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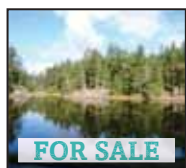
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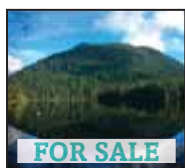


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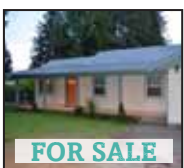
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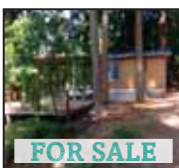
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**NEXT ISSUE:
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editorial

The benefits of the DMP

By Brian Lee



Now that Barry Penner has said it, everyone agrees — the province blew it with the dock management plan.

Penner's report offers some vindication for anyone who reacted angrily to the government's freewheeling experiment with reconciliation at Pender Harbour's expense.

His 28-page report on the DMP is fair and considered and might even be worth the \$25,000 budgeted for it.

But that will seem cheap compared to the cost of upcoming reviews of the environmental and archaeological toll of Pender Harbour's docks.

I like consultants' reports.

They stir up lots of fancy data to fold into stories and if done well, give us all a little more understanding of our home.

Putting Pender Harbour's marine health under the microscope might even provide a template for a province-wide dock strategy.

Or it could be a political stall by the province, hoping the results provide enough wiggle room to move ahead with the original plan anyway.

Politics aside, issues stirred up by the DMP provide a healthy opportunity for self-examination.

Despite the "significant deterioration in the relationship between the Shíshálh Nation and the nonaboriginal community," the DMP has opened a dialogue there that didn't exist before.

Once we put this issue to rest, it's possible both communities will benefit from a better understanding of each other.

Who knows where that might lead?

In the meantime, it's forced us to

take a peak under Pender Harbour's rug.

I paddle a tippy kayak around the harbour a couple times a week and feel like I have a pretty intimate understanding of its health.

Like many populated waterways on the Coast, it has suffered from decades of unintended pollution but now seems to be on the rebound.

Which means it's more important than ever to monitor threats to that progress.

Despite moving away from weeping tile septic systems and direct flushing of sewage, fecal coliform counts are still unacceptably high.

Derelict boats sit like quiet disasters waiting their turn.

And I regularly splash through fuel spills — not from derelicts but from any number of the 700-plus bilges that pump into Pender Harbour.

I once smelled a diesel slick 500 metres before reaching it and the residue remained on my hull even after paddling a few more kilometres through clear water.

A 1992 MoE study, "Pender Harbour water quality assessment and objectives," found a huge variability in flushing times for Pender Harbour (the number of days it takes for the tidal exchange to circulates).

Depending on tides and amount of freshwater runoff, it takes between 1.7 and 17.1 days to flush out.

What influence do trapped contaminants have on herring spawn or the impressive flocks of seabirds that bob around all winter?

Hopefully these kinds of threats will be included in the analytic scope of the upcoming studies.

And if we are serious about improving the health of Pender Harbour, let's keep political influence out of any decisions that come from them.

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spiel picks

MUSICA INTIMA: March 13, 2 p.m.

Eight singers standing in a half circle, facing each other and singing a capella — this is Musica Intima. Recognized as one of Canada's truly important choirs, this BC group has an enviable international reputation for its sublime ensemble singing, made all the more impressive by the fact that they sing unaccompanied and without a conductor. Their honours include being one of only 24 international choirs invited to participate in the World Symposium on Choral Music. Musica Intima performs Sunday, March 13 at the P. H. School of Music.

P. H. BLUES PRESENTS THE BOOM BOOMS: March 26, 8:30 p.m.

What better way to support the Pender Harbour Blues Society than to come out and dance to the Boom Booms? The Boom Booms are an indie soul band from Vancouver consisting of brothers Aaron Ross (lead vocals) and Sean Ross (keys), Tom Van Deursen (guitar), Geordie Hart (bass), Richard Brinkman (drums) and Theo Vincent (percussion, drums). They'll perform at the P. H. Community Hall March 26. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the music kicks off at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at Java Docks or LaVerne's Grill. To learn more about the band and to hear them play, visit www.TheBoomBooms.com.

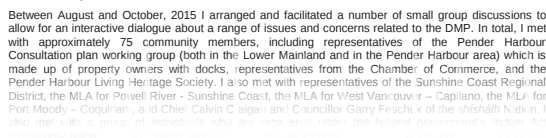
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Brian Lee

Sometimes all it takes to get high is four-wheel drive. Pender Harbour, Jan. 31.

“Everybody I’ve talked to, including the dock management plan



Such a study should, among other things, examine whether sewage from boats or onshore dwellings and commercial operations is having

“The province will undertake an environmental study and use the study results to inform the need for ongoing monitoring and limiting the number of

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Penner report (cont.)

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new dock applications each year.”

The province accepted Penner’s recommendation (No. 4) to undertake an archaeological inventory for the north shore of Pender Harbour “sufficient to satisfy the requirements for a ‘preliminary field reconnaissance.’”

Penner wrote that the province should make a summary of it, and another archaeological inventory conducted in 2004 on the south side of Pender Harbour, publicly available.

His reasoning:

“While the rationale for keeping precise locations secret when it comes to archeological sites is understandable, it also contributes to public skepticism that such sites exist or that they are meaningful in a cultural and historic sense.”

The province was noncommittal in its response:

“The release of archaeological information will follow standard government practices to ensure the ongoing integrity of sites and compliance with B.C.’s Heritage Conservation Act.”

The response noted the Shishálh Nation would also be consulted.

In order to further reduce opposition to the DMP, Penner recommended (No. 5) eliminating the absolute prohibition on new docks in Zone 1 and instead require “appropriate studies from qualified professionals” to demonstrate that proposed docks will be designed in such a way as to avoid significant adverse environmental or archaeological effects.

Once again, the province responded by indicating this recommendation will also be reviewed once the studies are completed.

Zone 1 dock owners may also be forced to post security to help defray

costs associated with default or non-compliance with tenure agreements (No. 6).

Penner suggested the province needs to make the eventual DMP more clear.

To do so, he recommended (No. 10) the province reaffirm “that archaeological surveys or studies required by the dock management plan can be conducted by either qualified professionals working for Shishálh Nation or by other qualified professionals.

“Consideration should be given to informing property owners of how they can locate a qualified professional for this purpose.”

He also advised the MFLNRO (No. 13) should produce an easy to understand brochure to help explain the final DMP.

The province agreed to do so.

In the meantime, tenure holders will wait for the results of the studies to inform the DMP’s review.

In the MFLNRO information bulletin accompanying the report, the province indicated, “It is anticipated that these studies may take up to a year to complete.

“The ministry will also consider extending, right away, existing Pender Harbour dock tenures for up to two years, while the further environmental and archaeological studies are undertaken.”

Lee said the DMP working group is in the process of drafting a letter to the province requesting “to be involved in the consultation in finalizing the DMP and in setting the parameters for the studies — both studies, the environmental and the archaeological.”

Copies of Penner’s report and the province’s responses to it can be found at www.penderharbourdock-plan.com.

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Pender's N3N narrowly avoids crash on flight to Alberta

On Sept. 28, the late Bill Thompson's 1942 N3N biplane was forced to make an emergency landing without power on a lake in northern Alberta.

The plane is now owned by antique aviation enthusiast 'Buffalo' Joe McBryan of Buffalo Airways who planned to store it over the winter in Lacombe, Alta.

According to the *Hinton Voice*, pilot Russ Orr said it was smooth sailing until just west of Jasper, Alta., when the engine became "wobbly."

He suspected an oil pushrod was turned, starving a cylinder of oil.

Orr decided to put the plane down on a lake two kilometres away when the cylinder blew out of the Wright Whirlwind radial engine.

The remaining cylinders provided enough power to make it to Jarvis



Brian Lee

The N3N taking off from Pender Harbour on June 25.

Lake before the engine quit, forcing the pilot to land by gliding only.

Both pilot and plane survived the landing unscathed.

The N3N was hauled out via boat launch and sat in a parking area wait-

ing for a rebuilt engine to be shipped from Oklahoma.

On Oct. 22, after installation and testing, the 74-year-old biplane was back in the air and arrived safely without further mishap.

news briefs

THEFT

Between Jan. 19 and 26, a thief stole a variety of milled cedar and fir planks from a property in the 15400 block of Highway 101, Ruby Lake.

The planks, which varied in width and length with some being as large as 8 inches by 16 inches by 12 feet, were very heavy and would have required a large truck to haul away.

Anyone with any information about this theft is asked to contact RCMP, reference file 2016-484.

THEFT

On Feb. 4, a theft of a utility vehicle from the P. H. Golf Course was reported.

The thief removed a Toro Workman MD utility vehicle through a hole cut in a fence along the highway.

According to a PHGC employee, the black and red utility vehicle has since been recovered.

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Police are reviewing surveillance camera footage and anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact RCMP, reference file 16-657.

BREAK AND ENTER

Between Feb. 5 and 8, a thief broke into the Pender Harbour Golf Course and stole a five-gallon bucket and an undetermined number of full bottles of alcohol.

The file is under investigation.

