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EDITORIAL

A foundation of volunteers

By Brian Lee



At the Jazz Fest last weekend I tried to get around to as many events as I could and was astounded by the number of orange shirts I saw.

The orange shirts were the volunteers and it reminded me how much this community relies on them.

It's something we often take for granted in an area basically run on volunteer labour.

We may forget these people could be at home doing chores around the house or working at a paying job.

Look on page 36 and you'll find dozens of organizations operated by people like you and me who freely donate their time in order to make this a better place to live.

The Jazz Fest needs upwards of 100 volunteers to make it run smoothly.

Volunteers are called upon to sell tickets and t-shirts, set up chairs, control traffic and organize the event before it even takes place.

The Fall Faire is the same. So are the Blues Festival and May Day.

We now have three volunteer fire departments — men and women who

donate their time every week to train in case something bad happens.

Then there are the countless non-profit societies and volunteer boards that administer seniors' housing, our health centre, our water supply, our pool — all functions usually administered by paid councils in larger towns.

Look closer and you'll see that it's truly staggering how much of our community operations are handled by volunteer labour.

But it's also scary because many of these groups desperately need more help and the only problem with relying on the efforts of volunteers is the danger of collapse if people burn out or leave.

It's a constant struggle to find new help to replace them and many people in this community have been doing much more than their share for a long time.

I would estimate that a large percentage of the people I see out volunteering these days are relative newcomers to the area.

They're people who want to meet new people and have an urge to help their new community.

It bodes well for our future.

Next time you attend an event make a point of trying to identify the volunteers.

Then go and thank them.

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OKTOBERFEST - OCTOBER 20

As a fundraiser for the Health Centre's "It's Ours" Campaign, the Pender Harbour Power & Sail Squadron is putting on an OKTOBERFEST in the Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 20. The ticket price of \$25 includes two sausages with sauerkraut, one drink (beer, wine or soft drink) and a complimentary beer glass. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m.

MIKE POOLE PRESENTS "GETTING AROUND THE NORTHWEST COAST, CIRCA 1700" - OCTOBER 20

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is pleased to present an illustrated talk by the Sunshine Coast's own celebrated author and filmmaker, Michael Poole, on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music. Poole will offer a lively presentation on the art and craft of the traditional native canoe with illustrations and historical photos.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT SERIES - OCTOBER 14

Juan Martin will be appearing on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. A celebrated Spanish virtuoso of the flamenco guitar, Martin has been voted one of the top three guitarists in the world by Guitar Magazine. He has played with Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock and Stevie Ray Vaughn, and was the first flamenco artist to record with the London Philharmonic.

REALITY NIGHT AT THE POOL - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19:

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The P.H. Power and Sail Squadron, on behalf of the It's Ours Committee, thank all of the sponsors who have donated various items to help make this event a success.



Campagnolo attends dedication of namesake rescue vessel



The Iona C provided the backdrop for its dedication ceremony.

The Iona C received the customary whack with a champagne bottle in front of approximately 40 people attending the dedication ceremony at Millenium Park September 8.

BC Lieutenant-Governor Iona

Campagnolo did the honours on Pender Harbour's new Coast Guard Auxiliary rescue vessel that carries her name.

Also attending were members of Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 61, Area A Director John Rees, John Pallisser, Regional Superintendent Maritime Search and Rescue of the Canadian Coast Guard, Malcolm Dunderdale, President of the National office of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Bruce Falkins, President of the Pacific Region of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reverend James Erb.

It was one of Campagnolo's last official duties before stepping down from the position

she has held for the past seven years.

"I christen this vessel Iona C," Campagnolo said seconds before she swung the burlap-covered bottle of bubbly.

"May God bless all who sail on her with all his protection."

This dedication rewarded the members of the Pender Harbour and District Marine Rescue Society for years of work raising funds to replace the MV Harold Clay with a faster rescue vessel.



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Lieutenant Governor of BC Iona Campagnolo poses with Harold Clay at a reception following the dedication ceremony of the Iona C.

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Toyota shoots commercial at Skookumchuck



Well known Hawaiian big wave surfer Troy Alotis just happened to be in Egmont with his family on a yacht and was persuaded to have a go at the Skookumchuck too.

Egmont and the Skookumchuck was buzzing for a couple of days last month when a production company arrived to shoot a commercial for Toyota.

It was the first commercial film production to film on the Skookum-

chuck itself and required special permission from the BC Parks Service.

The filming required a surfer to tackle the standing wave off Roland Point during maximum flood.

Production Manager Stuart Andrews owns Whistler Creek Pro-

ductions and was contracted by Capital Media to run the filming.

“We spent an exorbitant amount to ensure the surfers were safe,” he said on the phone from his Vancouver office.

“It went well but we did have to rearrange the surfing schedule to meet the tide.”

Australian pro surfer Shannon Brown was contracted to surf the potentially

dangerous standing wave

and was able to get up

on the wave with help from a jet ski operated by Tofino pro surfer Sepp Buwhiler.

Bruwhiler’s wife, Tamara Stephens was also contracted to surf the wave but found it too difficult the day



The first commercial filmed on the Skookumchuck brought approximately 45 crew members to the Egmont area for two days.



One of Canada's top pro surfers, Sepp Bruwhiler is also an experienced water safety specialist. Here he guides Brown onto the standing wave with the help of a jet ski.

before and opted out.

Bruwhiler stood by while Brown carved back and forth for up to 10 minutes at a time before exiting the wave to be picked up at the back by a waiting jet boat.

While Brown rested for the next attempt, well-known Hawaiian big wave surfer Troy Alotis entertained the spectators with some spectacular wipe-outs.

Alotis was visiting the area with his family on a yacht and had hiked in the day before to find the crew practising.

