ **Peter Vaughan and Leo Wilen.**
- Oct. 18 ~ **Karen Stiglitz, Tommy Gamble, Sandy Matches, Tessa Rand and Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide.**
- Oct. 19 ~ **Doug Hardwick.**
- Oct. 20 ~ **Lonny Edwardson and Doug Richardson.**
- Oct. 22 ~ **Susan Foreman, Katheryn Kelly, Alysa English and Mark Clay.**
- Oct. 23 ~ **Diane Dennis.**
- Oct. 24 ~ **Roxanne Gregory and Larry Honeybourne.**
- Oct. 25 ~ **Kerry Rand.**
- Oct. 27 ~ **Dave Malcolm and Cindy Rayko.**
- Oct. 28 ~ **Eric McDermott and Rob Metcalfe.**
- Oct. 29 ~ **Colleen Silvey and Nicholas Silvey.**
- Oct. 31 ~ **Richard Mills and twins Savannah & Sawyer Cote.**



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ADULT DAY PROGRAM: Dementia Care-Giver Support Group. Call (604) 883-2764.

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Basic Active Daily Living: What is it and how can we improve it?

*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
Centre nursing staff*

Basic Active Daily Living, or BADL, is just that — the activities we do on a day to day basis that are vital to our existence.

The eating, dressing, walking, bathing, using the bathroom and everything else we do that requires our bodies to move with balance, agility, flexibility and strength.

In other words, the activities that we require to take care of ourselves independently.

Simply getting out of a chair or transferring your weight to sit yourself down on a bed requires strength in the legs, hips and arms (to aid in rising) as well as enough balance to make these weight transfers without falling.

RANGE OF MOTION

That same sitting movement also requires flexibility or range of motion in the ankles, knees and hips.

ROM is the normal range of motion for a joint — how far it can be stretched and how far it can be bent.

In the shoulder joint, for example, how far we can stretch up to the cupboard to retrieve a can of soup and how far we can bring the arm back to put the can on a table is your shoulder's ROM.

Walking demands strength in the ankles, hips, legs and even the upper back, which will help maintain posture, proper alignment and balance.

Balance is needed to transfer weight from one foot to the next, sustain a one-footed stance and maintain an appropriate stride length and normal gait.

Confidence in your ability to walk without falling is essential for this movement.



Younger, fitter individuals take these abilities for granted.

As we age our muscle mass decreases, our muscles lose elasticity; our co-ordination, stability and endurance decrease, our bones become brittle and our speed and accuracy diminish.

These indications of getting older can lead to falls and fractures.

But they can be slowed down to prolong our independent living and increase our enjoyment of life.

How?

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OCTOBER IS FIRE AND EMERGENCY SAFETY MONTH!

Please, take a moment and review these simple steps to help keep your family safe:



- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home including in the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.



- Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a waste-basket, everyone has exited the building and the room is not filled with smoke.



- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows.
- Discuss the plan with everyone in your home and practice it, in the day and night.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home

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Seniors Activities for October!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm
In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Oct. 5 – Alvin Ramos to speak on his making of bamboo flutes and music

Oct. 12 – Family Feud: Harbourside Friendship Style

Oct. 19 – Fire & Emergency Safety: Are we ready?

Oct. 26 – Armchair Travel

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CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

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CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am – 12pm with Carole Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.



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This month at the Pender Harbour Community School:

CONSERVATION OUTDOOR RECREATION EDUCATION COURSE (C.O.R.E.)

Fri, Nov. 24, 6-9pm • Sat, Nov. 25, 9am-5pm • Sun, Nov. 26, 9am-3pm

You will receive a manual when you register. \$250.

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL

Mondays, 6:30-8pm at PHSS

Ages 12-plus. \$5 drop in fee, students are free.

DROP IN PICKLEBALL

Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm at PHSS

All ages, \$5 drop in fee. Discount for full term membership, inquire at Pickleball or call the Community School.

Upcoming:

Cooking classes for both adults and kids, fishing club,
movie nights and more — stay tuned!