HIT AND RUN

Around 1 p.m. on Feb. 10, a hit and run was reported at a business in the 12600 block of Highway 101 in the Pender Harbour area, after a vehicle struck the side of the building and drove off without stopping.

The incident was captured on security video camera and RCMP are continuing to investigate the matter.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Starting March 1, volunteers will complete simple tax returns, free of charge, for low-income clients.

Now in its second year, the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program help low income individuals, families and seniors complete their tax returns.

Local resident Harry Drost will be holding tax clinics at the P. H. Community School one day a week and at the P. H. Health Centre one day a week from March 1 to April 30.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is sponsored by the Canada Revenue Agency and by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

There are income limits and the program does not serve clients with employment expenses, self-employment income or rental property.

For more information, contact Louis Legal at (604) 886-1995.

Volunteers at work on new addition to Sarah Wray Hall property

Not content with their completion of an eight-year renovation to the Sarah Wray Hall, volunteers are now well into the installation of a second building on the Irvines Landing property.

In late October of last year, the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society received delivery of a two-piece mobile structure for \$5,000, the cost of moving it from Maple Ridge.

Now on concrete footings with half of its roof installed, the 52-foot by 24-foot building has already acquired a name — the Sarah Wray Heritage Centre.

When completed, one side will house museum storage for the PHLHS while the other side (facing the road) will be the home of a wooden boat-building centre.

It's hoped the building will be completed later this spring with a colour scheme matching the Sarah Wray Hall.

A restroom installed on one end of the building can be accessed from outside during events without affecting the security of the storage and boatbuilding areas.

Leonard Lee has been leading a crew of (mostly) Irvines Landing residents who are once again volunteering their time to refurbish the new



Brian Lee

Just some of the volunteers who are working to install the new Sarah Wray Heritage Centre on the property shared with the Sarah Wray Hall. (l-r): Leonard Lee, Nigel Macklin, Rick Crook, Ian Wright and Vern Lilies.

building.

"We replaced some minor rot here and there but the building was basically solid," said Lee.

Lee said it also needed new plumbing, wiring, doors and windows — all of which are now completed.

Because the property is leased to the society by School District 46, it was required to be installed on non-permanent engineered footings in case it should ever need to be moved.

As the construction team waits for the rest of the material to arrive so they can finish the roof, they are looking for some financial assistance to complete the rest of the project.

So far, the project has been funded by donations; the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour chipped in \$10,000, Telus \$1,700 and the estate of Brian Reid gave another \$1,000.

That money is gone and Lee says volunteers will soon be forced to quit work because of a lack of material.

The SWHC still needs siding, insulation and skirting material for the base, wheelchair accessibility, stairs and a dust control system for the boat building shop.

Donations (tax receipts are available for donations over \$20) can be forwarded to:

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Sita's men and women clash with Pender on Valentine's Day

Fittingly, both Pender Harbour adult soccer teams found action at Lions Park on Valentines Day.

While some community members tackled flapjacks at the nearby Lions Pancake breakfast, the Pender Harbour Bananas men's over-30 soccer team kicked off against the Sita's Selects.

A defensive stalemate took over the first half; the ball travelled end to end but both goalies snuffed all scoring opportunities.

Ten minutes into the second half the score was still tied at 0-0 when the Selects scored off a rebound in front of Pender goalie Alan Stewart's net.

It looked like the game might end that way until Eli Dill broke in on the Selects goalie late in the game to steal his shutout victory and tie it 1-1.

Next up, the Sita's Sisters took on their Pender Harbour counterparts, the Banana Peppers.

In just a few years, the Peppers have put together a lethal arsenal of speedy youth and cagey veterans able to challenge any team in the league.

Few opportunities came for either squad through the first 20 minutes until the Selects capitalized on a one-on-one breakaway past Pender's defence.

Pender goalie Trisha Johnston challenged but the Sita's player's timing was perfect to go up 1-0.

Minutes later, Brooke Nattall answered by redirecting a gorgeous cross from the corner by Dani Pazur.

Just before the end of the first half, Sita's came back, dusting off the high corner of Pender's net to go up 2-1.

Crystal Goodwin opened the scoring in the second half with a blistering shot that tied things up at two apiece.

After that it would be all BPs with Brooke Nattall notching her second of the game and Alvina Paul adding some insurance on a breakaway with three minutes left to end the game 4-2.

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A bunch of Bananas wait impatiently for a high pass to drop. When it finally did, Eli Dill buried it like a dog to tie the game 1-1.

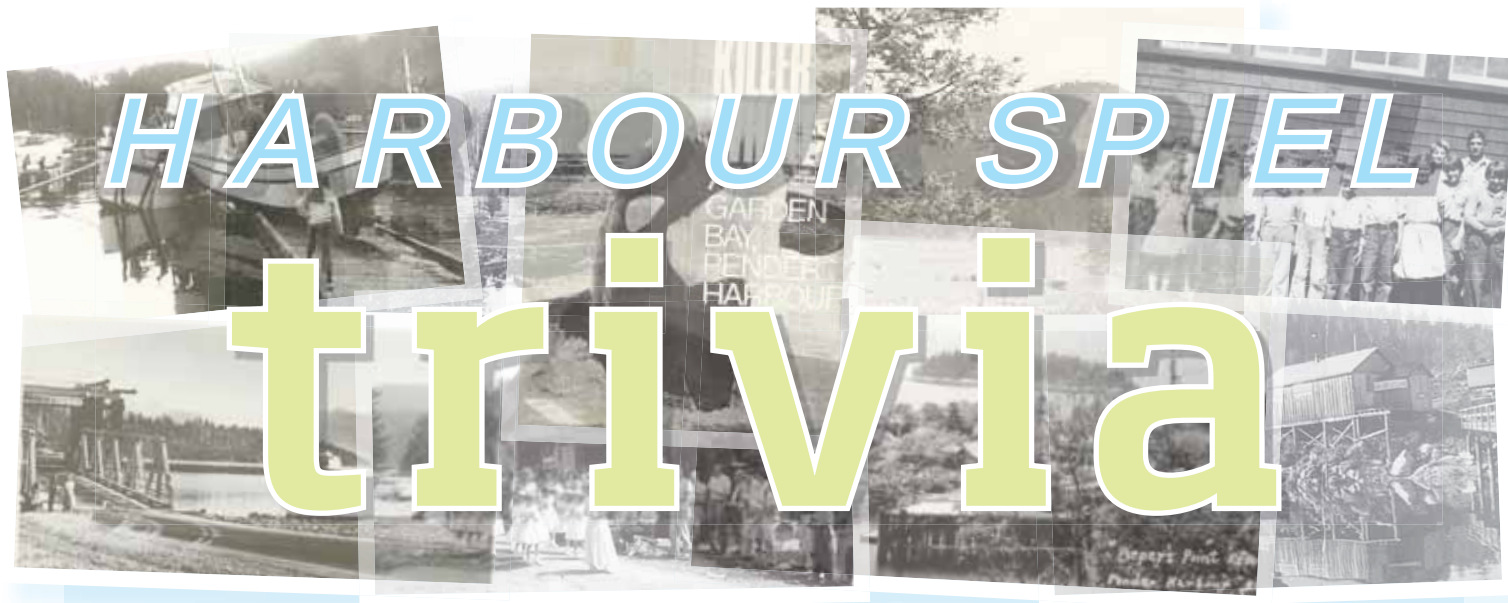


In the first half, Dani Pazur (left) battled in the corner before breaking free to make a crossing pass that passed through the traffic in front of the net to be redirected by Brooke Nattall's (not shown) foot to tie the game at one apiece.



Crystal Goodwin opened the second half with a breakaway goal to tie the game 2-2.

Brian Lee photos



1. Consultant tasked with reporting on the Pender Harbour dock plan.

- ☐ a. Bill Benner
- ☐ b. Barry Penner
- ☐ c. Perry Benner
- ☐ d. Bruce Jenner

2. Which item can not be purchased at Pender Harbour Diesel?

- ☐ a. Diesel
- ☐ b. Gas generator
- ☐ c. Alternators
- ☐ d. Oars

3. What is the land area of Area A?

- ☐ a. 1,900 sq. km.
- ☐ b. 4,200 sq. km.
- ☐ c. 8,500 sq. km.
- ☐ d. 13,600 sq. km.

4. Destroyed by fire in 1976, when was Pender Harbour Secondary School first built?

- ☐ a. 1942
- ☐ b. 1957
- ☐ c. 1965
- ☐ d. 1971

5. Owner of Francis Point Provincial Park on which a derelict SIB structure sits?

- ☐ a. Francis Point Marine Park Society
- ☐ b. Nature Conservancy of Canada
- ☐ c. Nature Trust of BC
- ☐ d. Province of British Columbia

6. Where would you find a Skookum Burger?

- ☐ a. West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- ☐ b. The Cove Restaurant
- ☐ c. Triple B's Burgers
- ☐ d. Backeddy Pub

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

GRIPS reopens after flooding

It's been a tough month for the Garbage Recycling in Pender Society.

On Jan. 21, extreme rains caused a blockage in a culvert running under the GRIPS recycling centre.

That redirected the water flow into and around the building, forcing the operation to close.

The facility was expected to re-open Feb. 9 but didn't resume operations until Feb. 20.

