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EDITORIAL

In defense of the Speedo



By Brian Lee

Good things are happening at the aquatic centre these days.

Renovations are in the works and an Olympic swimmer just dropped by to inspire kids with medals and a swim clinic in the hopes of restarting a swim program here.

I was eight when the pool opened. My parents seemed suspiciously happy about it yet they'd never actually swim there themselves.

They'd just drop me and my sisters off and peel away like they were leaving work on the Friday night of a long weekend.

I didn't mind a bit.

It wasn't long before we found ourselves enrolled in every swim class offered and when some parents started a local swim club, we were the first enlisted.

We'd go directly to the pool on the bus after school and wouldn't have to be picked up until 5:30 or so, arriving home for dinner tired and sedate.

Looking back now, it's clear why the folks were so supportive of our swimming hobbies — they didn't like us and it was cheap daycare.

Oblivious to this, I started going three times a week.

It was training — laps back and forth — but for some reason we all liked it, even when the other kids taunted us for wearing Speedos.

I still get that.

But it didn't matter because suddenly we could outswim even the fastest of our non-swim club friends and personal best times dropped by huge

increments as we grew stronger and perfected our technique.

We looked forward to weekend swim meets in Vancouver because it meant McDonalds and the occasional hotel stay; though we usually slept on the floor of some relative's living room.

My introduction to the geography of the Lower Mainland revolved around aquatic centres — I still know Percy Norman Pool has a McDonald's two blocks away.

We met city kids and discovered that all the rumours about their peculiar ways were true.

We came back with ribbons — sometimes even medals — and it wasn't long before the Pender Harbour Seals were in contention for team trophies.

Nowadays, you can still spot the ex-swim clubbers at the lake in the summer.

Maybe the Mom at the T-dock who hands off her kid to someone and swims to the island with the tell-tale breathing technique that only comes with forced practice.

For me, I can honestly say swim club changed my life — it led to lifeguarding and water polo in university and after.

It provided me with a naive confidence that I couldn't drown which proved helpful later in any number of water related sports from surfing to drunken cliff jumping.

I owe all of these experiences and skills to that little Pender Harbour Swim Club, training in a pool five metres too short, in a town three hours away from the "real" world.

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MOTHER'S DAY TEA: MAY 10

Held at the Pender Harbour Legion on Saturday, May 10 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds go to the P.H. branch of the Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital. There will be a raffle and door prizes. Raffle prizes donated by Painted Boat Restaurant for a \$100 gift certificate, a one-hour massage by Brigit and gift basket of spa items by Wendi Milner. Tickets will be sold at the door for the tea and the raffle.

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The biggest day of the year. (See spread on page 24-25).

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Pender Harbour to host 2008 Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival

Pender Harbour will host the fourth annual Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival.

Set for the August long weekend at the Madeira Park government wharf, it will mark the first time the event has been held in Pender Harbour.

The Halfmoon Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary put on the festival in Portpoise Bay for the last three years and the event attracted over 6,500 visitors last year but because of liability issues with the District of Sechelt, organizers sought another venue.

Members of both the Pender Harbour and Halfmoon Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary units first approached the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour at their AGM on February 24 to see if they would be interested in providing a 300-foot finger to be set aside for the entire three days.

Plans are in motion by the Coast Guard Auxiliary members to find alternative moorage sites for those boats needing to be displaced.

First priority in dock moorage is provided to commercial fishing boats but the festival comes at a time of year when many are away.

Festival organizers say Pender Harbour is a much more attractive location for such an event.



woodenboatfestival.ca photo

This photo of Garden Bay, taken in 1952, is one of many that show Pender Harbour's long friendship with the wooden boat. It will be a fitting tribute to have them return on the August long weekend.

Not only are wooden boats historically significant to what is often termed the "Venice of the North," but the location simplifies access by water — boaters accessing the Sechelt location were forced to navigate the often dangerous Skookumchuck Narrows.

Besides showcasing some beautiful boats, organizers say the festival will provide a great opportunity to take in hobby-scale wooden boat building classes, historical displays, judging, exhibitors, concessions and even some hardhat diving.

GRIPS

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Pool passes Alternate Approval Process

Elector approval has been obtained to move forward with planned renovations to the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre.

April 8, 2008 was the deadline to return elector response forms and, in order to halt the authorization of a loan to complete the work, 10 per cent of electors (206) needed to state their opposition to the plans.

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Only 24 valid forms were received which gives the Sunshine Coast Regional District the authority to adopt a Loan Authorization bylaw to proceed with the work.

According to facility manager Debbie Cole, the next step will be to hire a project manager and start the preliminary planning before construction which is planned for May 2009.

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Access restricted as popular Canoe Pass pull out is ditched

With access to Pender Harbour's waterfront already limited, some residents are asking why a popular pull-out near the Canoe Pass Bridge on Francis Peninsula Road was recently blocked by a ditch accompanied by "No Parking" signs.

The work, costing approximately \$1,500, was initiated as a result of a complaint by from the owners, the Sechelt Indian Band, who in turn received a complaint from Art Alexander, the Gilden Road resident who leases the land as a buffer.

Alexander said that he had safety concerns about people using the pull out to turn around while traffic streams around the sharp corner nearby and also said the spot was often littered with debris.

Don Legault, area manager for



This pull-out off Francis Peninsula Road was popular spot with locals and tourists to park when accessing the beach near Canoe Pass.

the Ministry of Transportation, said they used to have a barrier there preventing parking but was removed as a result of work done nearby.

"It's a portion of the road where we own nothing more than the surface of the road and people were parking

on band property," Legault said.

"We received a complaint through the band... they didn't want people parking there and then walking across leased property down to the water."

POLICE REPORT

TO APRIL 16, 2008

By P.H. Community Policing Volunteers

A rash of B&E's during February and early March missed hitting the Spiel last month.

Apparently B&E's have continued throughout late March and early April to the tune of 17 incidents.

Fortunately, police have four or five suspects who are likely at the source of this busy activity.

As the investigation is ongoing, police are not sharing details with the public (we've heard that before!) but we can say that they are mostly in their late teens and live in the area.

Our community has had some years of respite from thievery and property damage at the hands of local misguided souls.

Perhaps it is time to be more vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to police.

On a more cheerful note, the child ID program at the elementary school went smoothly on April 15 when 60 youngsters were fingerprinted in just over an hour by RCMP and Community Policing volunteers.

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Jazz Fest hosts a bevy of National Jazz Award honourees

Despite a late start, Pender Harbour Jazz Festival organizers have managed to book some of the best musicians in Canada for this year's event.

It's as if they took a look at the National Jazz Award nominee list and placed their order.

The Jodi Proznick Quartet kicks off the festival as the headlining act at the Pender Harbour School of Music on Friday, September 19.

White Rock resident Jodi Proznick was named the best bass player in Canada at the 2008 National Jazz Awards Gala in Toronto.

Her quartet scored record of the year and was named acoustic band of the year for it's album "Foundations."

"Foundations" was also nominated for a Juno and features Jodi's husband Tilden Webb on piano, Jesse Cahill on drums and Steve Kaldestad on tenor sax.

Playing the next night in the same room is Phil Dwyer and his Food For Thought Trio.

Dwyer was also a multiple award-winner at the 2008 National Jazz awards where he was named both saxophonist and arranger of the year.

Before returning to his West Coast roots on Vancouver Island in 2004, Dwyer spent 15 years as one of Toronto's busiest studio musicians, participating in more than 1,000 commercial sessions and adding his distinctive saxophone sound to more than 50 recordings.