Do you have a class that you would like to see offered?
Or a skill to share? We are looking for instructors and ideas for new classes!

PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

www.scrd.ca/pender-pool

This facility has a pool and weight room (gym).

REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS IS STILL OPEN!

Look for Latin Fitness Dance and Total Body & Core

DROP-IN FITNESS CLASSES

- MYPASS Aquafit: Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am, Fridays at 10am
- MYPASS Mix It Up Classes: Thursdays at 8:45am
- MYPASS Land Meets Water: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30am

THERE'S STILL ROOM TO REGISTER IN THESE SWIM CLASSES:

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Preschool 1 & 2 (Octopus & Crab) 12:30-1pm	Adult 1 / 2 (Learn to Swim) 9 - 9:45 am	Preschool 3 & 4 (Orca & Sea Lion) 11:15 - 11:45 am	Adult 3 (Strokes) 9 - 9:45 am

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

- Online www.scrd.ca/recreation
- By phone: 604-885-6801
- In person at P. H. Aquatic & Fitness Centre, Sechelt Aquatic Centre
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pender harbour tides ~ october 2023

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

Canoe Pass:



October	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sun 01	4.1	4.1	5.3	7.3	9.8	12.1	13.7	14.3	13.8	12.4	10.7	9.0	8.0	7.9	8.8	10.4	12.3	14.0	14.9	14.7	13.4	11.2	8.6	6.0
Mon 02	4.1	3.3	3.6	5.0	7.3	9.8	12.2	13.8	14.4	14.0	12.8	11.3	10.0	9.3	9.3	10.2	11.6	13.1	14.2	14.6	13.9	12.2	9.8	7.2
Tue 03	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.6	5.2	7.5	10.0	12.2	13.8	14.4	14.0	13.1	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.5	11.3	12.4	13.4	13.9	13.8	12.7	10.9	8.6
Wed 04	6.3	4.4	3.3	3.1	3.9	5.5	7.7	10.0	12.1	13.6	14.3	14.1	13.4	12.5	11.7	11.3	11.4	11.9	12.6	13.1	13.3	12.8	11.6	9.8
Thu 05	7.8	5.9	4.4	3.6	3.6	4.4	5.9	7.9	10.0	11.9	13.4	14.1	14.1	13.7	13.0	12.3	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.3	12.6	12.5	11.9	10.7
Fri 06	9.1	7.4	5.9	4.8	4.2	4.2	5.0	6.3	8.1	10.0	11.7	13.2	14.0	14.2	13.9	13.4	12.7	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.1
Sat 07	10.1	8.8	7.4	6.2	5.2	4.7	4.7	5.4	6.6	8.3	10.0	11.7	13.1	14.0	14.2	14.0	13.5	12.8	12.1	11.5	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3
Sun 08	11.0	10.3	9.2	7.9	6.7	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.7	6.9	8.5	10.3	11.9	13.3	14.1	14.2	13.9	13.2	12.2	11.3	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.8
Mon 09	11.2	11.2	10.7	9.7	8.4	7.2	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.9	7.2	8.9	10.7	12.3	13.6	14.2	14.1	13.4	12.4	11.2	10.2	9.7	9.6	10.1
Tue 10	10.7	11.3	11.5	11.1	10.2	8.9	7.5	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.3	7.7	9.5	11.3	12.9	13.9	14.1	13.6	12.6	11.2	9.9	9.0	8.7	9.1