Alotis knew the Tahiti water rescue specialist Steve Fagan from other big wave locations and was invited to give it a try.

The economic effect of the short filming schedule could be felt throughout the community.

Approximately 45 people stayed at various hotels and B & Bs from Egmont to Sechelt with breakfast and October 2007

lunch provided by the Westcoast Wilderness Lodge.

Two High Tide water taxi vessels were contracted to transport crew and equipment to the park and were kept busy for both days.

Andrews said the commercial is not intended for Canadian release and will promote the launch of the diesel RAV4 in Europe.

The RAV4 diesel is currently not available in Canada.



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Pender Harbour gets first dragon boat

It's take 2,300 years but Pender Harbour finally has a dragon boat.

On Sept. 19, 21 paddlers came out to meet the arrival of their new boat at the Garden Bay Pub.

Many tried paddling for the first time.

Rick Harmer is a longtime dragon boat enthusiast and coach and he and Charlyn McLean have organized a group of locals interested in training for what Harmer calls "the most fun you can have with your clothes on."

This is a borrowed boat and the club will have it until November.

Harmer hopes they will eventually raise enough funds to purchase one or more boats that will permanently reside in Pender Harbour.

Harmer says we have the perfect location to host races.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, dragon boating originated in China and has been around for over 2,300 years with millions of paddlers worldwide.

Festivals (racing regattas) are held year-round and Harmer hopes to one day have an annual dragon boat festival here hosting crews from

all over to compete.

While it can be a sport for highly trained athletes, it is an "everyman" sport, not demanding a high degree of fitness to get into it.

Age is not a barrier; nor is a disability.

The club paddles from the Garden Bay Pub on Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m.

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"Resolute" stolen from Sunshine Coast Resort and scuttled

A one-of-a-kind wooden boat was stolen from the Sunshine Coast Resort wharf and discovered half submerged off Ballenas Island near Nanaimo on Sept. 10

The boat's owner, Randall Platt,

didn't know the boat was missing and had tied it up after a Labour Day outing.

The Resolute is a unique 35' boat built by Sam Devlin of Olympia, Washington in the early 1980s

with extensive custom woodwork and detailing.

After his initial inspection, Devlin told Platt that the extensive damage "resembled the houses in New Orleans after the flood."

The boat was floated and returned to the Sunshine Coast Resort for assessment.

Sechelt RCMP say the investigation is ongoing but have no suspects at this time.

Platt said it is unknown how or why the boat was stolen but did say there was a lot of equipment missing.

Platt is waiting to find out how much work is involved to restore it and whether or not insurance will cover the costs of repair.

"My family's still in shock," he said.

"I just need to go through the process, I guess. It's like losing a family member."



Andy Cardiff /Malaspina Water Taxi photo

The Resolute was discovered near Nanaimo by Canadian Coast Guard on Sept.10. Texada Island can be seen in the background

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Bear Bay Roaders fight plans to log in their neighbourhood

Residents of Bear Bay Road have organized a campaign to protect a 35.8 hectare cut-block in their neighbourhood from logging.

Residents met with BC Timber Sales employees on Aug.17 to discuss their concerns.

BCTS said they intend to put it up for auction to bidding logging companies by this spring.

Since that meeting, some residents have formed the Bear Bay Stewardship Alliance in order to inform the public about their concerns.

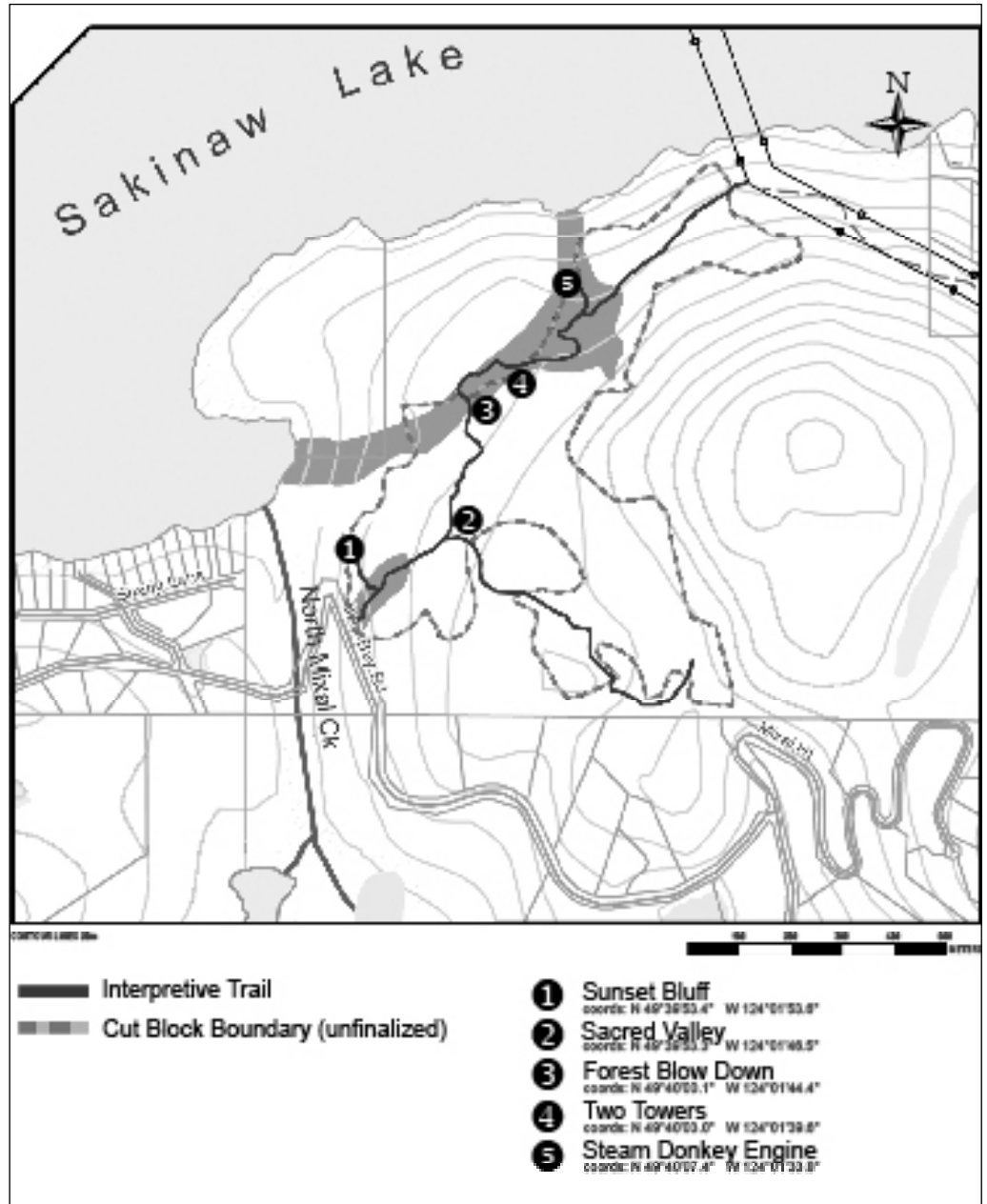
BBSA's website lists specific concerns they have with this proposal including impact to Sakinaw Lake water quality, well-water degradation, threat to coho spawning in nearby Mixal Creek, safety concerns over logging trucks on Bear Bay Road, visual impact and the loss of potential and existing recreational trails.