Vancouver-based arranger/composer Jill Townsend and her band missed out in the big band category at the jazz awards but that didn't stop them from signing on to play at the free event on Jazz Fest Saturday at



photo submitted

Pender Harbour Landing sales representatives Teresa Sladey and Bill Hunsche present Barry O'Hara, director of the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival, with contributions of \$6,000 including contributions from the developers & their marketing reps. The contribution allows the festival organizers to extend the major Saturday free event (held this year at the Pender Harbour Landing site) to four hours.

Pender Harbour Landing.

The Jill Townsend Big Band is a 17-piece jazz ensemble featuring some of Vancouver's finest jazz musicians.

As a trombonist, Jill has performed with many notable artists including Kenny Wheeler, Natalie

Cole, Ray Charles and Chuck Israels.

These are but a few of the notable musicians arriving for the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival set to take place this September 19 to 21.

For more information on the lineup or to offer help as a much-needed volunteer, visit www.phjazz.ca.



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Olympic swimmer visits pool for youth swim clinic

It has been more than 10 years since Pender Harbour has had a competitive swim team but that soon may be changing.

Canadian National swim team member and 2008 Olympian Tanya Hunks was the star attraction at an introductory swim clinic held at the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre on April 21.

Hunks, who trains with the UBC Dolphins swim club, will represent Canada this summer in Beijing, competing in the 400-metre individual medley (race combining all four strokes) and the 800-metre freestyle.

Hunks was on-hand to offer some star-power to the event, spearheaded by retired coaches Bob and Ev Steele.

They now live in the area and are interested in helping staff at the pool to get a swim program up and running.

Bob Steele coached American University teams for 46 years and the two of them coached California State University (Bakersfield) to five USA Collegiate Championships.

The clinic included a video session presented by Hunks and Steele showing some of the world's best performing the four main strokes in competitive swimming: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

Afterwards, the kids got wet and watched Hunks show off the results of her 12 weekly swim workouts before



'Do you have a dog?' 2008 Olympian Tanya Hunks answers the tough questions about the sport of competitive swimming from a bunch of curious youngsters.

they took turns trying it themselves.

The clinic focused on serious drills with an emphasis on fun and the kids seemed to be in awe of Hunks as they tried to emulate her fluid technique.

The Harbour Seals Swim Club started soon after the pool opened in the late-1970s.

At it's peak, it had 30-plus kids training and competing at swim meets in Gibsons and Vancouver.

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For more information on the up and coming swim program contact Deb Cole at the Pender Pool at (604) 885-6866

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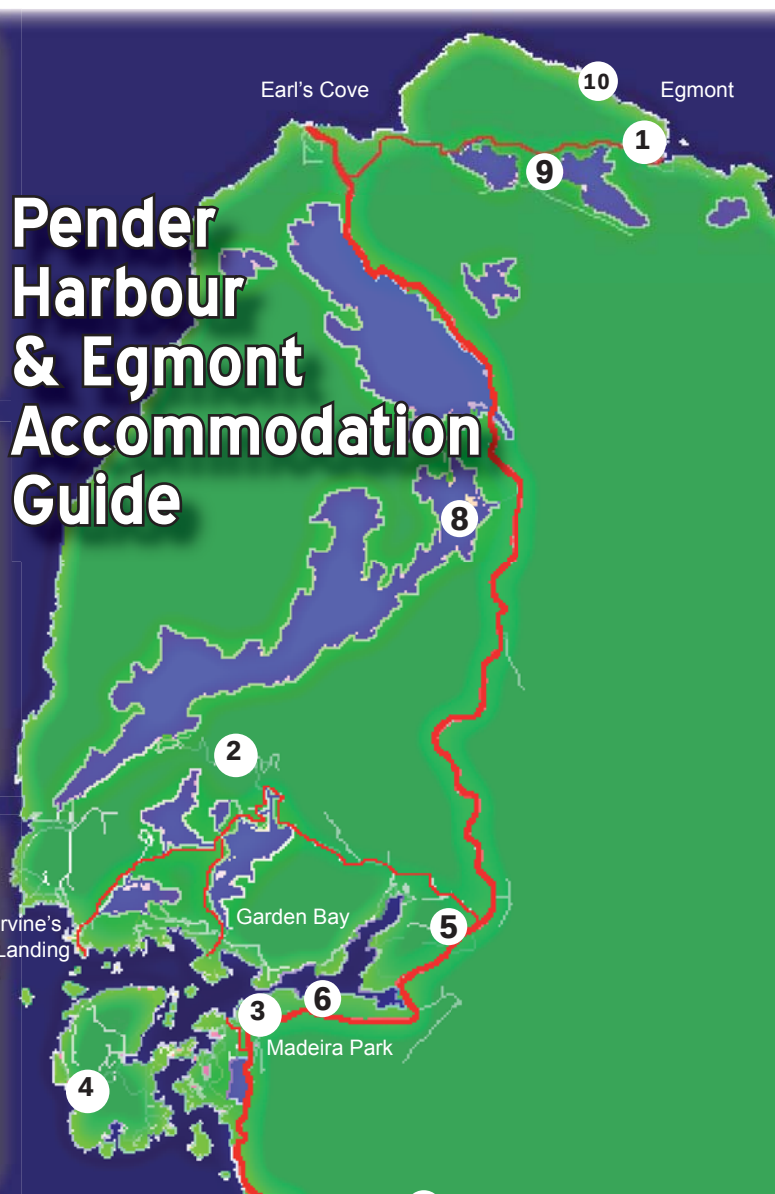
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Seventh April Tools sees paddle wheel twist

The air was warm and the water cold (according to a soaking wet Craig Schroeder who capsized in the first heat) for the Seventh Annual April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge.

This year a novel twist forced the teams to use a supplied paddlewheel for power.

The keys to success were paddles that touched the water, a rudder and balanced cargo placement.

The Garden Bay Firehall's Fireflies beat out seven other teams to take their seventh victory and maintained their undefeated run.

The Fireflies — Bruno Cote, David Goble, Kerry Rand and Dustin Ouellette — were challenged in the final heat by a group calling themselves Motley Crüe.

Experience paid off as their craft powered steady and steered true to open up a comfortable lead to hold off Motley Crue's "Swamp Thing."

Coming in third was "OX" 8 and



The undefeated team from the Garden Bay Fire Hall, the FireFlies, did it again this year at the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge. Here Dustin Ouellette cruises to victory in the final.

the perennial bridesmaids, the Madeira Park Fire Hall's Flyswatters.

As their name suggests, the Flyswatters have had one goal for seven years — to knock off their cross-harbour rivals the Fireflies.

The rivalry is exciting to watch but has many asking the question,

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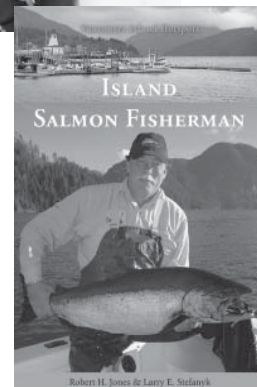
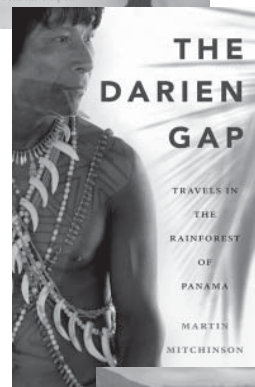
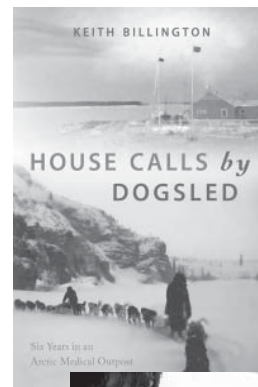
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77-year-old Irvine's Landing School gets facelift

By Brian Lee

In 2002, School District #46 identified three properties they wanted to sell to raise funds.