Wed 11	9.9	10.8	11.6	11.9	11.6	10.6	9.2	7.7	6.5	5.9	6.0	7.0	8.6	10.4	12.2	13.5	14.0	13.7	12.7	11.2	9.7	8.4	7.8	7.9
Thu 12	8.7	9.9	11.2	12.1	12.4	12.0	10.8	9.3	7.8	6.7	6.3	6.7	8.0	9.7	11.5	13.0	13.9	13.8	12.9	11.4	9.6	8.0	6.9	6.7
Fri 13	7.4	8.6	10.2	11.7	12.7	12.9	12.2	11.0	9.4	8.0	7.1	7.0	7.7	9.2	11.0	12.6	13.6	13.9	13.2	11.7	9.7	7.8	6.3	5.7
Sat 14	6.0	7.1	8.9	10.8	12.3	13.2	13.2	12.4	11.0	9.5	8.2	7.6	7.9	8.9	10.5	12.1	13.3	13.8	13.4	12.1	10.1	7.9	6.1	4.9
Sun 15	4.8	5.6	7.3	9.4	11.4	13.0	13.7	13.5	12.5	11.1	9.7	8.7	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.6	12.9	13.7	13.6	12.5	10.6	8.4	6.2	4.6
Mon 16	3.9	4.3	5.6	7.7	10.0	12.1	13.6	14.1	13.7	12.6	11.3	10.0	9.2	9.2	10.0	11.2	12.5	13.4	13.6	12.8	11.2	9.0	6.7	4.7
Tue 17	3.5	3.3	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.6	12.7	14.0	14.3	13.8	12.8	11.5	10.4	9.9	10.2	11.0	12.1	13.0	13.4	13.1	11.8	9.8	7.5	5.3
Wed 18	3.7	2.9	3.1	4.3	6.3	8.7	11.2	13.1	14.3	14.5	13.9	12.9	11.8	11.0	10.7	11.0	11.7	12.6	13.2	13.2	12.3	10.6	8.5	6.3
Thu 19	4.4	3.1	2.7	3.2	4.6	6.7	9.1	11.5	13.3	14.4	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.2	11.5	11.3	11.6	12.2	12.8	13.0	12.6	11.4	9.7	7.6
Fri 20	5.6	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.4	4.9	7.0	9.3	11.5	13.3	14.3	14.5	14.1	13.4	12.6	12.0	11.8	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.6	11.9	10.7	9.0
Sat 21	7.2	5.4	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.8	5.2	7.1	9.3	11.4	13.2	14.2	14.5	14.2	13.6	12.9	12.2	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.2	12.1	11.4	10.3
Sun 22	8.8	7.1	5.6	4.4	3.7	3.5	4.1	5.5	7.3	9.4	11.5	13.2	14.3	14.7	14.4	13.8	12.9	12.1	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	11.4
Mon 23	10.6	9.3	7.8	6.3	5.1	4.3	4.0	4.5	5.8	7.6	9.7	11.8	13.5	14.6	14.8	14.4	13.5	12.4	11.3	10.5	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.2
Tue 24	11.5	11.2	10.3	8.9	7.4	6.0	5.0	4.6	5.0	6.3	8.2	10.4	12.4	14.1	14.9	14.9	14.1	12.8	11.3	9.9	9.0	8.8	9.2	10.0
Wed 25	11.0	11.6	11.8	11.2	10.0	8.4	6.9	5.8	5.3	5.7	7.0	9.0	11.2	13.2	14.6	15.2	14.7	13.4	11.6	9.7	8.1	7.3	7.3	8.1
Thu 26	9.4	10.9	12.0	12.5	12.1	11.0	9.4	7.8	6.6	6.2	6.7	8.1	10.1	12.3	14.1	15.1	15.1	14.1	12.2	10.0	7.8	6.2	5.5	5.9
Fri 27	7.2	9.0	11.0	12.5	13.2	13.0	12.0	10.4	8.8	7.6	7.2	7.8	9.3	11.3	13.3	14.7	15.3	14.7	13.0	10.6	8.0	5.8	4.4	4.0
Sat 28	4.9	6.6	8.9	11.3	13.1	14.0	13.8	12.7	11.2	9.6	8.6	8.4	9.1	10.6	12.5	14.1	15.0	15.0	13.8	11.5	8.8	6.1	4.0	2.9
Sun 29	3.0	4.3	6.5	9.2	11.8	13.7	14.6	14.4	13.4	11.9	10.4	9.5	9.5	10.3	11.7	13.3	14.5	14.9	14.2	12.5	9.9	7.1	4.5	2.7
Mon 30	2.1	2.6	4.4	6.9	9.7	12.4	14.3	15.1	14.8	13.8	12.4	11.1	10.4	10.4	11.2	12.5	13.7	14.4	14.3	13.1	11.0	8.3	5.6	3.4
Tue 31	2.0	1.8	2.8	4.8	7.5	10.4	12.9	14.7	15.3	15.0	14.0	12.8	11.7	11.1	11.2	11.9	12.8	13.6	13.9	13.4	11.8	9.6	7.1	4.7

The bench

Nick Loenen

It had stood for 35 years.