"In all of Pender Harbour, the only area that has been identified as 'old forest' is the area above Bear Bay Road," said BBSA representative Ryan Logtenberg, referring to the SCRD sensitive ecosystem inventory map viewer.

The area to be logged contains approximately 20,000 cubic metres of quality timber requiring 500 truckloads to travel through Bear Bay Road.

According to the BBSA, BCTS has revised cut-block boundary lines continually as they receive more information.

The topic of local watershed protection has been a hot issue in recent months as similar opposition has been formed against logging activities in both the Waugh Lake and Chapman Creek watersheds.



BBSA map

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JAZZ fest!



It was dancing room only on the Garden Bay Pub deck long into Saturday night. Here Doc Fingers' saxman Tom Keenlyside takes a solo.



The lovely Amanda Wood kept things bright with the Arni May Trio on a cloudy Sunday afternoon at Seafarers' Millenium Park

Ruth Kobus

FEBRUARY 4, 1935 - AUGUST 30, 2007

Ruth Kobus AKA "Loopy" (Sudsbear) was born Feb. 4, 1935.

Ruth left us to rejoin her husband Gordy of 50 years. She passed peacefully on Aug. 30, 2007 in her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Ruth was born in New Brunswick, where she met her husband Gordy when he came home with one of Ruth's brothers to visit while on a leave from the military.

They were married in Quebec in December of 1954 and, just a couple of years after their wedding, came to British Columbia where they raised their five children between Vancouver and Madeira Park.

They moved to Madeira Park in

1969. Ruth leaves behind Rick (Andrea), Bruce (Eunice), Tricia (Eric), Bob (Lee), Cheryl (Art). Grandchildren Sean, Connor, Nick, Mike, Bryan, Matt, Baby Sweeney, Shannon, Ashley, Alana, Brandon and Kaare. Great-Grandchildren Cole and Dakota.

Ruth was actively involved in the Pender Harbour community and was one of the founding members of the Pender Harbour Health Centre where she served as president three times, and the Pender Harbour Community Club where she was president multiple times.

She was also very active as her children and grandchildren were

growing up helping out with Cubs, Brownies, Cadets, sports and numerous other activities.

Ruth always felt that you got from a community what you gave, and she gave everything she did from the heart.

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Fred came to Canada as a young man and soon became a Canadian citizen, of which he was very proud.

Whistler and Squamish were home to Fred before he moved to Garden Bay where he made many

new friends, played golf and enjoyed working in his beautiful garden.

He is survived by stepson Pierre Friele (Linda), grandsons Kirin and Kai, sisters Ursula (Eric) and Laura (Rolf).

Freddy, you came into my life and I will truly miss you — Lorna.



WILLIAM KENNETH ASTROPE

FEBRUARY 27, 1939 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2007



Bill "Cougar Bill" Astrope died of a sudden stroke at 6 a.m. on September 6 in the arms of his wife, Carole Rubin, surrounded by love and light.

A celebration of Bill's life was held at the Roberts Creek Community Hall, Saturday, September 29.

There were stories, pictures, music, a potluck luncheon, laughter and tears.

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*By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A*

GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION

Earlier this year the SCRD made a series of applications for supportive funding for water infrastructure improvements throughout Area A.

Several months ago we were awarded \$1 million from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and now I am glad to announce that we are to receive a further \$1.8 million for our Area A Water Master Plan initiatives.

The water quality portion of our application was approximately \$5.5 million, therefore this good news will allow for at least a 50 per cent grant for all costs.

Areas and systems included in this funding are Earl's Cove, Egmont, Oyster Bay (North and South).

This work is for system improvements and to remove the boil water order they have been burdened

with for years.

NPHWD and SPHWD will get help for water treatment plants and, in fact, the SCRD has already put out requests for feasibility and costing information to that end.

The balance of the funds will come from low-interest loans arranged by the SCRD and paid by the individual users on their water rates in the various areas over a 20-year period.

SPHWD customers were made aware of these costs prior to their amalgamation vote and this level of grant funding was considered to be the most optimistic achievable.

I would request that all of the individual groups have just a little more patience with the pace of this process — the Master Plan is after all designed to phase in improvements over the next several years.