All were in Area A and consisted of the Madeira Park property next to the elementary school (often called the "Teacherage"), the Egmont School and the Irvine's Landing School property across from Hotel Lake.

Area A representative John Rees proposed that the SCR D purchase all three but, by this time, the school board had changed their position on the sale of the properties and only agreed to relinquish the Egmont school property (though the deal was made without any money changing hands).

While the Madeira Park site remains in limbo, the SCR D came back to the table with an offer for a lease on the Irvine's Landing School property and, after a generous donation of \$40,000 from by developers of nearby Pender Harbour Landing, a 20-year lease was secured to provide Irvine's Landing and Garden Bay with a community meeting place.

Pender Harbour Landing also offered up a link to their septic system to save considerable cost and land usage as the property is restored.

It should be noted the developers of Pender Harbour Landing made their offer after all of the approvals were in place for their subdivision to move ahead.



This first meeting on March 29 was intended to open up the building and to assess the work needed. It might seem that the job at hand is greater than the group assembled to tackle it but they're already proving that assumption wrong.

Developer Bob Fielding requested the new building be renamed the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall, after a woman many believe to be the first non-native woman to live in Pender Harbour.

Her daughter, also named Sarah, was the first non-native child born in Pender Harbour on September 5, 1897.

About 30 community members met at the site on a sunny and warm afternoon on March 29 to officially open the building, survey the work needed and strike the appropriate committees to see the project through.

The hall isn't much to look at right

now, inside or out.

Years of vandalism and weeds have taken their toll but the building has a recent roof and is still in great shape structurally.

In an informal ceremony that afternoon, John Rees handed the keys for the building (and a personal cheque for \$500) over to Eric Graham, the interim chairperson of the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall committee.

Graham didn't even try to hide the fact that what excites him most is the prospect of finally ridding his basement of the chairs he'd acquired last year for the building.

School board representative Mary Bittroff touched on building's bright future when she said,

"From what I've seen in other communities, when you take ownership and make this into your little community centre, there's no school board that would ever dare take it back from you."

Though the regional district carries the lease and insurance, the restoration

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is at the mercy of fundraising efforts by committee members and the community in general.

The group spearheading the building's restoration is undoubtedly one of the best-organized committees around.

Within days they had mobilized subcommittees to handle all aspects of the building restoration and much work has already been completed.

Services donated by Sunshine Coast Pest Control have rid the building of various critters and crawlies while landscaping efforts outside have already dramatically altered the property itself.

An immediate task is the formation of a non-profit society so the committee can apply for various grants.

A number of well-qualified volunteers have stepped forward to help in this area.

IRVINE'S LANDING SCHOOL HISTORY

Irvine's Landing was the first area in Pender Harbour settled by non-natives.

It was a vital hub as the local stop for the Union Steamships which brought supplies and people from all over the coast.

By the 1930s, there were a number of large families living in the area.

The Wrays, Gooldrups, Lees, Edwardsons, Kennedys, Dubois, and Duncans are only some of the families who scratched a living from the nearby bounty of ocean and forest.

The Irvine's Landing School building opened in 1931 on land donated by the owners of the Irvine's Landing Hotel, Joseph Gonsalves and his son-in-law, Theodore Dames.

It was referred to as the "new" school because kids were previously taught in a building behind the Irvine's Landing Hotel where the vacant restaurant sits now.

This first school later achieved

historical significance as the home of Elizabeth Smart when she wrote her famous novel *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept*.

By all accounts the Irvine's Landing School was a community project.

There were no roads into Irvine's Landing so the school was built with local labour and materials.

Work picnics were held at the site and the kids helped clear the land for their playground, rewarded with "ice-cream dixie cups packed in dry ice," according to the late Jean Braun (née Lee).

"Miss Moscrop was our teacher. She boarded at Art Dinghman's place (later Whittaker's Pinehaven)," recalled Braun.

"It was right up by Hotel Lake where we carried water from and stored it in a crock with a tap at the bottom.

"The students took turns filling the water and putting up the flag."

There were two other schools in Pender Harbour at the time, one at Donnelly's Landing and one in Klein-

dale.

Students from all three schools would get together for sports competitions on Victoria Day.

"We were very proud when we could bring the 'Shield' home to our school which we did very often," says Braun.

"The Edwardson kids were fast runners and I held our end up by winning the high jumps."

Muriel Cameron (née Wray) attended the Irvine's School from the start and recalls it had anywhere between 20 and 30 kids at one time.

She said the kids all faced forward to the entrance by the road where the cloak room sits and on the wall of the cloak room was a black board.

The teacher sat at the front of the class early on but, by the '50s, Linda Mattis (née Lee) recalls, the teacher sat at the back by the wood heater.

A common complaint back then concerned the bathroom facilities.

When the school was built there was an outhouse at the back of the

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Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives photo #1829

The front of the school then was much like it is now except for 77 years of tree growth.



Lee family collection photo

The area around the school has changed dramatically over the years. No roads... just trails.

property but that was eventually replaced by a shaky platform added to the back of the school that had a flush toilet but was uncomfortably open to the elements.

Braun recalled that her second teacher at the Irvine's Landing School was Clara Tippet who later married Frank Lee and taught at the Madeira Park Elementary school.

"Aunt Clara Tippet was our teacher around 1935-37. Maggie Wray was the janitor for the school.

"We sure got heck from her when one of our Halloween tricks was stuffing the chimney with gunny sacks," Braun said.

"We went to school early next morning to see the results.

"Smoke pouring out of every door and window until Mrs. Wray got Tiffy up on the roof to pull the stuff out of the chimney; that's when he spotted us in the bush laughing and the smoke started coming our way.

"We didn't get punished however."

The Wrays lived next door to the school property and were the school's closest neighbours.

"Mr. (Charlie) Wray and Tiffy sawed the wood for the big wood heater that warmed the school."

Tiffy Wray passed away in November of 2006 but lived there until only a

few years ago.

Muriel Cameron remembers the school only went to Grade 8 and then students would transfer to the "Superior" school at Donnelly's Landing.

Herb Smith taught at Irvine's Landing until her eighth year before switching over at the same time to teach her once again when she went to school at Donnelly's Landing.

Jean Braun claimed hers was the first Grade 9 class in Pender Harbour at Donnelly's in 1939.

Attending the Donnelly's Landing school required a rowboat trip across the harbour from Irvine's Landing every morning and Braun recalls



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Eddie Edwardson made the trip in a dugout canoe.

“He would always beat us when we raced no matter how hard we rowed, except for the days when I was allowed to use Grandpa’s putt putt.

“Then we would throw him a towline.”

The big bank of windows in the school faces due west and, with even fewer trees than there are now, the afternoon sun must have been relentless.

In a 1950s predecessor to our present seafood school fundraisers, Linda Mattis remembers her dad, Norman Lee, helped to raise money for venetian blinds by catching and smoking herring for a kippered herring sale.

The kids hocked the kippers and the school received some badly needed protection from the sun.

The school continued until around 1957 when it was renovated into a community hall.

Robi Petraschuk remembers a New Year’s Eve dance at the hall in 1964 where everyone was having such a good time that when they went to leave, they discovered four feet of snow.

“There was no way our cars could make it home so at around 2:30 a.m. we decided that, since we had lots of firewood, food, booze and music, we’d just keep the party going!”

Much later on the building was abandoned and fell into disrepair.