Joe Harrison, a GRIPS director, said efforts to repair the flooding damage were slowed by concerns over fish habitat, requiring supervision by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

GRIPS is now open, although Harrison said staff were challenged by unusually high volumes of material for the first week.



Peter Robson

The entrance to GRIPS on Jan. 23, two days after the flooding incident.

harbour seals



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A Harbour Seal of Approval to LaVerne Elms for giving your catering services and expertise to the Pender Harbour Community Club dinner fundraiser.

Thanks to the volunteers and performers: **Sandy, Gloria, Sylvia, Cindy, Elaine, Tamara, Joe Stanton, Jenicahaha, Teal, Sheila, Kathy, Lynn and Linda** as well as **John Henry's, Copper Sky and Oak Tree Market** for selling our tickets.

Marlene Cymbalist
P. H. Community Club

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Cindy Schroeder** for painting our stage at the Community Hall — it looks great.

Marlene Cymbalist
P. H. Community Club

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the firemen — **Ron, Jordan, Mike, Sam, Grieg and Neil** — who came to Harbourside Friendship to help deliver a "fall and fire prevention" program.

Everyone enjoyed the presentation very much.

Marlene Cymbalist
P. H. Seniors Initiative

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Emelle's Bistro** for donating over \$700 from the Gingerbread Tugboat to the Home Reading and Literacy Program at Madeira Park Elementary.

Thanks to this donation, the school will be able to provide appropriate books for every reading level.

Patti Soos
P. H. Community School

Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society Outreach Healthy Meal Program



Healthy Meals service has resumed.

For emergency service, call Linda or Anky.

Linda: 604.883.2819 or Anky: 604.883.0033.

Budget time 2016



*Frank Mauro,
Area A Director*

We have just completed the first round of the 2016 budget process at the SCRD.

Lately, I have had a number of questions regarding what determines taxation levels for individual properties.

ASSESSMENTS

Each year, properties in the province are evaluated by BC Assessment.

The evaluation affects the taxation level only if the change in the property value is different than the change in other property values in the area.

In other words, if the change in your assessed value meets the average, it does not affect the property tax you pay.

However, if it is less than the average, it will result in lower property tax and if more than the average, it will result in higher property tax.

In a regional district, if the assessment changes in an electoral area are greater than the average for the region, that area would see an increase in their share of taxation for the regional services it participates in.

For 2016, preliminary figures show Area A had an increase of approximately two per cent in assessments, which was higher than in some of the other areas.

This resulted in an increase in

the area's tax apportionment of approximately 0.5 per cent.

SERVICE FUNCTIONS

In regional districts, by law, individual budgets are set for each and every service provided and only the participants in the service are taxed for the functioning of that service.

This is best demonstrated by a few examples:

- The community parks service is an electoral area service and all electoral areas (A, B, D, E and F) participate.

Municipalities such as the District of Sechelt, the Town of Gibsons, and the Sechelt Indian Government District build, maintain and tax for their own parks.

- Regional planning is paid for

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Infrastructure Services Committee

March 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee - Round 2 Budget Review

March 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Community Services Committee

March 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

March 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee

March 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

March 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

March 24 at 1:30 p.m.

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by all participants and rural planning is paid for by the electoral areas only.

- Regional recreation, including two ice arenas and the pools in Gibsons and Sechelt, are paid for by all areas except Area A.

- Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre is paid for by only Area A.

- The local government portion of the Pender Harbour Health Clinic operation is paid for by Area A.

- North and South Pender water systems are paid for only by the residents that the service reaches.

The two water systems in the Egmont area are paid for by those residents it reaches.

That service is “pooled” with the regional water system which is paid for by all participants in the entire region that the water service reaches excluding Gibsons, which has its own water system.

- Transit is paid for by all areas except Area A.

- Wastewater treatment services such as Lily Lake, Painted Boat, Daniel Point and others on the Sunshine Coast are all individual and paid for only by those properties connected to the service.

- Rural grant-in-aid services are paid for by individual rural areas.

The above is a small sample from the overall service grid at the SCRD which includes 65 services.

This year the SCRD board has focused on stabilizing taxation in keeping with the strategic plan goal to “ensure fiscal sustainability.”

The SCRD is in the process of implementing an asset management system to ensure the long-range sustainability of our assets.

The expectation is that this will require capital investment in the future and put upward pressure on taxes so it is important to control costs now.

At the end of round one budget deliberations, we are looking at no tax increase and the challenge will be to maintain that in round two.

One challenge is that, as other levels of government curtail their spending, people look to their local representatives, often the most accessible, to fill in the service gaps.

Most proposals presented by the community groups are worthy, serve a known need and were once funded by other levels of government.

It is not appropriate that their funding be downloaded to local government.

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Mary Rita Richardson (née Halliday)

MAY 7, 1930 — JANUARY 28, 2016



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mary Richardson.

Mary was born in Alert Bay and spent her childhood on the family farm in Kingcome Inlet attending school in a floating schoolhouse.

The Halliday family was well known by boaters, fishermen and loggers and her grandparents were known as “Mr. and Mrs. Hospitality.”

Their guest book shows visitors from all around the world stopping in at the farm.

Mary moved to North Vancouver in her teens to live with relatives while completing high school.

It was there she met her husband, Ken Richardson.

They lived in North Vancouver for 23 years before moving up to Pender Harbour in 1973.

She owned a business in Madeira Park for many years, Kenmar Knit and Sew, selling fabric and making draperies.

She was very active in the Pender Harbour Lioness Club, Ken in the Lions.

They moved to Comox for a few years to be near the Halliday family.

She spent her last years in Green-court and then Shorncliffe.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Shorncliffe for their care and compassion.

Mary was predeceased by an infant son, James Leslie in 1960 and by her husband Ken in 2006.

They were married for 57 years.

She is survived by seven children: Linda (Dennis) Cumming, Doug Richardson, Sue Richardson (Roland Lussier), Margaret (Rick) Hartley, John Richardson, Sylvia Poiet, Bruce (Linda) Richardson.

She had nine grandchildren: Kobi, Robyn (Ryan), Tracy, Graham (Leanne), Jayme (Tosh), Stephanie, Geoff, Bryce, and Cole, and two great-grandchildren, Adelaide and Tyson.

She was often heard to say that she “Had a wonderful life and would do it all the same if she could.”

There will be a private family service at a later date.

Those wishing to make a donation in her name can do so to the Pender Harbour Medical Clinic or to Alzheimer’s research.

Susan Wray (née Malcolm)

APRIL 9, 1937 — NOVEMBER 18, 2015



On Nov. 18, 2015, Susan Wray (née Malcolm) succumbed to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in Kamloops.

Sue was born April 9, 1937 and raised on the family farm at Churchill Bay on Francis Peninsula, eldest child of the Malcolm clan.

Sue married Bill Wray on Dec. 15, 1956 and together they raised two children, Corinne and Rod.

Sue is survived by a large family of brothers, sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and neph-

ews who will remember her devotion to her family and church and also her love of gardening, sewing and baking.

Her faith held strong during her battle with ALS and she is lovingly remembered.

A graveside remembrance service will be held at Forest View Cemetery (Warnock Road) on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

A luncheon will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

Paul Namen Holsinger

AUGUST 16, 1921 — DECEMBER 29, 2015

Paul Namen Holsinger was born on Aug. 16, 1921 in Lindsey, Calif. and died on Dec. 29, 2015 at the age of 94 in Sechelt.

He was the child of George and Ethel Minnie (Hinkle) Holsinger and had five siblings: Ralph, Ruby, Gladys, Ruth and Paul.

He graduated from high school in Lindsey in 1943.

Paul joined the military shortly after high school in November 1943 and served in the U.S Air Force during Second World War in England.

He served his country with pride, receiving the American Theatre Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, EAME ribbon and a medal for good conduct.

He was honourably discharged from the military on Feb. 4, 1946.

He married Rosemary (Bell) Holsinger in Carmel, Calif., on Dec. 12, 1953.

Rosemary died in 1992.

The two had four children.

Daughters Sharon Severini of California (died 1996), Nancy Ford of Kansas and Su Hargrave of Oregon.

One son, Stewart Holsinger, also

preceeded Paul in his death in 2015.

Paul graduated from San Jose State college in 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later taught at San Jose City College.

He was an active member of Masonic Lodge 210.

Paul lived for many years in the Scott Valley and was a rancher in Greenview, Calif.

He later moved to Madeira Park to spend his latter years.

Paul was active in the garden club and the senior citizen centre in Madeira Park.

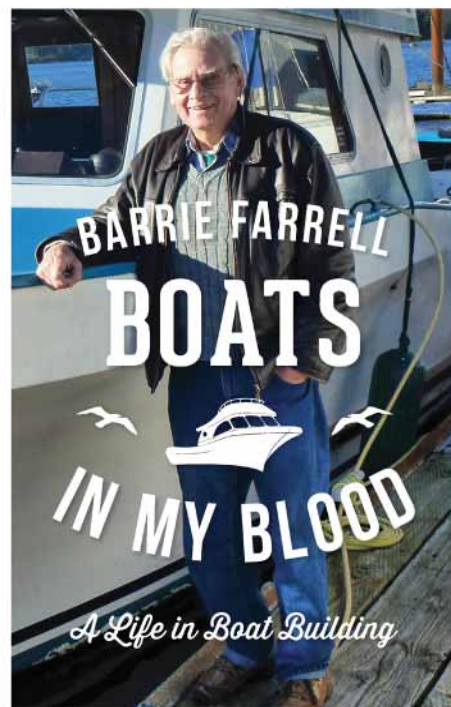
His garden was filled with various fruits and vegetables and a stunning array of flowers.