In due course, and when more definitive costs are available, the SCRD will meet with all parties involved.

INDEPENDENT POWER PROJECTS [IPPS]

Otherwise known as green power, micro hydroelectric projects are privately owned, with sell-back contracts to BC Hydro and have discovered the Sunshine Coast big time, almost like a gold rush.

Over the last five years or so there have been a few applications for these plants and a couple have been built in the Howe Sound area.

Now there are 42 applications on the Sunshine Coast with 20 of them in Area A.

These small plants, generally around 10 MW, are located on creeks and rivers with more steep characteristics.

Some of the available water is diverted through penstocks (concrete tubes) to create higher velocity, used to drive turbines and generate electricity.

The water used is then returned to the creek or river in its original condition.

The power is collected through a network of power lines and is connected to the main grid for distribution by BC Hydro.

Jervis and Princess Louisa Inlets and beyond are the main locations for these plants with each plant having the capacity to generate enough power for 10,000 homes or 10 MW.

I see two perspectives on this, one being the economic benefits from increased industrial taxation, a 10-year period of construction jobs (estimated to be between 50 and 80 per plant) and the pass-down effect from that.

The other side is the potential disturbance, mainly caused by roads and power lines, of the unique natural beauty of this area and the effect on the future of tourism and wildlife habitat.



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All of these applications will go through a long process of approvals and the SCRD is only one of many steps.

Those applications that make it through will then go into the Hydro lottery for final approval and a contract.

There will be, I am sure, a lot of local debate on the merits of these proposals over the next several years and all residents will have a chance through public information meetings and public hearings to have their say.

It is also interesting to note that the Province adopted Bill 30 last year which effectively removed the authority of local governments to determine approvals of these projects if it deemed necessary.

TYNER PARK

From the response I have had to the article appearing in the September issue of the Spiel, some clarification is required.

If this proposal (senior's lower cost housing) was adopted by the community, it seems to me that we are looking at approximately five years before it would come on stream.

This would also be sufficient time for other current projects to be completed and would at that time provide some different alternatives for our ever growing senior population.

I would also like to add that the land use suggestion came from the Tyner Trust and the family and was not an initiative of this Director or the SCRD.

We simply responded to their request.

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2008

This time next year my term (second) will be up and I do not intend to run again.

Hopefully a number of initiatives will be complete before that time but there are some ongoing issues like the Area A Water Master Plan, and the associated studies required, infrastructure improvements, OCP reviews, Transit Service, etc, all of which will need focused attention.

My advice is that anyone thinking about running for director in this area in 2008 should start tracking these projects. I will provide all the help I can if requested.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, October 4, 2007

- 1:30 pm Infrastructure Services Committee

Thursday, October 11, 2007

- 1:30 pm Planning and Development Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

Thursday, October 18, 2007

- 1:30 pm Community Services Committee

Thursday, October 25, 2007

- 10:00 am Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
- 1:30 pm Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

Thursday, October 29, 2007

- 9:00 am Policing Committee
- 10:30 am Transportation Committee

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Room 107, Pender Harbour High School.

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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Grass, grass and more grass

by Jim Rutherford

You won't get busted for growing these grasses and none is as large as a Christmas tree.

Grandma would have told me to cut the lawn and any in the flower bed was to be pulled immediately.

Well times have changed, haven't they?

Now grasses are used for accent, texture and colour as well as mass planting to cover awkward areas.

Many times I use grasses in containers to get centre height.

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For fall sun, pennisetam

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It's OK for use here but tender in colder zones; 2-3 ft tall.

P. Red Bunny Tails is fun to use for some contrast in texture but in mass planting it can look a little overdone.

Your grandchildren will love this one.

Miscanthus — if you're questioned as to what that ornamental grass in your garden is, just say miscanthus.

It'll make you look very knowledgeable, as it's a large family and you can't go too far wrong.

M. "Morning Light" 4-5 ft

M. 'Little Zebra' 3-4 ft

For fall, all the grasses can be planted new.

Perhaps in a spot where some plant has failed because of this wet summer.

I've noticed that mildew just overran some perennials I planted this spring.

You have an advantage buying grasses now, as you can see them as they would look in your garden.

A wonderful grass for shade is

Hakonechlea, Japanese Forest Grass, "Allgold."

It grows in a cascade form up to one foot and divides easily to spill over the edge of a patio container or window box.

The striped gold foliage gives instant contrast to any colour scheme and when it dies down it's easy to zip off large clumps with a weed eater.

Pampas grass seems passé now so why not try Cortaderia 'Pumila' dwarf pampas three to six feet tall in

sun or partial shade?

Imperata or Red Baron Japanese Blood Grass is quite easy to work with in borders, rock gardens, containers. Try mass planting in fall with sun to part shade, but it needs fertile, moist, well-drained soil.

Clump plantings of three to five work best to avoid a scattered, uncoordinated look.

Conversely, as grandma warned, "too much of a good thing is not good."

In roadside farms and shopping malls, mass upon mass of taller grasses can become overpowering and, in my opinion, boring.

An exception is the berm just south of Chapman Creek near Big Maple Park.

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Lyme disease and tick talk

By Carole Logtenberg, V.A.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium transmitted through the bite of a tick.

Once in the blood stream, the Lyme disease organism is carried through the bloodstream to various parts of the body and is likely to localize in joints.

Unlike humans, dogs do not get a bull's-eye rash at the site of infection and since symptoms are sometimes delayed, the disease often goes untreated.

The most common symptoms are swollen joints, high fevers, limping, lameness shifting from one leg to the other and no appetite.

Some or all of these symptoms may eventually disappear, only to recur weeks or months later if left undiagnosed and untreated.

The key to preventing Lyme disease is keeping your dog from being exposed to ticks.