There was the odd weak attempt at resurrecting the building but nothing was accomplished until the recent push for its restoration.

The investment of time and energy into the building of the Irvine’s Landing School was symbolic of how the community of Pender Harbour was evolving beyond its frontier, resource extraction roots and becoming a per-



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It was a nice looking building. Later additions to the back and sides weren’t quite as tastefully designed and their current state of disrepair adds to the overall look of deterioration.

manent settlement.

With other schools in Kleindale, Silver Sands and Donnelly’s Landing Pender Harbour was thriving with young families who viewed education as a priority for their children.

Resources meant riches and it

made perfect sense to live nearby.

Irvine’s Landing has an abundance of vacant property these days — maybe when the lease is up in 20 years there’ll be a need for a school once again.

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Initial steps taken in implementation of Area A Water Master Plan



*By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A*

WATER MASTER PLAN MEETINGS

Starting at the end of April, Steve Lee (project manager), SCRD staff and I will be meeting with the various trustee groups who represent the smaller water systems — Egmont, Earl's Cove, and Oyster Bay, north and south.

These systems were identified as priority areas in the Area A Water Master Plan.

The purpose of these meetings will be to present advanced proposals for the development and improvement of their water systems.

It is hoped that physical work can start later this year providing that we can reach agreement on the process and funding allocations.

There are other areas waiting for feasibility studies and funding such as lower Middlepoint and I understand there may soon be another application coming from the Kleindale area.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH ASSESSMENT OFFICER.

On April 17, the SCRD Board met with the regional assessment officer.

This meeting came at my request and was brought on by the higher than average assessments for Area A resulting in an imbalance of area-to-area taxation. (See my previous columns on this issue.)

It may not surprise many of you

to know that property assessments are based entirely upon the real estate market place.

There is no little guy snooping around to evaluate any improvements you may make.

What surprised me was that if there are no sales in a given area, the B.C. Assessment Authority will look to other, somewhat similar, areas that have some current sales information in order to justify increases.

I would have thought that the no sales area would stay as assessed.

This year there were 76 appeals from the Ruby/ Sakinaw area.

Of these, six were withdrawn, 10 remained unchanged, 46 were reduced by various amounts less than 20 per cent, and 14 were granted reductions over 20 per cent.

Overall, 60 out of 76 were granted reductions — great system!

The assessment officer, Mr. Paul Borgo, made it very clear that these decisions were made by an independent appeal board separate from the assessing division.

You can form your own conclusions on this system but for my part, I felt that this meeting was productive.

When the new assessments are put together this July for 2009, I am sure the authority will consider the message coming from this area and hopefully be more aware of the tax impact their changeable decisions can have on a community.

SARAH WRAY HERITAGE CENTRE (IRVINE'S LANDING SCHOOL)

As I write, Saturday April 19, local residents are working at cleaning up this heritage building before renovating it as a community meeting

place.

It has taken five years and a most kind donation of \$40,000 from the owners of the Pender Harbour Landing Development to complete the transaction with S.D. #46.

Committees are formed and there is a lot of energy going into this project.

This is a very worthwhile undertaking worthy of any type of donation, whether it be volunteer labour or service in kind or cash.

All will be most welcome.

PENDER POOL, ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS.

Once again the folks in this community have shown their support for the Pender Pool.

The recent AAP process is now complete, and the Aquatic Society Board has been given the green light — overwhelmingly I might add — to move ahead with much needed improvements to an aging facility.

It appears that all the work will be done over a two-year period during the summer closures.

STUDY FOR PHASE 1 INCORPORATION

Recently I have written here that, on your behalf, I have made an application at the SCRD for support for this request and that is ongoing.

This is a study only, paid for by the province.

It occurs to me that many residents of less than 10 years will not have much knowledge of this process and its complexities.

Starting next month I will try to explain both phases of the process and the reasons that this application is be-

ing made at this time.

In the meantime I would be interested in any comments you may have in this area.

DOG CONTROL

A few years ago we went through a community process regarding a Bylaw on Dog Control.

There was considerable organized opposition and the bylaw vote failed.

Fair enough, that is democracy.

Unfortunately the problem did not simply disappear as a result of a vote.

Recently, there have been more serious incidents particularly in the Madeira area.

One resident has lost the use of a hand after being attacked and I am regularly called about other encounters.

Something has to be done about this problem.

To that end I would like to re-

engage the community on a discussion and awareness of public safety issues regarding problem dogs and irresponsible owners.

Letters to this publication and emails to me would be a start and possibly those that organized the by-law defeat may have some workable solutions also.

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Thursday May 8, 2008

- 1:30 p.m. Planning & Development
- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

Thursday May 15, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Infrastructure Services Watershed
- 1:30 p.m. Community Services

Thursday, May 22, 2008

- 1:30 p.m. Corporate & Administrative Services
- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

Pender Harbour Blues Festival alive and kicking

by Chris Andersen,
Pender Harbour Blues Society

When I took over the Pender Harbour Blues Festival I didn't know what I was getting myself into.

Not only was I an inexperienced event co-ordinator, I knew next to nothing about running meetings, let

alone running a society.

I do know music, as many of you can testify, and blues is a genre I know well.

So are jazz, rock, punk, classical, ska, reggae, and fusion, to name a few, but it's the blues that needed an event coordinator, so here I am, saying there will be a fifth annual Blues

Festival, and a damn good one at that.

Russell Marsland, Neil Harnett, Oliver Conway, Murray Porter and Bradley/McGillivray are all coming to kick some Pender Harbour Blues butt.

None of this would have happened without the help of Ron Johnston at the Garden Bay Pub and Marina, and musician Mark Vance who gathered most of the players.

Many local businesses have pitched in as well, including the Backeddy Pub and Marina in Egmont, who were eager to jump aboard as a new venue.

This isn't a big festival, but all the acts are top-notch.

This year will also have the first Blues Workshop, featuring Bradley/McGillivray and Murray Porter, as well as locals Pat Haavisto and myself.

Also helping me out has been Barry O'Hara, director of the jazz festival.

He too has had little experience as an event co-ordinator, but chose to burden himself with the task rather than see no festival, just as I have.

Barry and I play in a band together – The Bear Bay Trio, featured in this year's jazz festival – so we're already comfortable working together and sharing ideas.

The most interesting part about all this is that I prefer jazz to listen to, watch and perform, whereas Barry prefers the blues.

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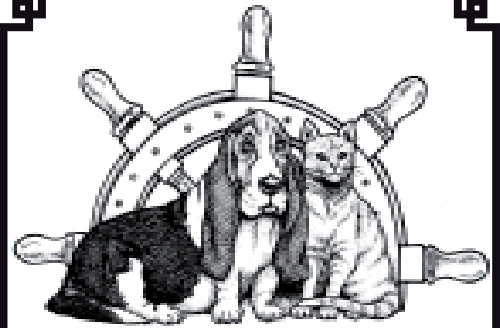
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The Outreach Healthy Meals Project received a grant for \$1,500 from the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation. Seen presenting the cheque to Linda Curtiss and Anky Drost is Rick Parranto, London Life financial security adviser. The MDRF is a public charity which receives gifts from its members. Rick who is a member sponsored the application. The money will be used to cover operating expenses including advertising and volunteers training.



PARCEL TAX NOTICE

As authorized under the Community Recreation Facilities Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 577 and the Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No 422, parcel taxes will be assessed on all eligible parcels listed on the Parcel Tax Roll.