He was a very kind and loving man, was always there to help those in need and he always had a story to tell of his many adventures.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

There will be no funeral service.

A cremation has taken place and condolences may be sent to the Paul Holsinger Family: 327 West 8th St., Junction City, Kan., 66441.



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April Tools hints at the coming of spring



Brian Lee

Last year's running of the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge featured teams attempting to build a standup paddle board and race it around the course.

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Millennium Park at Madeira Park's Government Wharf will be the site of the 15th annual April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge.

The contestants' boatbuilding task, not revealed until an hour before the beginning of construction, will be

unique but doable, requiring a little skill and a lot of imagination.

Past events have involved paddlewheels, paddleboards and a whole lot of general paddling but no one will know the specifics of this year's match until 10 a.m. on April 30.

One hour of planning will be followed by three hours of furious building, but not with any sissy power tools — hand tools and battery screw guns only.

The adult builders will then get a breather while the teenagers race for the trophy, followed by the considerably wetter Fun Race.

Meanwhile there will be a whole bunch of free activities to entertain the little kids, topped by the ever popular mini-boatbuilding.

The adults will follow the high schoolers onto the water.

Preliminary races are followed by the prize-laden final — \$700 for first, \$400 for second and \$250 for

third.

Some may sink, others may swim, but someone will go home with the big bucks.

Good looks and hard work will be rewarded with the always unique Spiffy Skiffy and Broken Paddle trophies.

To sign up a team of up to four, contact Jackie at (604) 883-0539 or go to www.apriltools.ca to download an entry form.

The fee is \$160 per team (\$140 if received before April 1) and includes all building materials and a T-shirt for each member of the team.

The website will give you an opportunity to see pictures and videos of past years' events.

If building is not your thing, just come out and witness the chaos on Saturday April 30 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Madeira Park.

It's free to watch and a whole lot of fun.

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Spring golf is here



Jan Watson

The annual Christmas season scramble was unfortunately cancelled due to very cold weather and a frozen

golf course.

VALENTINES SCRAMBLE

The Valentine Scramble on Feb. 13 was a great success with 34 very hardy golfers braving a little rain which, by the seventh hole, became a very big rain with an extremely cold wind.

In spite of the conditions, everyone enjoyed themselves and a few hot toddies were appreciated.

Garry Noble is proving to be the KP king (closest to the pin on both No. 3 and No. 6).

The winning team with a stunning 31 was Carl Rietze, Heather Cranston and Garry Noble.

Second place went to Joe and Heidi Freitag, Rusty Ellis and Sandra Pylypiuk with 35.

The two most honest teams were awarded some nice Valentine chocolates.

MEN'S AND LADIES CLUBS

The days are getting longer and we are enjoying the warm tem-

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— Bob Hope

peratures with lots of activity on the course.

The men's and ladies' committees have been busy setting up the schedule for the upcoming season.

The first Ladies' Day will be on Thursday March 10 with coffee at 9 a.m. followed by a nine-hole scramble at 10 a.m.

The men start back up on Tuesday March 22.

Phone the Pro Shop at (604) 883-9541 to sign up and everyone is welcome.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCRAMBLE

A St. Patrick's Day scramble has been set for Sunday, March 20.

The golf course is in great shape so come out and join us.

Just a reminder to replace your divots on the fairways and fix your ball marks on the greens.



Recent flooding has forced a delay to GRIPS AGM until June, well within the 15 month deadline since the last AGM (May 15, 2015).



GRIPS is a registered society with charitable status. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Pat Thibodeau as Executive Director in charge of the GRIPS Resource Recovery Centre.



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GRIPS will mail income tax receipts for donations or for the annual value of donated bottles etc. that go to local charities like Grad or the Girl Guides.



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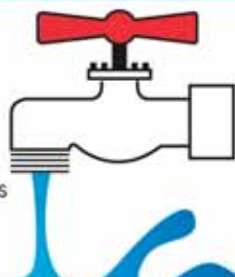
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Local real estate market finds balance not seen since 2007



Alan Stewart

After nine years of waiting, the real estate market in Pender Harbour has finally shifted into what the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver would consider to be a “balanced market.”

That is, a market where there is sufficient supply to satisfy demand.

The math required to determine whether or not a particular market is balanced involves a simple ratio comparing the number of sales to the number of active listings for any given month.

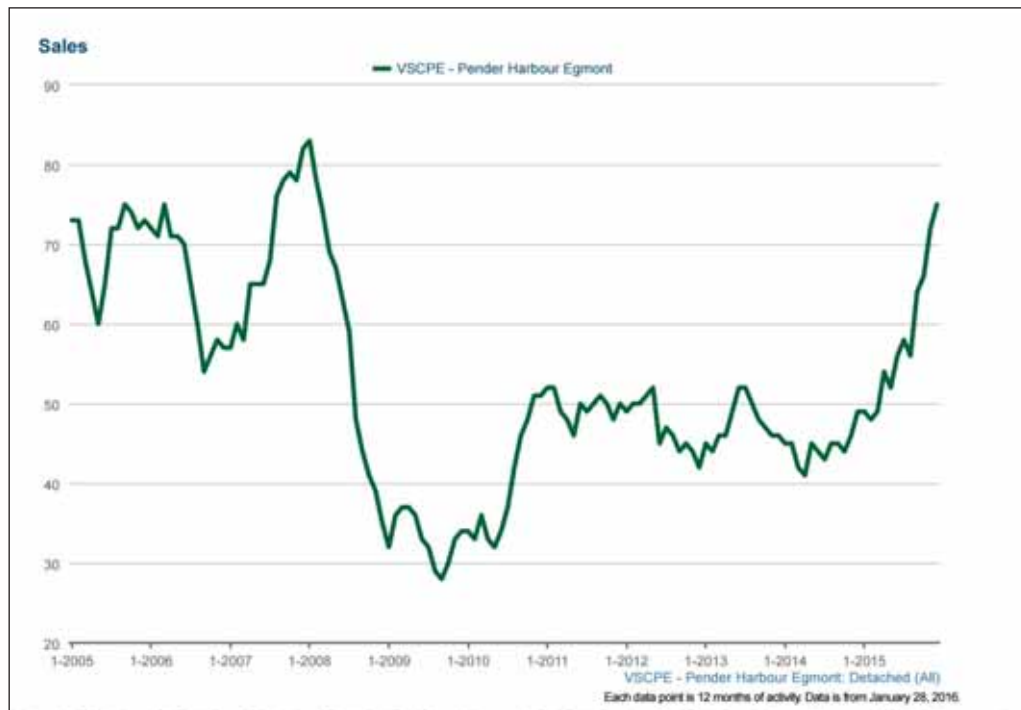
The REBGV says there is balance when that ratio is between 10 and 22 per cent or when there are one or two monthly home sales for every 10 that are listed.

The end result of a balanced market is an opportunity for buyers and sellers to have reasonable conversations around the values of a home without one side or the other feeling like they are at a disadvantage as a result of the inventory available.

It's healthy.

During the peak of the Pender Harbour housing market in September of 2005, the sales to active ratio was 27.5 per cent, a solid seller's market.

If you had something to sell, the



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This graph shows the total number of local homes sold monthly since 2005. The dramatic climb in 2015 indicates sales volume is approaching pre-2008 levels.

feeling was you simply had to wait for your price and eventually the market would catch up.

During the darkest coldest days of our recent slump — in May of 2012 — that ratio hit an almost unheard of low of less than 1 per cent.

In other words, there was less than one sale a month for every 100 homes listed for sale.

Talk about the buyer wielding clout during the negotiations.

All three homes that sold in May 2012 had been on the market for over

a year and sold for an average of 82 per cent of their asking price.

One, a waterfront estate, was originally listed at \$2.395 million.

It was reduced to \$1.988 million and finally sold at \$1.5 million after 468 days on the market.

That's 62 per cent of what the owners originally asked for when they listed it and \$400,000 less than they paid for it only five years early.

Ouch.

The chart above shows the number of sales locally since that time and you can see that the improvement in Pender Harbour and Egmont has been dramatic, rivalling the volume of sales that we saw in 2005 and 2006.

While the chart is helpful in recognizing the buoyancy of our current market, it doesn't paint the whole picture.