Unless you have an indoor dog, this is virtually impossible on the Sunshine Coast as ticks typically live in grassy, wooded and sandy areas — all the beautiful places we love to take our dogs for walks.

Ticks are also very common on cedar trees and arbutus trees where they wait until their sensors detect a nearby animal on which to crawl or drop.

After being in a tick-infested area, check your pet immediately for any ticks.

It is important to remove ticks promptly since they need to feed for approximately 12 hours for the bacterium to be transmitted.

To remove a tick that is attached to your dog, grasp the tick with fine tweezers or your finger nails near the dog's skin and firmly pull it straight out.

Do not squeeze or twist the tick while pulling it out.

If removing ticks is a common occurrence, you may want to obtain a very easy to use tick removal spoon free of charge from your veterinarian.

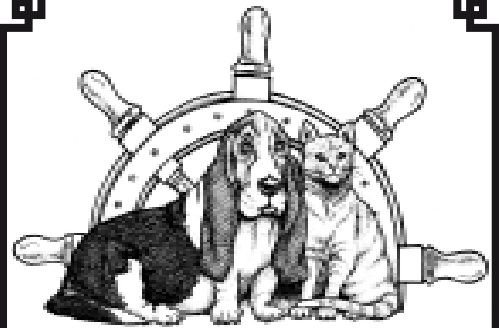
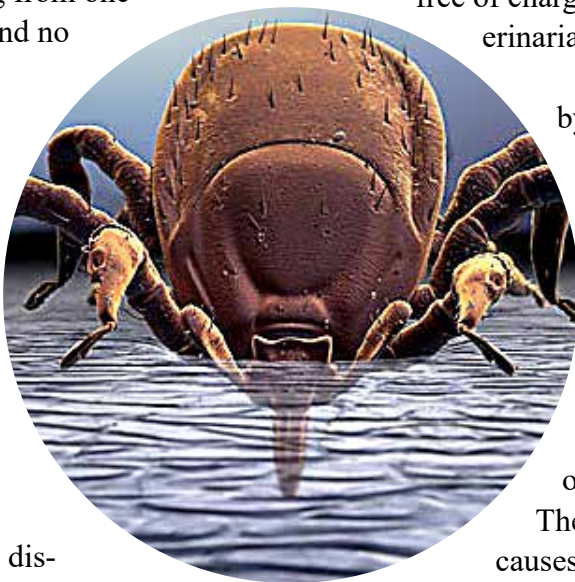
Destroy the tick by placing it in rubbing alcohol or crushing it between two solid surfaces.

Do not get the tick's contents, including blood, on your skin.

The bacterium that causes Lyme disease can pass through a wound or cut in your skin.

With the approaching tick season, a very safe and effective way of protecting dogs against Lyme disease is through an annual vaccine.

If you have any suspicion your dog may have contracted Lyme disease it is important to see your veterinarian so that your pet can receive a course of antibiotics to eradicate the bacterium.



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Canadian National Paralympic soccer team coach Drew Ferguson instructs Amber Mottishaw and Mackenzie Stewart about what *not* to do on September 8 at Fergie's Soccer School. Ferguson runs a one day youth soccer clinic for ages 6-18.

LETTERS

White sees red... neck

Editor,

A few Saturdays ago I attended St. Andrew's Church to take in the gospel signing event and the reception after, all in support of the Health Clinic.

I'm not a churchgoer but I was very moved by the performance and the congregation who put it on.

There was a such an impressive cross-section of the community there representing different ages, races and persuasions and such a fine atmosphere of tolerance and enlightenment, it put me in mind of the best qualities of Christianity and made me feel good about my old home town.

And they raised \$1,100 for the clinic to boot!

Then I read Skinny Jimmy Dougan's letter in the last Spiel and it

made me feel as bad as I'd felt good before.

Actually I was enjoying his list of all the ways Pender Harbour is going to hell in a handbasket until I came to "homosexual church" and realized this was a cruel, uninformed dig at St. Andrews for daring to welcome all members of our community.

I've lived here longer than Jim-

my and I mourn the passing of a lot of the old values too, but I sure don't miss small-town narrowmindedness with its nasty redneck streak.

It's worth putting up with all the other trappings of progress just to grow beyond that.

Howard White
Madeira Park

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LETTERS

Re: "homosexual" churches

Dear Editor,

A church (versus a religion) is a place where people of various (Christian) persuasions gather as a group to worship God, The Creator of All.

Where there are numbers, there is support and love.

Some people are more liberal about life's differences and these are the people who truly follow good supportive behaviour in their community.

With the growth in Pender Har-

bour we may well see a synagogue or golden-domed mosque some day!

Let our behaviour to the newcomers show the class that we long-time Penderites have.

Let us try to get the SCRD to moderate or put into some kind of number control on the influx, but progress will only stop when the world does.

Angela E. Wiens
Garden Bay

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Mayerthorpe no excuse for trampling on rights of citizens

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago I had the misfortune of experiencing firsthand an overreactive response by our local police.

A Pender Harbour outdoor marijuana grow-op bust handled by local RCMP and an emergency response team has left innocent people traumatized and it could have just as easily been you.

I feel compelled to speak up about an insensitive and unnecessary altercation my partner endured during this bust when police forcefully handcuffed him on a public road bordering our driveway with rifles aimed.

They made a mistake, but there was no apology. This use of excessive force was defended by the RCMP as necessary because "since Mayerthor-

pe" [referring to the Alberta tragedy where four Mounties were killed] we as citizens apparently have to accept that this is how policing looks now.

The RCMP's inflated level of fear is the catalyst for over-reactive, adrenaline-pumped and potentially dangerous encounters with police.

A climate of fear is also their excuse for storming innocent bystanders as if a bomb were about to go off.