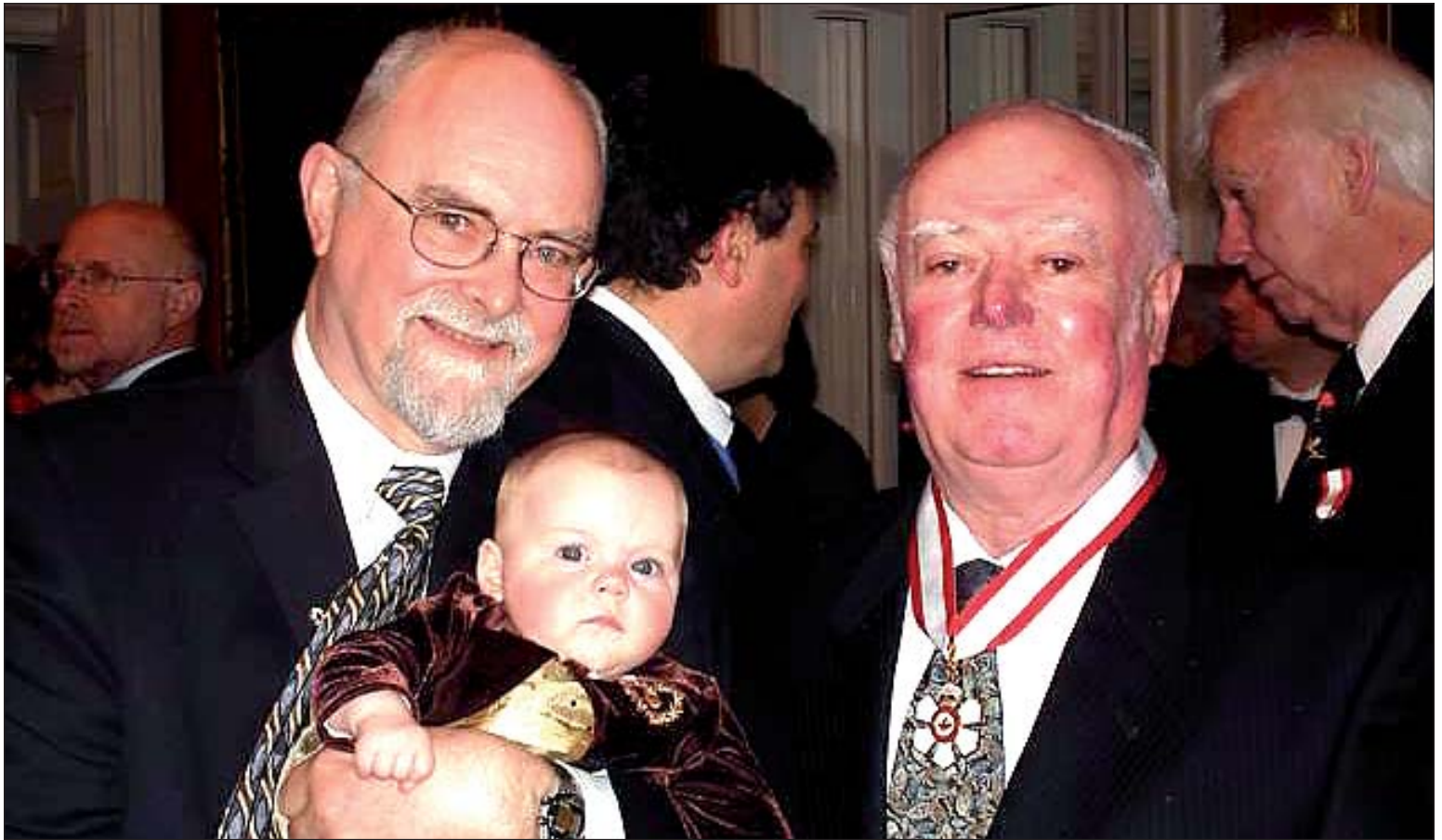
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The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 1:30pm at:
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Patrick White photo

Looking a little wary of the camera is Simone White, granddaughter of Howard White seen here with fellow Order of Canada recipient, author Alistair Macleod at the awards ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on April 11. Other recipients included former Prime Minister Jean Chretien, golfer Mike Weir and rocker Tom Cochrane. White fears this could prove be the high point in young Simone's life — she also had her picture taken with Mich  lle Jean, the Governor General of Canada.

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Mildred, Pender Harbour's chief gossip, self-appointed monitor of the town's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several locals did not approve of her gossiping but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake when she

accused Henry, a local fisherman, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the Grasshopper one afternoon.

She emphatically told Henry and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

Henry, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away.

He didn't explain, defend, or deny.

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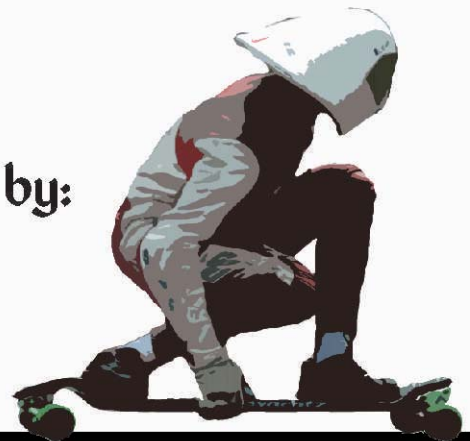
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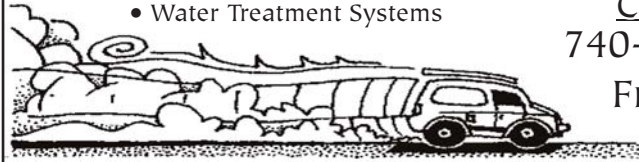
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Keep the environment in mind when opening up the cottage



By Alan Stewart

After a long grey Pender Harbour winter it's that time of year again when the earth and sea start to warm and the mountains lose

their icy frosting.

Soon it will be time to have fun in the sun: swimming, boating and fishing at your summer retreat.

But first there is much work to be done.

The cottage needs to be prepared for the season, the waterline needs to be hooked up and boats need to be launched.

When going through this yearly ritual, it is important to consider possible harm to streams and lakes and the surrounding environment from these activities.

After all, one of the main reasons you go to the cottage is to enjoy our



When possible, paint or stain docks away from the lake and allow at least 14 days of drying time before putting them in the turtle pond.

area's unspoiled beauty.

With regard to repair and maintenance to your retreat's buildings and grounds, take care when using cleaning agents, paints and stains.

Use natural products like baking soda and lemon juice when cleaning – especially boats, floats and water toys.

I found a very helpful website on cleaning products from less harmful materials at [http://www.lesstoxic-](http://www.lesstoxic-guide.ca)

guide.ca.

When using paints and stains, consider using earth-tone colours so that buildings and other structures will blend better with the natural shoreline.

Paint or stain docks away from the lake, allowing 14 days of drying time before putting them in the water.

Make sure to clean brushes, etc. away from the water to prevent materials from washing into the lake.

This may be a surprise to you, but when cleaning up winter debris on the property, DO NOT rake up the duff layer of leaves and pine needles that build up under the trees!

These leaves act like a sponge and filter and help prevent pollutants from getting into the lake.

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system, check the leach field for any breakouts and consider having the tank pumped if it has not been pumped in the last 3 years.

A properly functioning septic system prevents harmful pollutants from getting into the lake.

When preparing your boat for another season, make sure to dispose of drained lubricating oils at a recycling facility or bring the oil to your local dealer for disposal.

Pender Harbour Diesel and Mountain View Service (Petro-Can) both accept uncontaminated used oil in closed containers.

You can dispose of old gas at the Sechelt Landfill.

Wash the boat away from the water or at a commercial car wash.