As you can see in the chart on the next page, the biggest improvement in sales volume has come to those homes

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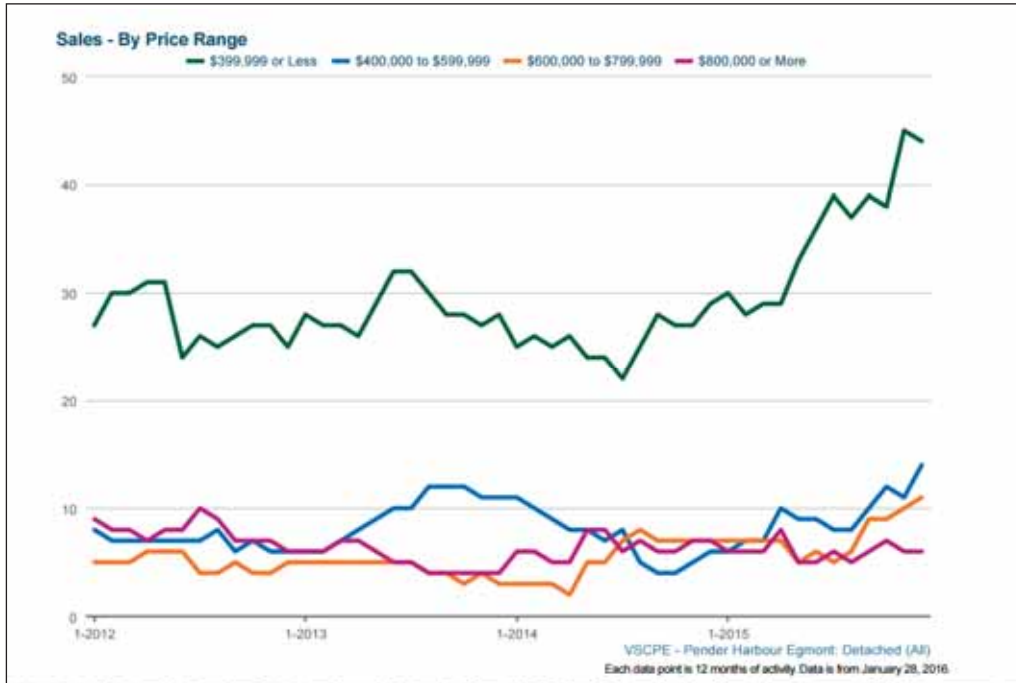
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The biggest improvement in local sales volume has come to those homes priced below \$400,000.

priced below \$400,000.

The interest in the higher end of the market, while improving, hasn't hit the same stride.

The weak Canadian dollar combined with the booming market in the Lower Mainland would suggest that demand will remain strong for both recreational and residential properties in Pender Harbour for 2016.

In my opinion, executive homes, like those in Daniel Point and reasonably priced waterfront homes, will soon draw more attention from folks fleeing the big city with bags full of tax-free money.

But folks who purchased after 2006 might have to wait a while for prices to recover to what they paid and being too aggressive can be frustrating.

The folks who spent \$1.5 million on that waterfront estate must feel like they stole it given that they relisted it in November of 2014 for \$1.988 million.

To help homeowners understand the change in value of their homes over time, the REBGV produces a Home Price Index for each area, much

like the Consumer Price Index.

As you can see in the third chart, things are looking up for property owners in the area.

It suggests that the market value of a typical property dropped approximately 11.5 per cent from approximately \$350,000 in 2012 to approximately \$310,000 in 2014.

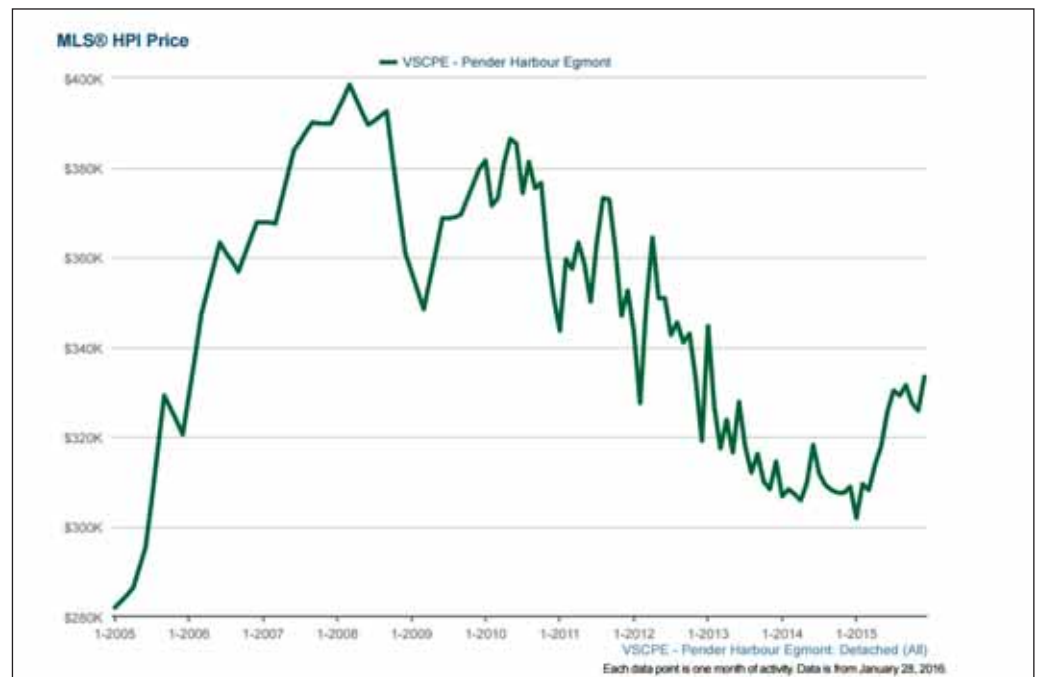
In an area like ours, where no two homes are alike, it's important to seek the services of a local Realtor to help you come to terms with value.

In the end, neither what a house is listed for nor what a house previously sold for dictates its value in the market.

What a house is worth is what someone is willing to pay for it.

But who wants a waterfront estate with a boat house and tennis court when you can have a non-view tear-down bungalow on a 33' x 100' lot in West Vancouver for the same price?

Value is very subjective.



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The Home Price Index benchmarks represent the price of a typical property. The HPI takes into consideration what averages and medians do not — lot size, age, number of rooms, etc. These features become the composite of the 'typical house' in an area.

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City	High °C	Low °C
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SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK	2	-7
MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK	3	-7
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA	4	-4
MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC	3	-7
QUÉBEC CITY, QUEBEC	0	-9
TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QUEBEC	1	-9
GUELPH, ONTARIO	3	-6
OSHAWA, ONTARIO	4	-4
OTTAWA, ONTARIO	2	-7
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO	1	-11
TORONTO, ONTARIO	5	-2
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA	-1	-11
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN	0	-10
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN	1	-9
CALGARY, ALBERTA	4	-8
EDMONTON, ALBERTA	2	-7
KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	0
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	3
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA	11	4

~ Environment Canada. Meteorological Service of Canada
(1981-2010 Climate Normals & Averages)

MARCH WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average March daily high is 9.2 C, our average daily low 4.3 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 6.7 C. The highest March temperature recorded is 15.6 C (March 11, 1965); the lowest, -3.3 C (March 3, 1976).

PRECIPITATION

March has an average of 127.7 hours of bright sunshine and 15 days with rainfall. The monthly total rainfall averages 78.6 mm; monthly total snowfall averages 1.5 cm. The highest March daily rainfall recorded is 44.7 mm (March 4, 1968). The lowest March daily snowfall recorded is 8.9 cm (March 2, 1962).

MARCH ASTROLOGY



PISCES: FEB. 19 - MARCH 19

Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics. The solar eclipse of March 9 makes you start drinking again; it breathes new life into stagnated relationships. Learn to love alcohol this time around by recognizing it for what it is, the thing in life that brings you happiness. It's a gift that many people never find. Cheers.

ARIES: MARCH 20 - APRIL 20



The sign of the ram gives Arians loyalty, generosity, high energy and courage. They love adventure and often fiercely defend the underdog. Jupiter opposite your decan from Sept. 7 to Oct. 27 means a net zero year for you. Communication will be a theme in both business and personal life — but focus on quality. Less is more, especially when it comes to your kids. You'll win back friends by leaving your cell phone in the car during social occasions. You'll lose them again when they realize they preferred the "distracted, always on her phone" you.