I am sympathetic to the risks that law enforcement officers must take to do their job, but is it really what Community Policing is all about?

Pender Harbour may have its share of marijuana growing in the bush, but it is also a quiet, residential neighbourhood with law-abiding and community-minded families everywhere.

The majority of Canadians have indicated that pot is not an issue worthy

of spending tax dollars and stretched police resources.

So why does our community police force, over-zealously pursuing interests that its citizens deem fairly inoffensive, resemble an American-style SWAT team?

Do the ends justify the means?

Under the circumstances, which paralleled some kind of siege with police helicopters and cruisers closing in on our community, there should have been a protocol in place to warn and protect the innocent neighbours.

The local RCMP need to seriously consider that when the people they think they're protecting start to feel like victims, there's a problem.

Are you wondering, like me, where our rights are in all of this?

Wendie Milner
Pender Harbour



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Mrs. Constance Harper's class (Grades 1-8) at the Maple School at Donnelly's Landing @ 1934.

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There were all kinds of parties on Jazz Fest weekend. This one looked like it has a story behind it.

LETTERS

... and even more skinning Jimmy

Dear Editor,

I think it is time Skinny Jimmy shook his head and got a reality check!

The way I read his letter — now we have our piece of heaven, close the doors.

Do you really think that the owners of Lowe's should have hung on, spending their hard-earned dollars, to update and modernize and not have the opportunity to retire and enjoy the fruits of their labour?

I am a fairly newcomer and even I could see the hours put into the resort.

Progress is inevitable whether we agree with the direction or not, most of us would gladly ship all the visitors home for a parking spot at IGA.

Ah, but then we wouldn't have an IGA because they couldn't possibly survive in the present form without the summer people and the tourists, including those at the refurbished hotel and ones who will come to the Painted Boat.

Skinny Jimmy you may not always like the direction of progress but it's coming.

Open your eyes and your heart and learn to enjoy

Naomi Jackson



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P. H. Rotary hosts traditional Maori feast

By Alan Stewart

"Can you notice anything strange about that pile of dirt?" I asked my seven year old daughter, Hannah.

"Nope."

"Touch it. It's warm..." I tell her.

She does and looks up at me with a puzzled look on her face.

"What's in there?" she asks.

"What would you say if I told you it was your dinner?"

Another puzzled look.

"Mr. Stowell built a fire here early this morning on top of seven or eight big rocks and he burned it as hot as he could all day to super-heat the rocks," I explained.

"About eight hours later he knocked out what was left of the wood and placed a wire basket filled with a whole turkey, a huge baron of beef, a massive pork tenderloin, 20 giant onions and a couple dozen carrots on top of the rocks. Then he covered it with wet cotton cloths and then covered it with the dirt. It's called a Hungi."

The puzzled look never left her face.

"A what?" she asked.

"A Hungi. New Zealand Maoris would have one on special occasions and the Stowells are having one as a party for the Rotarians and their district governor, Dean Rohrs who is visiting our club today."

Yvonne Stowell, the President of the Pender Harbour Rotary Club, has a knack for entertaining and bringing people together and this night was no exception.

Great food, a beautiful late summer Pender Harbour evening and a

gathering of interesting people made for a great time.

Joining the party this year was the Rotary Club's new 17-year-old exchange student, Aldi Arambari.

Ms. Arambari will be attending Pender Harbour High School and living with three Rotary families for a total of 12 months.

To get involved with the Rotary Club or find out more information, attend a meeting at the Garden Bay Pub every Friday at noon or call me at (604) 883-9212.



Alan Stewart photo

Reg Stowell tends the Hungi, a Maori style feast

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Keep abreast of cancer awareness

by Judi Georgetti, RN

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We all know of a relative, friend, co-worker or someone whose life has been touched by this disease.

Great progress is being made in research and treatment of the disease but there is still far to go.

To those of you who participated in the Screening Mammogram Program – congratulations!

Keep up the good work and remember to do monthly breast self-examinations and to come and see us if you have a concern.

Early detection of breast lesions results in the most successful outcomes.

Let us all hope that one day this will be eradicated and sent to the medical archives.

In the meantime keep *abreast* of the latest information and treatments.

IT'S OURS

Wow, this past month has been a wonderful one in the life of the "It's Ours" campaign.

The Rotary Club informed us that they will be donating \$2,700 as the proceeds from their recent garage sale.

We received two private donations which have humbled me.

One for \$20,000 from an anonymous donor and one for \$25,000 in honour of Frank White and the contribution he makes to the community at large.

These donations have put us at the \$225,000 mark on our way to the goal of \$360,000.

The Octoberfest event on the 20th looks to be a fun event and a great chance for another successful fundraiser.

Tickets are for sale at the Health Centre and John Henry's Marina so get them fast and take a gang for a really good time for a really good cause.

Mark Dec. 8 on your calendar as well.

That will be the wind-up gala which will have a silent and live auction and dance.

Start polishing your tiaras, ladies.

LEGION DONATES NEW CHAIR

The Legion Poppy Fund has generously donated the new chair which we use in the Lab and which you will sit on when you come for a blood test.

It was made by Tim Clements in Roberts Creek and is higher than a normal chair so that people with arthritis or recent hip replacements can get up and down more easily.

It is wide, has strong arms for pushing up and is a work of art.

Thanks to the Legion members for coming through every year for us — you are awesome.

BUS SERVICE TO VANCOUVER

I saw in the "other" paper last weekend that there is now an option for going to appointments in the Big Smoke.

Malaspina Coach has extended their service to Vancouver to include stops at St. Paul's, VGH, and Children's Hospital on the way to the Airport.

They leave Sechelt at 7:15 a.m. and there is an early afternoon return trip.

So, for those of you who do not wish to navigate the construction zone that is Vancouver, there is an option. You can reach them at 885-2217 for more information.