Check to make sure that the boat, trailer and other equipment are free of any hitchhiking plants and be sure to tune-up that motor.

Following these simple rules when opening up your cottage will go far in protecting the natural resources you so enjoy as a cottage owner.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK: MAY 4 - 10

As part of the Emergency Preparedness Week we will begin printing the "26 Weeks to Family Emergency Preparedness" program.

Please look for notices on events and information displays that will be in the community to provide information and increase awareness.

This is a well-thought-out program that helps families and individuals acquire the items necessary to be self-supporting for up to seven days during an emergency.

It is laid out in 26 easily understood steps regarding what to do.

The full program is available by e-mail or in hard copy at the Health Centre.

PENDER HARBOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is part of the Pender Harbour Emergency Preparedness committee.

The committee meets monthly to plan and develop the emergency

response program for Area A.

Groups involved include:

- Madeira Park, Garden Bay and Egmont fire halls
- Madeira Park Ambulance, Station 265
- Coast Guard Auxiliary
- SCRD, Sunshine Coast Emergency Program
- Ham radio, emergency communications
- Pender Harbour Health Centre

Each group is focused on its respective area and roles during an emergency incident.

We are fortunate to have Bill Elsner, the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program co-ordinator, to assist us as we develop our program.

A vital component during an emergency will be effective communication, not just among first-line responders like fire, police and ambulance, but also to keep the public informed.

Ted Taylor is leading this initiative and working with Bill Elsner and other ham radio operators to get this in place.

THE PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE'S ROLE

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is involved in emergency preparedness in two ways.

Firstly, to provide medical assistance during an emergency in co-ordination with fire, police and ambulance services.

We also have an emergency supplies container at the Health Centre and will be the central point for distribution of these supplies in an emergency.

Our second area of involvement is to help promote and increase public awareness and access to information on emergency preparedness.

To further this, we are setting up a display area at the Health Centre with informational pamphlets on various topics such as tips for using 911; neighbourhood emergency preparedness; earthquake and tsunami smart manual, and contact information on how to become involved as a volunteer.

We will be adding more information on a regular basis.

26 WEEKS TO FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - MAY

Week 1: Get a portable container with a lid to use as an emergency kit. A plastic storage bin or garbage can works well, particularly one with wheels. Choose an accessible location for the container near an exit, and label the container. Make sure all family members know what it will be used for and where it is.

Week 2: Stock your kit with a seven-day supply of water and don't forget to include water for your pets. You need four litres of water per person per day – two for drinking and two for food preparation and hygiene.

Week 3: Arrange an out-of-area phone contact person, and keep this and other emergency phone numbers near each telephone. Teach each family member these numbers.

Week 4: Stock your kit with several varieties of canned meat and dried fruit. Include a manual can opener.

What's wrong with Pender Harbour?

Coast News
Friday March 28, 1947
Submitted By Maureen Wright

Editor, Coast News

Dear sir,

I would like to remark on the almost complete absence of Pender Harbour news and ads.

Pender Harbour is a terminus much the same as Gibsons Landing, yet all the little hamlets on the way seem to warrant nearly half a column, sometimes.

Pender Harbour and the denizens thereof must be truly perfect.

Perhaps they do not advertise because they do not wish to persuade people to spend money they can not

afford.

They have a “beer parlour” and no news?

They have a hospital and apparently no sick people?

They have a lot of pretty wives and nobody steals them?

They have bun struggling tea fights and no gossip?

They have “Carpy” and his mandolin.

Truly this must be a Utopia.

In other words, “What’s the matter with Pender Harbour?”

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May 03 ~ Roy Loxterkamp, Tyra Phillips and Natasha Kammerle.

May 04 ~ Andrew Sutherland.

May 05 ~ Barb Ellison, Rob Ellison, Ray Lee, Baylee Higgins and Robyn Leech.

May 06 ~ Lori Fielding.

May 07 ~ Stephanie Warner and her grandmother Mary Richardson, Debbie Roosen, Tricia Fisher and Kristen White.

May 08 ~ Wally Silvey, Linda Reid, Francis Belisle, Ryan Schroeder and Vicki Honeybourne.

May 09 ~ Frank White, Steve Devaney, Bruce Silvey, Rick Dougan, Leanna Mackie, Karen McKeeman, Vanessa Stephens, Debbie Hayen and Jim Greenlaw.

May 10 - Ann Cook.

May 11 ~ Deena Lowings, Shelley Wharton and Candace Sharp.

May 12 ~ TJ Campbell and Rob McMann.

May 13 ~ Joe McCann, Mel Likes and Reynald Bernier.

May 14 ~ Jan Smalley and Lhonna

Dougan.

May 15 ~ Michael Pazur.

May 17 ~ Linda Curtiss, Jack Dennis, Dan Jinks, Helen Krantz, Roland Schmidt and Amy Tiefenbach.

May 18 ~ Joe MacKay, Devina Morton, Ron Collett, Wendy Haddock and Sharon Halford.

May 19 ~ Bill Thompson and Earl Stewart.

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May 21 ~ Shannon Fowler.

May 23 ~ Mary Milner and Tom Patterson.

May 24 ~ Vicki Kobus, Dick Milner, Treenah Dougan, Margo Hunsche and Maurice Lowings.

May 25 ~ Helen Edwardson and Christina Stoutenburg.

May 27 ~ Cindy Schroeder.

May 28 ~ Mikey Thompson, Janice Metcalfe, Lyn Vaughan, Kevin Graham, Wayne Archbold and Myrtle Winchester.

May 29 ~ Cliff Silvey, Tyler Forsyth and Amber LaFrance.

May 30 ~ Marten Mees and Mike Phillips.

MAY WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average daily high temperature in May is 15.6 C and our average daily low is 9.3 C, giving us a daily mean temperature of 12.5 C for the month. Our record high temperature in May is 28.4 C (May 29, 1983) and our record low is 3.3 C (May 1, 1970).

PRECIPITATION

May has an average of 12 days with rainfall and an average total for the month of 54.9 mm. Our record daily rainfall in May is 28.7 mm (May 2, 1963) and our record daily snowfall in May is 1 cm (May 10, 1985).

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MOTHER'S DAY: MAY 11

Only recently dubbed "Mother's Day," the highly traditional practice of honoring of motherhood is rooted in antiquity, and past rites typically had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones.

Societies tended to celebrate goddesses and symbols rather than actual Mothers. In fact, the personal, human touch to Mother's Day is a relatively new phenomenon.

In the 1600s a clerical decree in England broadened the celebration to include real mothers, earning the name Mothering Day and became an especially compassionate holiday toward the working classes of England.

The first North American Mother's Day was conceptualized with Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870.

Despite having penned *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* 12 years earlier, Howe had become so distraught by the death and carnage of the Civil War that she called on mothers to come together and protest what she saw as the futility of their sons killing the sons of other mothers.

Canada was one of the first nations to pick up the U.S. version of Mother's Day, making it a national holiday in 1909, one year after the United States.