BC BESTSELLERS

(For the week of Feb. 21, 2016)

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

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| 1. Gut by Giulia Enders | 6. Orca Chief by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd |
| 2. Discipline Without Damage by Vanessa Lapointe | 7. Cold Case Vancouver by Eve Lazarus |
| 3. Vancouver Vanishes by Caroline Adderson | 8. Light Years by Caroline Woodward |
| 4. The Wild in You by Lorna Crozier & Ian McAllister | 9. My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith |
| 5. British Columbia and Yukon Gold Hunters by Donald E. Waite | 10. Born to the Wild by Rob Kaye |

~ Assn. of Book Publishers of BC

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 ~ **John Ellis, Bob Hubbard and Linda Dunaway.**
- March 2 ~ **Sandra Bosch and Marcus Delaney.**
- March 3 ~ **Ernie Carswell, Lana Ross, Terry Bosner and Jim Reid.**
- March 4 ~ **Brian Lee.**
- March 5 ~ **Mackenzie Stewart, Kirk Mackie, Brigit Garrett, Sylvia Heiliger, Alicia McDonald and Valerie Reid.**
- March 6 ~ **Eden Logtenberg, Freda McDermott and Ron Minch.**
- March 7 ~ **Mitch Higgins, Cassidy Craig-Watters and Bob McDonald.**
- March 8 ~ **Jeremy Morin.**
- March 9 ~ **Mary Cain, Bobbie Wendland, Eldor Dougan and Denise Cymbalist.**
- March 10 ~ **Stuart McLean.**
- March 11 ~ **Tannis Campbell and Gayle Adams.**
- March 12 ~ **Alicia Whittaker, Sunny Charboneau and Gord Wenman.**
- March 13 ~ **Ian McDonald and Paul McDonald.**
- March 14 ~ **Peter Hunsche and Heather Smith.**
- March 15 ~ **Bev Higgins, Arlen Howitt, Carissa Gilkes and Justin McKimm.**
- March 16 ~ **Steve Hanna and Brad Zayshley.**
- March 17 ~ **Bill Bradshaw, Jim Weir, Michelle Cymbalist and Chris Cavielier.**
- March 18 ~ **Mike Reid, John Struthers, Tayler Metcalfe, Blair Landry, Janie Arduini and Michelle Bernier.**
- March 19 ~ **Megan Knock.**
- March 20 ~ **Larry Curtiss, Patrick White, Kim Smail and Tammy Collins.**
- March 21 ~ **Melissah Charboneau and David Massullo.**
- March 22 ~ **Eric Graham, Margaret Hartley, Ross Palmer and Dennis Cotter.**
- March 23 ~ **Mary Ann Haase and Barb Cowan.**
- March 24 ~ **Jane Reid, Heather Fearn.**
- March 25 ~ **Hailley Schroeder, Lexine Scoular, John Seabrook and Shirley Norish.**
- March 26 ~ **Motoko Baum and Halle Bosch.**
- March 27 ~ **Maureen Lee, Donna Edwardson, Cole Edwardson, Doris White and Rick Wagner Jr.**
- March 28 ~ **Joka Roosen and Jill Bennett.**
- March 29 ~ **Melanie LeBlanc, Rod Webb and Terry Jacks.**
- March 30 ~ **Del Deguire.**
- March 31 ~ **Merv Charboneau.**



PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE



Please check the website for current hours and information: www.penderharbourhealth.com

NURSING SERVICES – 883-2764

RNs are on duty 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays

- Blood tests • ECGs • Injections • Blood pressure
- Home Care/Palliative care • Dressings

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Darlene Fowlie – Hygienist

- Braces • Cosmetic Dentistry
- Restorative Dental Care Consulting
- Dentures • Surgical Extractions

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- Well Baby Clinic
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Annaliese Hasler, NP

- Women and Youth Health Services

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- Foot care nursing
- Reflexology/Kinesiology

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPY

Brigit Garrett, RMT (604) 741-1202

- Monday (alternate), Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Ellen Luchkow, RMT (778) 888-2012

- Monday (alternate), Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

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Siemion Altman – MD Psychiatrist – 885-6101

Tim Hayward – Adult Mental Health – 883-2764

PHYSICIANS – 883-2344

Drs. Cairns, McDowell, Robinson & Justin L Smith

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., by appointment only

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Dr. Blake Alderson, DC

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Dr. Terry Dickson, DC, BSc, ART provider

- Second to third Saturdays and Mondays of the month, 8 a.m. – noon, by appointment.
- Please call North Shore Wellness Centre, (604) 980-4538 or email: info@nswellness.ca

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THE SUNSHINE COAST HOSPICE SOCIETY: Compassionate, respectful end-of-life and bereavement care. Whether you want to talk with one person or to join a bereavement group, trained volunteers are available. Call (604) 883-2764.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. – everyone welcome.

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Elder abuse: It's time to face reality

Susan Nattall R.N.

Kym Harris

(with files from It's Not Right.com)

Elder abuse is an action by someone in a relationship of trust that results in harm or distress to an older person.

Abuse can take on many forms, financial abuse being the most commonly reported.

Physical, psychological, sexual and neglect are also forms of abuse.

The abuser is often someone the elder knows and trusts.

They can be family members, a friend, or a caregiver.

They are often dependent on the senior for money, food, and shelter.

The abuser has power and control over the elder, which can lead to intimidation, isolation, and domination.

Older adults may feel embarrassed or ashamed to tell anyone about the abuse as they may fear retaliation or punishment.

What to do if you witness abuse:

See it — recognize the warning signs.

Name it — talk to someone you trust, overcome your hesitation to help.

Check it — ask questions and find support for yourself or consult a professional.

No one deserves to be abused or neglected.

Raising awareness is essential.

Seniors have a right to live safely and securely in their own homes.

Abuse can happen to anyone, in any family or relationship.

If you or someone you know is being abused, there is local help available.

Contact a family doctor, the



Pender Harbour Health Centre nurses, the Better at Home program or, if the situation is dangerous, the RCMP.

Or call the Senior's Abuse and Information Line, (604) 437-194 or the Government of Canada Seniors Line, 1(800) 622-6232

Remember, a warning sign is like seeing the tip of the iceberg.

There is likely much more going on below the surface.

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH CHRONIC PAIN: CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Nobody wants chronic pain in their lives.

Unfortunately, about 30 per cent of people worldwide live with chronic pain conditions, many of which have

no identifiable cause.

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is offering a six-week workshop (developed by the University of Victoria Centre on Aging) to help people explore healthy ways to manage and live with chronic pain.

This workshop will demonstrate many self-management skills and tools to help address the problems of living with your condition.

The workshop is led by two trained facilitators.

Date: April 7 - May 12

Time: 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: P. H. Health Centre boardroom

Please call the Health Centre to register at (604) 883-2764 as there is limited space available.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

• Blues Society	883-2642
• Chamber of Commerce, P. H. & Egmont	883-2561
• Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61	883-2572
• Community Policing.....	883-2026
• Egmont Community Club	883-1379
• Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department	883-2555
• GRIPS (Recycling Society)	883-1165
• Garden Bay Sailing Club.....	883-2689
• Guides, Brownies, etc.	883-2819
• Harbour Artists	883-2807
• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	885-1365
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary (Last Monday, 1p.m.).....	883-9957
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
• Lions Club, Egmont.....	883-9463
• Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....	883-1361
• Men's Cancer Support Group.....	883-2393
• P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....	885-6866
• P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday).....	883-9248
• P. H. Community Club.....	989-0720
• P. H. Community School Society	883-2826
• P. H. Garden Club.....	883-2595
• P. H. Golf Club	883-9541
• P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.).....	883-2930
• P. H. Living Heritage Society.....	883-0744
• P. H. Music Society (bookings)	883-9749
• P. H. Paddling Society	883-3678
• P. H. Piecemakers (quilters).....	883-2573
• P. H. Pipe Band.....	883-0053
• P. H. Power & Sail Squadron	883-2086
• P. H. Ramblers (walkers, every Fri. 10 a.m.).....	883-1191
• P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....	883-9270
• P. H. Reading Room (library)	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
• Ruby Lake Lagoon Society	883-9201
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....	883-9994
• S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.).....	741-8413
• Seniors' Housing Society	883-2819
• Serendipity Child Care Centre.....	883-2316
• Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....	989-6171
• Sunshine Coast SHROOM.....	883-3678
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).....	740-1509
• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS).....	883-9853
• Women's Cancer Support	883-9708
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-3663
• Women's Outreach Services.....	741-5246

organizations

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

On Monday, March 14, the Pender Harbour Garden Club's first meeting of the year will feature Dave Stiles of Sunshine Coast Wildlife offering practical tips and benefits of shoreline naturalization. The meeting will take place at the Pender Harbour School of Music at 1 p.m.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On March 8 at 10 a.m., Dr. Eric Paetkau, pioneer doctor and author of *The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor* (Harbour Publishing, 2011), will dip into his well-worn medical bag and tell us stories of the history of medicine and of his own varied career as a doctor in Pender Harbour and afterwards. Paetkau's presentation will be at the P. H. School of Music at 10 a.m.

On March 22 at 10 a.m., Doreen and Doug Penn will teach us how to make driftwood planters for spring. At the P. H. School of Music at 10 a.m.

P. H. COMMUNITY CLUB

The P. H. Community Club's annual general meeting has been set for March 8 at 7 p.m. in the P. H. Community Hall. Come out in support of the group that organizes May Day and many other key community events as well as managing the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

Membership in the society costs \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. The society is in the process of raising funds for a new kitchen for the hall. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can mail their donation to Box 142, Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H0.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The P. H. Wildlife Society presents "A Trip to Argentina and Chile: Birds and Nature with Peter Ward." Ward recently returned from South America and will bring his newest photos from the rainforest, dry grasslands and the amazing Iguazu Falls.

Please note venue change to Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Church (behind the Madeira Park fire hall). Refreshments will be served and there's no membership required. Time and weather permitting, Peter will lead a local bird walk the following morning. Updates at info@penderharbourwildlife.com.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC COFFEEHOUSE

The SoM Coffee House starts at 7:30 p.m., with coffee, tea and desserts available while enjoying the show.

Featured this month are Chelsea Charlton, Renee Harper and Sascha Fassaert, Dawn Loverock and SASS.