A bench cut from a Douglas fir log that had gratuitously drifted onto our Lee Bay beach.

Waterlogged, it was hauled up with a mighty, two-ton come-along and considerable manpower; back when this man still had power.

It stood hard up against, and in the ample shade of, a towering 150-year-old Douglas fir with bark rough as the scales of a prehistoric dragon.

The bench became a refuge from summer heat on the edge of the Pacific.

A bench with an inviting view is a welcome place to do nothing.

This one was embraced by soothing waves, refreshing winds and unspoiled nature.

But it did not endure.

Almost from the beginning, it was obvious the bench was not ours.

Ants colonized it, multiplied and subdued it.

Finally, last year, the bench collapsed and our place to sit under the



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Nick Loenen installing his bench made from a 200-300 year old yellow cedar that stood as a hydro pole for 80 years.

tree was no more.

Perhaps 200 to 300 years before, around the time when Napoleon was defeated by a Russian winter, a tiny seed germinated 5,000 feet above sea level on Caren Ridge.

That tiny seed prospered and flourished into a big fellow within a rare stand of yellow cedar, many hundreds of years in age.

At the foot of the ridge lies Garden Bay.

Here, 90 years ago, folks decided they could no longer live without electricity.

Hydro poles were in demand and

yellow cedar was close at hand.

Unthinkable now, valuable yellow cedar was used for utility poles.

That one pole, standing between Hotel Lake and the adjoining pavement, faithfully carried its load for 80 years.

Then, 10 years ago, it perished while shielding a car and its occupant from careening into Hotel Lake at great speed.

The pole was laid out and abandoned beside the road where it had stood all those years.

Having turned 80 this summer, I am also a little partial to being laid aside, bereft of any useful role.

There being no other takers, I hitched the pole to my truck and dragged it home with thoughts of turning it into firewood.

The first cut sent up the distinct scent of yellow cedar.

I could not believe my luck — a utility pole of increasingly rare and precious wood had fallen into my lap.

Now, this hardy old-timer has been assigned a new and dignified role — to serve humans while they just sit and be.

Is it not surprising, the thoughts that come unbidden when just sitting, doing nothing?



submitted

The bench.

OCTOBER

- Mon. Oct. 2.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 5.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Alcvin Ramos) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Oct. 9.....Thanksgiving Day
Tues. Oct. 10.....P. H. Women's Connection with Marjory Mackay - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 10.....Chamber of Commerce merger information session - FuseWork Hub, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 12....Harbourside Friendships drop-in ("Family Feud") - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thurs. Oct. 12....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs. Oct. 12....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 13.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, doors at 7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 14....."Ire and ice: Travel tales in Ireland and Iceland w/ William Jans - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 14.....George Connell reads from his poetry collection - Earthfair Bookstore, 1 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 16.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 17.....Legion dart league starts up - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 4 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 19....SCRD electoral services meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs. Oct. 19....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (fire safety) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 20.....Sunshine Coast Art Crawl (3 days) - various locations, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 21.....Artist and metal worker Cindy Cantelon - Earthfair Bookstore, 2 days
Sat. Oct. 21.....Royal Canadian Legion 112 presents "Ladies Night Out" - Madeira Park Legion, 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 22.....PHARA town hall meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 1 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 22.....P. H. Music Society presents Krystle Dos Santos - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 24.....P. H. Women's Connection with felt artist Sydney More - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs. Oct. 26....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs. Oct. 26....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 26....Harbourside Friendships drop-in ("armchair travel") - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Oct. 30.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 31.....PHVFD Halloween fireworks display - Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.

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



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