The customs largely reflect those of its southern neighbor, although in Canada there seems to be an added emphasis on doing chores for the mother and cooking her supper.

mothersdaycentral.com

MAY ASTROLOGY

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious and slovenly, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. They are sensible and healthily cynical yet 52 per cent still believe man hasn't yet walked on the moon.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

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~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

To be held at the Pender Harbour Legion on Saturday, May 10 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds go to the P.H. branch of the Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital. There will be a raffle and door prizes. Raffle prizes donated by Painted Boat Restaurant for a \$100 gift certificate, a one hour massage by Brigit and gift basket of spa items by Wendi Milner. Tickets will be sold at the door for the tea and the raffle

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Women's Connection gathering on Tuesday, May 13 is titled "The Awards of Excellence: How I Became a Covergirl" by Linda Curtiss. Come and hear Linda's story at the School of Music in Madeira Park. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., meeting is 10 a.m. until noon. Members, new members and drop-ins are always welcome. We will have an off-site gathering on Tuesday, May 27. This will be a Strawberry Social fundraiser for the History Book Project. Carla Knight is pre-selling tickets for this event to be held at the Caron Gardens from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

IRIS GRIFFITH CENTRE

The Iris Griffith Centre presents the 2008 Green Home Workshop Series. The next workshop is "Green Roofs with John Dafoe – Hands On." It will take place on Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$10 Members / \$20 Non-Members. Please bring a bag lunch and, if you prefer, gardening gloves.

On May 24 and 25 "BioBlitz," a 24-hour environmental survey within a five-km radius of the Iris Griffith Centre in the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve. There will be a base camp at the Iris Griffith Centre and community members will be able to join specialists in the field while sampling and identifying local flora and fauna.

PENDER HARBOUR & DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School. The guest speaker for the evening is Garden Bay resident, Julie Southerst. Julie has travelled extensively in the Canadian North and has recently returned from a trip to the Antarctic. She will present photos which show the differences and similarities of the North and South Polar Regions, and also some rare photos of animal life in these regions.



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Elk fence paid by golf club, not provincial government

By Jan Watson

I would like to take this opportunity to correct some false information contained in a letter recently published in one of the Coast newspapers.

The elk fence around the golf course was not paid for by the provincial government but was built and paid for by the golf club.

The fence along the highway which runs from two kilometres north of the golf course to near the high school was built by the government due to several accidents caused by elk crossing the highway.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED

For once the ladies started their season with good weather.

Last year, five out of six ladies' days were cancelled due to rain but this year it has been the men's turn to start with a very cold and wet day.

Some of the men toughed it out

and yes the ladies did treat them to coffee and homemade muffins.

MEN'S CLUB

April 1 was a two-man scramble, with scores calculated on a total handicap less 35 per cent.

Winners were Carey Threlkeld and Bill West 61.

KP on #3 Bob Ducich and #6 Rusty Ellis.

LADIES CLUB

The "Three Clubs and a Putter" event on March 27 was won with a 74 by Kathy Bergman.

On April 3 a "Low Net Game plus Total Putts" was won Lorna Lycan with 103.

April 10 saw a nine hole scramble followed by a pot luck lunch and the annual Spring meeting. Winners were Moni Langham and Marjory

West 43.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

Why do golfers shout "Fore!" when they hit an errant shot?

The word fore is Scottish in origin, and is a shortened version of the word before or afore.

The old Scottish warning, essentially meaning "look out ahead," probably originated in military circles, where artillery men used the call as a warning to troops in forward positions.

Golfers as early as the 18th century adopted this military warning cry for use on the golf course.

GENERAL NEWS

There's plenty of activity happening with renovations and a new roof progressing well.

Incredible work being done by wonderful volunteers, not forgetting the good tradesmen.

Lots of improvements being done on the course as well.

We hope to have the restaurant open again by the end of May.

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Bathgate's General Store and Marina celebrates 60th anniversary

By Vicky Martin

Egmont Consumer Co-op Association store was opened on May 16, 1948.

Its property consisted of the sites presently known as Bathgate's Store, Egmont Community Hall and Egmont Park (formerly Egmont School).

The store was managed by Len Abbotsway, then briefly by George Page, and finally by Percy Crowe-Swords and the post office by his wife, Sheilagh.

The donation of the land for the community hall and school was one of the last acts of the Consumer's Co-op because the Co-op before it went into receivership.

The co-op was sold in an attempt by the shareholders to recoup some of their losses and John and Lily Dunlop became the new owners on March 8, 1954, naming it Dunlop's Store.

Elsie & Cy Healy operated a store on the north shore of the inlet and the Dunlop's operated their store



photo submitted

An Egmont landmark from the start, the Egmont Consumer Co-op Association store opened on May of 1948, later becoming Bathgate's General Store.

in Secret Bay.

Real business rivals but always good friends, they were ready to help one another when occasion arose.

In those days they had only one boat delivery each week and occasionally one of the stores would run short of some needed commodity.

Canned milk, flour, coffee, bread

or cigarettes would often change hands either at cost or to be replaced when the next freight shipment was received.

Because Dunlop had the only radio-phone in the district for some time, Cy had to phone in his weekly orders from Dunlop's store.

The Dunlops lived first in a tiny shack behind the store but later purchased a house and floated it from "the other side" on a raft and pulled it up just beside the store.

This house was demolished in April 2001 and a new deluxe motel now stands in its place.

Jack and Bob Bathgate purchased the store from the Dunlops in June, 1963, incorporating it as Bathgate Egmont Enterprises Ltd., though it was and still is commonly known as Bathgate General Store & Marina.

Jack Bathgate was a butcher and the first shipment of meat from Vancouver was of poor quality.

Jack soon straightened that out and to this day Bathgate's carries top



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*to all the people who made this year's
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- ✦ All the teams who participated
- ✦ Sunshine Coast Credit Union, Rona, Twentyman Tea & Coffee, Grasshopper Pub, and SunshineCoastHomes.com
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- ✦ Harbour Spiel, Coast Reporter, The Local, Community Connection, Arts & Culture Calendar, and Cable 11
- ✦ Martin Nichols (MC) and all the Volunteers who make it happen
- ✦ The hard-working organizers from the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society.

LOCAL LANDMARKS

quality meat.

While some merchandise for the store is delivered now, the present owners still make a weekly trip to Vancouver to pick up supplies.

The dirt road to Egmont from Highway 101 was built in 1956 but it wasn't paved until August 1966.

Many people began to discover Egmont and the Skookumchuck Narrows Provincial Park which was established in 1957.

The store became not just a stopping-off and refuelling place for water-borne tourists, but for campers, fishermen, and hikers who travelled by road as well.

The Bathgate brothers, who had long provided marina services for cruisers, found themselves with a whole new breed of tourists to care for.

In 1965 they built a laundromat, men's and women's showers, rest-rooms and a coffee bar serving light refreshments and hamburgers.

New cabin rentals were the next project.

Next, they installed a walk-in freezer which provided an ample supply of block ice and frozen bait (both made on the premises) for the fishermen and tourists.

The old log-float dock, which

continued next page



photo submitted

This photo is taken of the store sometime after the Dunlops bought it in 1954.

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Bathgate's Store (cont.)

had been used by John Dunlop to run a commercial fish buying station, was replaced with a new 60-foot float supported by fibreglass pontoons.

New fuel holding tanks with containment and guard walls were installed.

In 1966 a propane dispensing station was installed.

Due to the expansions being carried out by the Bathgate's in the mid-1960s, the post office was relocated to the corner of Egmont and Maple Road.

By the early 1950s and 1960s there were approximately 20 logging companies operating in the area.

The store supplied many of these camps with all their needs.

A battery-operated radio telephone was installed in the store by BC Tel for emergencies.

In 1957, when the road was built, a land line came to Egmont.

A pay phone was installed in the store where it remained until 1990, before being moved outside the store.

In the late 1970s the CBC filmed the series *Ritter's Cove* on location and in 2004 segments of the movie *Desolation Sound* were filmed at the store and marina.

Bob Bathgate retired in 1987 and the next year Doug and Vicky Martin bought the property from Jack Bath-



Some say it's salmon, some say pink. Whatever colour you called it, Bathgate's Store has always stood out from the water.

gate.