Harbour Remembered: The great beer episode of 1936

By Gerry Reynolds

This article first appeared in the Harbour Spiel, May 1991.

In the old days, all freight and passengers arrived here by Union Steamship, some to Irvines Landing and some to the St. Mary's Hospital wharf.

We kids made a point of being on hand to catch the heaving lines and help moor the steamers, usually the *Lady Cecilia*.

Thus it was that I witnessed the traumatic event that occurred one otherwise pleasant summer afternoon.

A large and eagerly awaited shipment of beer arrived for the Garden-Bay Hotel.

The pallet with its precious cargo was gingerly lowered by boom onto the creaking deck of a prehistoric utility truck that was to transport it to the pub nearby.

The ancient vehicle wheezed off followed by a motley horde with tongues dangling to their knees.

Fifty feet from the head of the wharf, the wheezing stopped.

And so did the truck, seeming to settle on its haunches like a tired sled dog.

This was a catastrophe that made Hitler's shenanigans in Europe pale into significance — beer could only be consumed legally inside a beer parlour (not around a moribund truck).

This truck was the only vehicle in that part of the Harbour, if not the whole Harbour, but that didn't matter either because Garden Bay Road didn't exist.

It seemed the pallet of beer was doomed to become a monument and one can barely imagine the state of dismay of the attendant throng.

But there was one cool head in the group.

Noting that the tide was high, this quick thinking individual dashed down the float, leapt into his rowboat and frantically rowed for home.

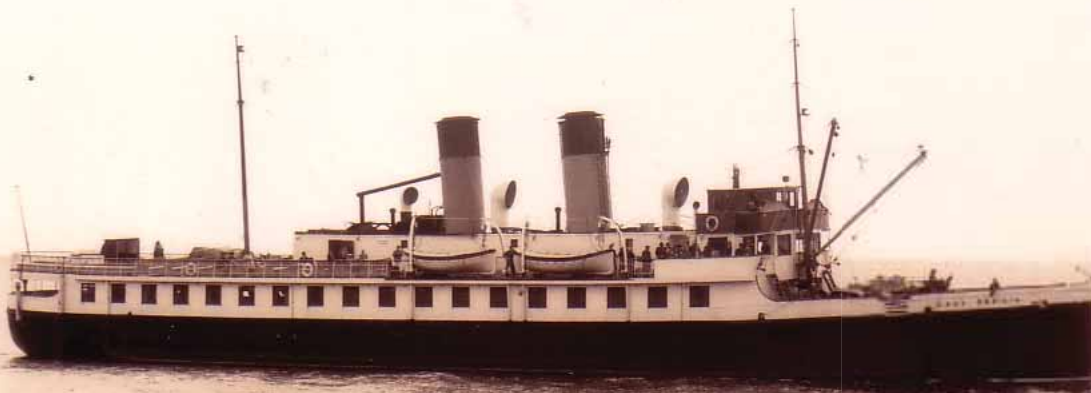
He returned shortly in his gillnetter, her Easthope engine chugging reassuringly.

He nosed the gillnetter into the stone seawall opposite John Henry's and many willing hands gently but ea-

gerly transported the brew onboard.

A few of us ankle biters managed to sneak aboard along with the cargo and away we went for the exciting trip around to Garden Bay.

To everyone's vast relief, the suds were safely delivered and soon, no doubt, lapped up.



S.S Lady Cecilia, arriving at the Roberts Creek wharf in the 1920s.

H. McCall photo



Food Skills for Active Seniors: April 19 - May 24

In April, the Outreach Healthy Meals Program and the Pender Harbour Community School will host a "Food Skills for Active Seniors" program. Once a week for six weeks, participants will come together to learn cooking tips and nutrition skills as they make a meal, share a meal and take home the left-overs.

This program will focus on food skills for older adults wanting to know more about selecting and preparing healthy meals and snacks. Increased confidence in meal planning, trying new foods, applying food safety and learning how to decipher food labels are some of the skills you'll learn.

If you'd like to discover just how much fun healthy cooking can be and would like more information, please contact Linda Curtiss at (604) 883-2819 or the P. H. Community School (604) 883-2826. The course will run from Tuesday, April 19 to Tuesday, May 24 at the Legion in Madeira Park and is free of charge. Space is limited and pre-registration is needed.



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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Tuesdays in March & April, 9am-12pm, PH Community School
Free income tax assistance for individuals filing personal income tax returns

CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR REC (CORE) with ANDY ROSS

Fri March 4, 6-9pm, Sat March 5, 9am-5pm & Sun March 6, 9am-3pm
PH Community School, Harbour Learning Centre, Ages 12+, \$160

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Tue/Wed/Thu March 15/16/17, 9am-3pm at the Pool, ages 5-12, \$25/day per child

YOGA AT SARAH WRAY HALL

6 Thursdays, March 17 to Apr 21, 1pm-2pm, with Carol Goulette, 6/\$72 or \$15 drop in

CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE with ANDY ROSS

Fri April 1, 6-9pm, Sat April 2, 9am-5pm, Restricted portion Sun April 3, 9am-3pm
PH Community School, Harbour Learning Centre, \$130 (+\$60 for Restricted)

RED CROSS BABYSITTERS COURSE

Mon April 11, 9am-5pm, Pender Harbour School of Music, Ages 10+, \$65

FOOD SKILLS FOR ACTIVE SENIORS: APRIL 19-MAY 24

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DINNER AT EMELLE'S MADEIRA BISTRO: MARCH 1

"Family Style" dinner at Madeira Bistro 4:30pm Cost \$20 includes dinner and coffee/tea.

CARPET BOWLING: WEDNESDAYS

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at the P. H. Community Hall, 1-3pm Cost \$3

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: THURSDAYS

Thursdays at the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30. Lunch served at noon. Cost \$10

March 3 – Come play a board game with friends

March 10 – Speaker April Struthers, "It's Not Right: The problem of abuse or neglect of older adults"

March 17 – Musical Entertainment by the Pender Harbour "HUGS" Ukulele Group

March 24 – "Music" performed by Katrina, Tegan and Stella

March 31 – Current events discussion

YOGA CLASSES: FRIDAYS

On March 4 (Chair Yoga only), March 18, March 25 and April 1 at the P. H. Community Hall: Yoga for 55+ starts at 9-10am and chair yoga 10:30-11:30am. Drop-In \$2

Seniors Programs for March!

All programs are drop-in and all are welcome!



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Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15am.

HATHA YOGA (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL) WITH BRIGIT GARRETT

Six weeks, March 4-April 15 (no class Good Friday March 25). \$72.

Pre-registration is required. Drop In will be available if min numbers met.

STEADY FEET

March 23 - June 1. Wednesdays 10-11am and Fridays 2-3pm.

10/\$95 or 20/\$155. Pre-registration is required.

CIRCUS AERIAL SILK

Wednesday March 30, 7:30-8:30pm.

Learn basic aerial skills and develop strength & flexibility. \$10. Pre-registration is required.

ZUMBA

Six Thursdays, March 31-May 5. 5:30-6:30pm. \$60. Pre-registration is required.

SPRING BREAK WEEK: MARCH 14-24

Usual schedule in effect for all pool and gym times as well as all drop in fitness class.

FACILITY CLOSURES

Good Friday March 25 and Easter Monday March 28 PHAFC closed.

APRIL: INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH TRAINING FOR FAT LOSS

April 9-30. Four Saturdays, 10-11:30am, \$135. Pre-registration is required

Excerpt: Barrie Farrell's *Boats in My Blood*

by Barrie Farrell

Excerpted from
*Boats in My Blood:
A Life in Boatbuilding*
(Harbour Publishing)

PENDER HARBOUR AGAIN

Jack Edmond's boat was hauled up on the ways at Garden Bay and I went and had a look at it.

It looked like too big a job to repair it and I was just sick.

I'd been partying with my buddies for a few days and was pretty hungover and didn't have the will I should have.

I felt responsible and figured the right thing to do was to give Jack my new boat.

Back in the harbour, I boarded at the Newick place and took on some repair work.

I also did some finishing inside Jack's new boat.