Pat Wood, Treasurer of Legion Branch 112 and Bob Hubbard, past President and veteran, present Judi Georgetti with a custom chair made by Tim Clements.

HARBOUR SEALS



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Send to: editor@harbourpiel.com. You must include your full name and a telephone number for confirmation.

A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to **motorists who whiz** too closely past pedestrians on Francis Peninsula. Remember there are no sidewalks and the shoulders are covered with horse poop.

Shan McCune

A big Harbour Seal of Approval and a bouquet of heartfelt thanks to the **community members** (ladies?) who answered the call for rags when our demand threatened our supply. And to the person who donated a scale so we can weigh and measure without transporting the scale we used.

Naomi Jackson

A huge Seal of Approval to the **congregation of Christ the Redeemer** and our **Egmont friends** who looked after me after the loss of our baby. Your loving care (prayers, meals, house cleaning, lawn mowing etc.) made my recovery hopeful. We love you!

Paula, Lloyd and Meaghan Howley

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **local residents around Bear Bay Road** for their tireless efforts in trying to preserve Pender Harbour's last Old Forest ecosystem.

Ryan Logtenberg

Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Pender Harbour Rotary Club and their President Yvonne**, for there donation to the Cops for Cancer.

P.H. Policing Station

Harbour Seal of Approval to all the **Members of the Community Policing Station**, and those that contributed baked goods for their time and effort in making yesterday's Cops for Cancer stop a success.

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The Big Bang Theory... (or the fireworks explosion of 1967)

By Lorna Klein

It was when Donald started Grade 3 in Pender Harbour and Ted started kindergarten with Mrs. Silvey from Egmont as his teacher.

I went to a PTA meeting and was so eager to help they made me president that year.

Mary Kingston was secretary and we decided to have a Halloween to remember.

Mary and I went around the Harbour to all the stores and businesses and collected money for fireworks.

Al Lloyd of Lloyd's Store ordered the fireworks for us from Vancouver and when they came they looked different.

These were "professional" fireworks and they were much bigger and fatter than we had ever seen — they only had paper around them, not the hard cardboard that we were used to.

The fireworks came with a tube to put them in, a punk to light them with and they fired from the tube.

Well, that was new to us, but that shouldn't be a problem, the men could handle those details.

Halloween dawned with all the excitement that Halloween holds.

Madeira Park was Halloween central for everyone because there was a big field and lots of parking.

The forestry buildings were where Serendipity and the Music School are now.

Across from the field there was a row of small houses (which are still there), one of which was the medical clinic for the Harbour.

Sid McDonnell had the store about where the veterinarian is now and the post office sat beside it.

Of course the community hall was where it still sits.

There would be free hot dogs for the kids and, of course, the marvelous fireworks display.

We planned on going down in history as having the most colourfully wonderful fireworks exhibition ever.

We all gathered as the night came on.

Gordon Klein was designated as the official fireworks detonator and Bob Bain and Neil Newick were helping.

Bob Bain was done up as a tramp with a holey shirt and his face blackened up a bit.

These fireworks had to be lit with a punt — like a long match with a slow burning top.

Gordon put the first rocket in the tube, lit it, and it went up in the air and exploded in a burst of color while everyone "oohed."

Another went up and everyone "aahhed."

Somebody passed another punt to Gordon and he lit it and a part of the tip flew off the end and dropped into the big box of unlit fireworks.

There was no stopping what happened next.

That box started exploding and there were fireworks going everywhere.

Hitting the community hall, zinging off trucks and cars, going under the trucks and cars, sailing into the air.

There were two other boxes and, as pieces of fireworks dropped into them, they also exploded right behind the first.

People ran everywhere.

Some were looking for children, others were just running.

They were scrambling up the bank behind them towards the medical clinic as fireworks were going every-

where.

The problem was they were all going off at once.

People who were at home in Garden Bay and Kleindale reported their windows shaking with the blast of the explosions.

It was over in a matter of a minutes and then there was a sudden silence.

Sid McDonnell came with the cooked hot dogs and, when he heard what happened, said

"What do you mean it's over?"

He had missed the show.

I remember Donna Newick running up to see if Neil was all right.

She hadn't seen Bob Bain before this and she cried, "Oh no, you're burnt black!"

She just about fainted until Bob told her it was just shoe polish.

Gordon had holes burnt through his coat from the pieces of fireworks that were falling in the air.

The next month Mary and I had to attend the monthly PTA meeting.

I mean had to, we were the president and secretary so we couldn't hide anywhere.

Believe me, if facing all the parents after your husband has blown up all the fireworks doesn't teach you how to have a backbone, nothing will!



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2007 sees 28 per cent more home sales in Pender than 2006



By Alan Stewart

I realized the other day that a good number of my conversations wind up being around what is happening in real estate because so many people have a vested interest in what's happening.

To bring you up to speed, here's a sample conversation I had recently with "Owen Omeowner."

"Hey Big Al, seems like the market is slowing down."

"Really, why do you say that, Owen?"

"Well, it looks like there's a lot more For Sale signs around and, I don't know, it just seems – quieter."

"Well, the resale housing market has been screaming Owen." I said.

"In fact, so far in 2007 we've seen 28 per cent more home sales in

the Pender area than in 2006. With 59 sales so far this year, we are only eight sales off of the record of 67 sales for the same period in 2005 — our busiest year ever!"

Owen scratches his head.

"You're kidding! The missus figured we'd missed the boat and that the real estate frenzy was over. What's happened to prices?"

"Things have really leveled off. We saw a 33 per cent increase in the average sale price from 2005 to 2006 but this year we've only seen a modest increase of 2.2 per cent. The average price of a home in Pender Harbour and Egmont is now about \$562,000."

"What? \$562,000! How is that possible? A really nice home just sold around the corner from me for \$381,000."