For many years, the community of Egmont was best known for the bright salmon pink paint on Bathgate's store and adjacent buildings.

In 2001, after building the new motel, the owners decided it was time for a change and the color of all the buildings was changed to beige with maroon trim.

Only the laundromat and one old cabin remain salmon pink to this day.

The original store with its oiled fir floors still stands but there have been many additions over the years.

Since acquiring the property in 1988, the Martins have built new

buildings and rebuilt or renovated all the remaining buildings.

In 1992 the store acquired a licence to sell beer, wine and spirits.

In 1994 railway marine ways were built which are capable of hauling out 40-foot boats.

Along with a new septic system, the laundromat and shower facilities were upgraded a number of times since 1988 and continue to provide a much-needed service to the people of the area and tourists alike.

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Pender Bananas take home the consolatory “Beer Cup”

By Brian Lee

The Pender Bananas solidified their reputation as perennial Beer Cup finalists as they once again found themselves in the consolation bout of the Over-30 Men's Soccer Tournament at Ted Dixon field April 13.

The Beer Cup is just that, a trophy made out of full beer cans wrapped excessively with duct tape, warmed to within a half degree of “imbibibility” and awarded to the team that prevails over the squads that failed to make it to the final four competing for the overall trophy.

The Bananas have played in the final for the Beer Cup six out of their seven years and this is their third consolation win.

This record is starting to make the other teams suspicious about Pender's strategic ambitions because,



Sadly, Beer Cups never make it to the trophy case. Rod Kammerle looking happy with fifth place.



Rehydration is key after sporting events. The Pender Bananas taking time out from their recovery to pose for a team picture.

though it's not the most coveted trophy up for grabs at the tournament, it does yield considerable envy from the other teams after the games — and beer coolers — are played out.

The Pender Bananas edged out Gibsons United 3-1 thanks to Ryan Boyd's winning header that he claims crushed the spirit of the United team and turned the momentum in their favour once and for all.

Pender goalie “Big” Al Stewart made more than a few spectacular saves to keep the team firmly on the beer trail but was helped along by Rob-in Millar who knocked in the other two goals.

Millar was also the Bananas top scorer for the tournament notching four out their nine goals.

The Bananas picked up the award for the Most Sportsmanlike team after receiving only one yellow card for the entire season.

In the “real” final, home field favourites

the Sechelt Chiefs edged out CPU 3-1 to take ultimate bragging rights.

CPU squeaked by Pender in the previous game 1-0 to make it into the next round

Only a couple of years ago, the Chiefs were sitting at the bottom of the league looking up and the post-game celebration in the clubhouse clearly showed not only the jubilation felt by the team and their fans but their love of the game.

The inside of the Chiefs clubhouse is like a museum to Sunshine Coast soccer — trophies, posters, pennants and photos of past tournament glory adorn the walls.

Long after the other teams had left the field, remnants of the Pender squad were welcomed into the raucous celebration and treated to a tour.

The gesture exemplified the beauty of sport.

After the swearing and glaring that inevitably takes place on the field during a tournament like this, it's refreshing to see how quickly the hostility vanishes with a simple hospitable gesture... and a trophy made of beer.

HARBOUR SEALS



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A massive Harbour Seal of Approval to **the community of Pender Harbour** for showing James and I caring and support during our time of need. This sincere emotion is why we continue to live here in this paradise.

Heather and James

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Andy Cardiff**, owner and operator of Malaspina Water Taxi for donating the use of three kayaks for the Wave Rider event. The 14 girls had a great time in the pool with the kayaks, doing races and practicing self-rescue.

Charly McLean

A Harbour Seal of Approval to all the Egmont residents that helped me with this (Bathgate's General Store) article, especially **Judy Gill, Billy Griffith, Betty Silvey and the late Gladys McNutt and Lilly Dunlop.**

Vicky Martin

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **George Fulton** of G. Fulton Heating and Services who spent a Sunday cleaning out of all the heating ducts, vents, and cold air returns at the Madeira Park Post Office.

Judy Grimson

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Ladies Auxiliary from Branch 112** for your wonderful gift and understanding when we thought all was lost. We thank you so much.

John Palmer

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Myrtle Winchester** for finding us an angel called Doris Pride. Thank you both for your help when it was desperately needed.

John Palmer

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **woman who picks up garbage** along Garden Bay Road every week. Thank you so much for keeping the neighbourhood clean!

Judy Renouf

A "delicious" Harbour Seal of Approval to **Linda Curtiss, Anky Drost and all their great volunteer helpers** for the delicious dinners. Many thanks,

LaVerne and Bob.

Notice of Public Information Meeting

When: Friday, May 9, 2008 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where:

Pender Harbour School of Music, 12952 Madeira Park Rd., Madeira Park, BC

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**Any questions or concerns should be addressed to
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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.

MAY EVENTS

- Thurs. May 1-14.....Harbour Gallery features artist Nefri Lyske - Pender Harbour Cultural Centre, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sun. May 4.....2008 Green Homes Workshop Series "Green Roofs" - Iris Griffith Centre, 10 a.m.
- Sun May 4.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Fri. May 9.....Public Information Meeting re: Development of Mt. Daniel Resort - P. H. School of music, 7 p.m.
- Fri. May 9.....Third Annual Pender Harbour Walk for Health - Garden Bay Lake Pump House, 11 a.m.
- Sat. May 10.....Mother's Day Tea - P.H. Legion, 1:30-3:30 p.m., proceeds PH Aux. to St. Mary's Hosp.
- Sat. May 10.....Mother's Day Meat Draw - P. H. Legion #112, 3 p.m.
- Sat. May 10.....Mt. Daniel Resort Open House - 12881 Sunshine Coast Highway, 1 p.m. -5 p.m.
- Sun. May 11.....Mt. Daniel Resort Open House - 12881 Sunshine Coast Highway, 1 p.m. -5 p.m.
- Sun. May 11.....Mother's Day
- Sun May 11.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. May 12.....Food bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon.
- Tues. May 13.....P. H. Community Club General Meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Tues. May 13.....Women's Connection presents Linda Curtiss - P. H. School of Music
- Sat. May 17.....May Day - Madeira Park
- Sat. May 17.....Soup and Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
- Sun. May 18.....Attack of Danger Bay - Francis Peninsula
- Sun May 18.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. May 19.....GRIPS AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. May 20.....P. H. And District Wildlife Society presents Julie Southerst - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. May 20.....Speed Bump Alley now closed to thru traffic
- Fri. May 23.....Youth Night - P. H. Aquatic Centre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. May 24.....BioBlitz - Iris Griffith Centre
- Sun. May 25..... BioBlitz - Iris Griffith Centre
- Sun. May 25.....20th Annual Garden Bay Golf Classic - P. H. Golf Course, 10 a.m.
- Sun. May 25.....Zapato Negro - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Mon. May 26.....Food bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon.
- Tues. May 27.....Women's Connection "Strawberry Social" - Caron Gardens, 2 p.m.
- Wed. May 28.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - PHSS (Rm. 107), 7 p.m.
- Wed. May 28.....Nicholas Simons Pender Harbour Outreach Day - P. H. Community School, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 31.....Giant Garage Sale - P. H. Legion #112, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)	11:00 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)		

Note: schedule differs slightly for Oct. 5 & 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 24 & 26, Jan. 1, March 21 & 24

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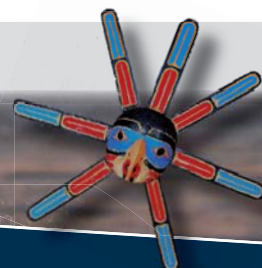
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