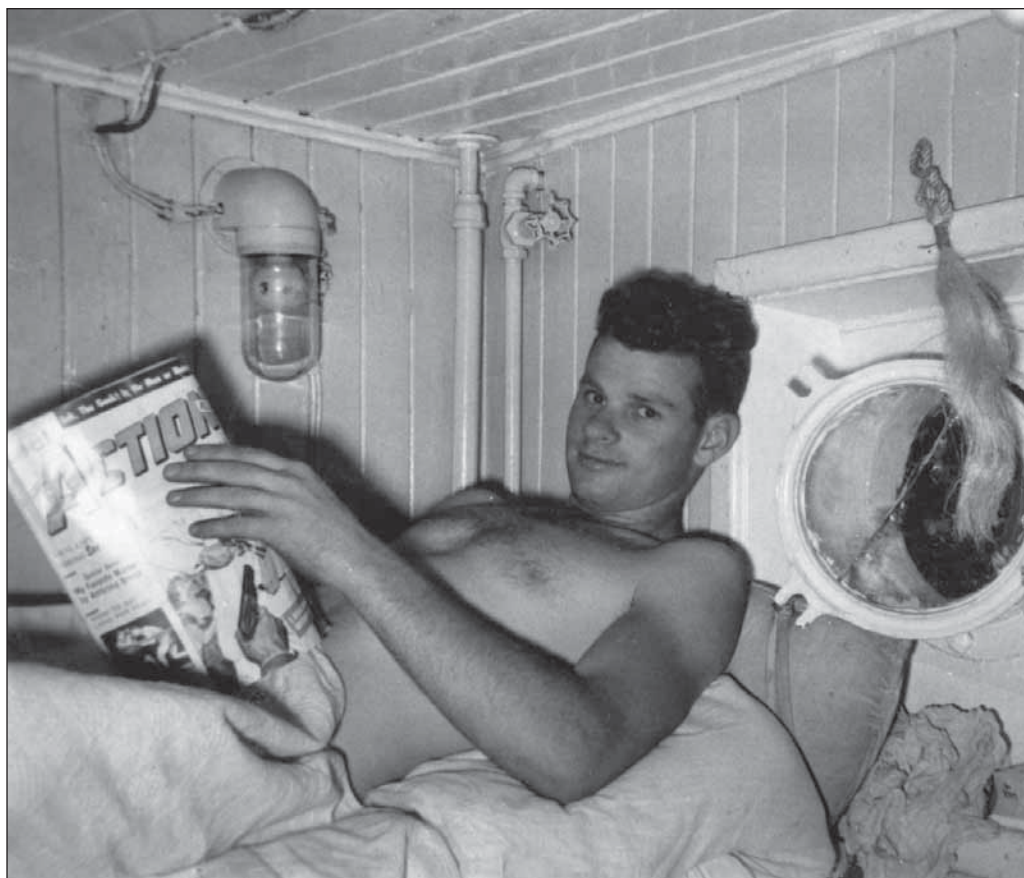
Ralph and Mom bought a thirty-eight-foot pleasure boat, *Lady May*, and were living on it.

It was a good boat with a 110-hp Chrysler.

Ralph got a job at the logging camp at St. Vincent Bay, not too far away, renovating a house.

He needed another man, so I went to work with him up there and we stayed on their boat.

When that job was over, I rented a shop on the beach at Art Duncan's



Barrie Farrell

A youthful Barrie Farrell in his bunk while working on the Great lakes grain freighter *Star Bell* around 1957.

place in Madeira Park and built a room in the corner of the shop to live in.

I had it fixed up pretty good, kind of like a boat with table, bunk and cupboards.

I first built cabins on a few boats that were about 18 feet long.

Then I got a contract to build a 19-foot commuter boat for a logger,

Lew Milligan from Vanguard Bay on Nelson Island, with the stipulation that it had to be in the water and running in six weeks.

I still had to make a trip to Vancouver to get the materials for the job, so I borrowed a truck from Olsen Brothers Logging (they were logging up Sechelt Inlet and kept their truck at Egmont) and off I went.

I got back in a day or so and started flying at it.

I had to put in some long days but I got it done in time, doing the woodwork and hard stuff in the day-time and the painting at night.

Sometimes I'd still be painting at three in the morning.

Lew named the boat *White Wing*. I took on a job rebuilding a 35-



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foot fishboat that had been burned almost to the waterline.

The job was for Jimmy Wray, a hand logger from the well-known Wray family from Irvines Landing.

I was to stay with his family while working on it.

We pulled the boat up next to a shop with a deck coming out to where the boat was, then we jacked the boat up above high water and I got busy getting rid of the burned stuff.

What a dirty job it was.

I built a plywood roof over it, but the southeast winds howled into that corner of the bay and tried to blow it away, so I had to install guy lines to hold it down.

It was a pretty cold place to work, especially in the winter, but I got it finished, in the water and running.

Then my pal Harry Brown and I got jobs logging with a logger named Tommy Gee, who was contracting for another logger, Henry Harris, up the



Barrie Farrell

Allen Scoular's *Miss Pender*, a Farrell 32 that Barrie Farrell built and Scoular finished himself.

mountains behind Kleindale.

Tommy was a real character to work for.

He had a good sense of humour and was always laughing and joking

around.

Harry and I got along good.

The worse the name we could think of to call each other, the better it was.

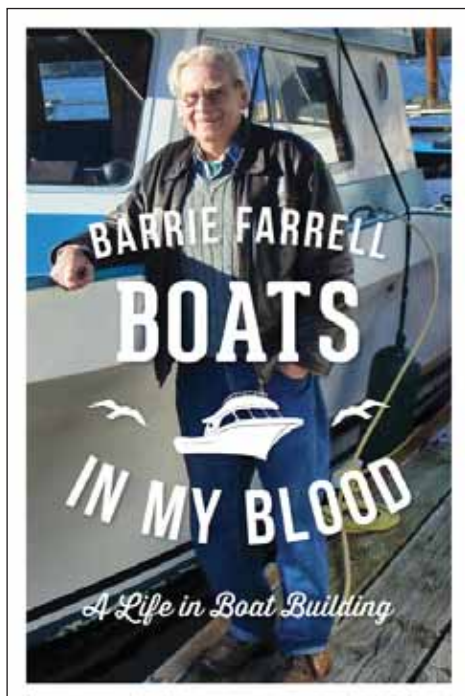
Boats in My Blood: A Life in Boatbuilding

by Barrie Farrell

ISBN: 1-55017-755-9
6" x 9" Paperback, 208 pages
\$24.95

Barrie Farrell was born in North Vancouver in 1934 and built his popular Farrell line of fiberglass boats at various locations around the south coast of BC until the late 1990s. He now lives in Nanaimo and, at the age of 81, is still working on boats.

Harbour Publishing is holding a book launch event for Farrell and his book on March 19 from 3-5 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music.



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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.

MARCH

- Tues. March 8.....Cap U Eldercollege "Law For Seniors" begins (3 Tuesdays) - Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to noon
- Tues. March 8.....P. H. Women's Connection presents Dr. Eric Paetkau - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Tues. March 8.....P. H. Community Club's 70th annual general meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
- Fri. March 11.....LaVerne's Grill opens for the season
- Fri. March 11.....P. H. Living Heritage Society annual general meeting - Sarah Wray Hall, 2:30 p.m.
- Fri. March 11.....School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. March 12-29.....Spring break (schools closed)
- Sun. March 13.....Daylight Savings Time begins**
- Sun. March 13.....P. H. Music Society presents Musica Intima - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 14.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Mon. March 14.....P. H. Garden Club presents Dave Stiles - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
- Tues. March 15.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Peter Ward - P. H. Community Church, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. March 17.....St. Patricks Day celebration with Skinny Jimmy and The Preachers - Madeira Park Legion
- Sat. March 19.....Giant Easter ham and turkey draw - Madeira Park Legion, 3 p.m.
- Sat. March 19.....Barrie Farrell's *Boats in My Blood* book launch - P. H. School of Music, 3 p.m.
- Sun. March 20.....St. Patrick's Day scramble - P. H. Golf Course
- Tues. March 22.....P. H. Women's Connection presents Doreen and Doug Penn - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Sat. March 26.....P. H. Blues Society presents The Boom Booms - P. H. Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.
- Mon. March 28.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Mon. March 28.....Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Tues. March 29.....Ruby Lake Lagoon Society Kidz Klimb up Pender Hill, Pre-register to meet at MPES, 9 a.m

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



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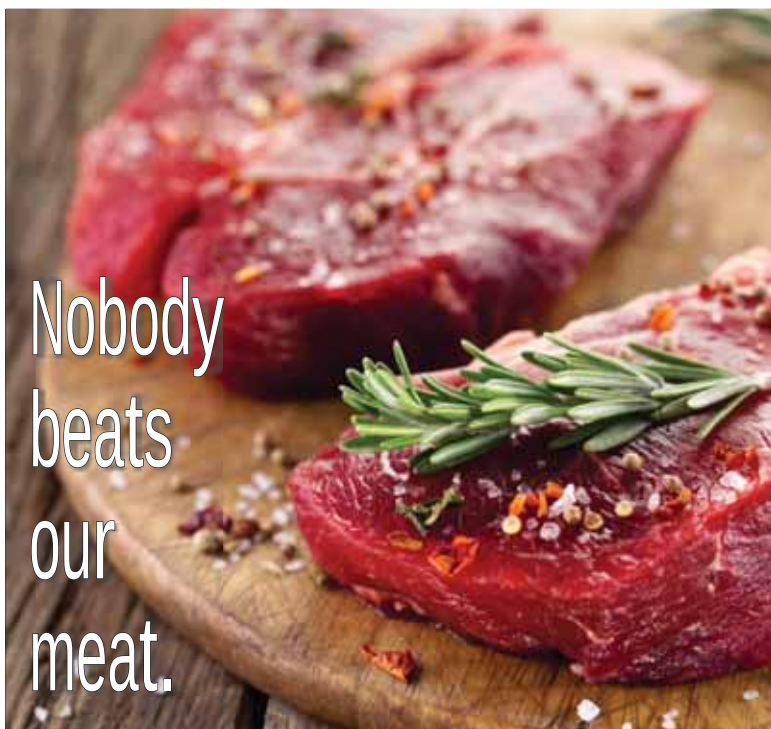
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