"You have to remember that waterfront sales skew the picture. We've seen seven sales over \$1,000,000 in the Harbour this year with four of those over \$1,500,000," I told him.

"If you omit the waterfront sales in our area and the sales of mobile homes or strata properties, the average price of detached house is more like \$443,000. The least expensive detached house sale in Pender this year was a little three bedroom rancher on Merrill Crescent which sold for \$270,000."

"Wow! But I heard there was too much for sale and people weren't buying?"

"Right now there are 82 houses for sale with a median asking price of \$630,000 — that means that one half of all active listings are priced less than that and half of them are priced higher. Given the median selling price of \$415,000, some sellers are going to have to wait a while for the market to catch up to them. The truth is that in this busy market, if your house is priced right, it should be getting attention from buyers."

"We bought our place four years ago, so what's our house worth?"

"Great question. The average price of homes in the area has roughly doubled since you bought it but some types of properties, like waterfront homes with moorage, have outperformed the rest of the market. The only way to know for sure is for me to come over and prepare an evaluation report. When is a good time?"

Owen and his wife were surprised by the results of my report.

To offer suggestions for future real estate related column topics, e-

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Finally, a special thanks to all of the volunteers. See you next year!

...Just put me down for a five

By Jan Watson

August and early September have been busy with various tournaments and lots of visitors.

It is always great to see the young golfers out playing with their parents.

Sept 8 and 9 we held a two-day clinic with BCGA professionals doing the teaching.

It was well attended and, by all accounts, enjoyable and very beneficial to those participating.

MEN'S CLUB

Sept. 4 was a string scramble, winning team was Carey Threlkeld, John Maveety, Len Best and Iain Ross 61. Kps on #3 Rob Cameron and #6 Terry Cowan.

Sept. 11 was individual stroke play, Flight 1 for the 21 and under handicaps, low gross winner was Don Matheson 76.

Kps on #3 Al Wendland and #6 Ed Roop.

LADIES CLUB

Sept. 6 was a skins game and af-

ter Reni Ducich and Lorna Lycan each won two skins.

It carried over right to the 18th hole where Denise Jones was the big winner with 14 skins.

Sept. 13 was the "Three Putt Party and Scramble."

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5 iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes" says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes I did."

The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and covers her face with her hands.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know, five, six, maybe seven times... just put me down for a five."

Whenever anyone three-putts on ladies day they have to put a dime in the pot towards wine and cheese.

The ladies played alternate shots and the winners were Lil Williams and Heather Cranston with a net score of 60.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

On Sept. 7, the ladies held their last steak night and

scramble of the season.

As always, it was a fun night and was well attended by both members and visitors.

The good part is that beginners participate and go on to take up the game.

Winners were Pat Hallborg, Dianne Smith, Carolyn Kirkland &

Heather Cranston with 37.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES

On Sept. 3 the winning team of Blake & Rosemary Priebe, Denise Jones and Lil Abbott, with a 33, were saved on the first hole by Lil who was the only one who wasn't in the trees with her drive.

Sept. 10 was a bit tough as each team had to use two drives from everybody.

Winners with 36 were Lorna Lycan, Bill Coulthard, Doug Provost and Marjory West.

KPs on #3 Bev Provost and Bill Coulthard, #6 Doreen Stark and Doug Provost.

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Oct. 08 ~ Harold Clay.

Oct. 09 ~ Norm Caron and Jolaine Percival.

Oct. 10 ~ Daryl Hegyi, Mitch Jones, Katrina Woodard, Rick Higgins, Val Silvey and Kate Daniels.

Happy anniversary to Rod & Kelly Kammerle.

Oct. 11 ~ Bruno Cote.

Oct. 12 ~ Alison Stoutenburg and Bricin Lyons. Happy anniversary to Merv & Sunny Charboneau.

Oct. 13 ~ PD Smith and Judy Sim.

Oct. 14 ~ Nicole Forsyth.

Oct. 15 ~ Courtney Hanna, Kaiden Bosch and Richard Norrish.

Oct. 16 ~ Ursula Hardwick, Dane Hanna and Terri Welander.

Oct. 17 ~ Peter Vaughan.

Oct. 18 ~ Karen Stiglitz, Tommy Gamble, Tessa Rand and Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide. Happy anniversary to Joyce & Seig Garbers.

Oct. 19 ~ Doug Hardwick and Hans Schroeder.

Oct. 20 ~ Lonny Edwardson and Doug Richardson.

Oct. 22 ~ Pat Wood, Katheryn Kelly, Alys English and Mark Clay.

Oct. 23 ~ Bill Clayton and Diane Dennis.

Oct. 24 ~ Roxanne Gregory and Larry Honeybourne.

Oct. 25 ~ Kerry Rand.

Oct. 27 ~ Dave Malcolm and Cindy Rayko.

Oct. 28 ~ Rob Metcalfe.

Oct. 29 ~ Colleen Silvey and Nicholas Silvey.

Oct. 30 ~ Jack Bowden shares a birthday with Charles Atlas on the day of BCTV's first broadcast (1960).

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On the day of the celebration, a typical Muslim family is awake very early and then after praying the first normal everyday prayer, is required to eat in a small quantity, symbolizing the end of Ramadan. They then attend special congregational prayers held only for this occasion in mosques, in large open areas, stadiums or arenas. The prayer is generally short, and is followed by a sermon (khuba). Worshippers greet and embrace each other in a spirit of peace and love after the congregational prayer.

After the special prayers, festivities and merriment are commonly observed with visits to the homes of relatives and friends to thank God for all blessings.

[wikipedia.org]

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C.

Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -.4 C (Oct.31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine.

October averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month.

The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963); the highest snowfall was .2 cm (Oct. 31, 1984).

The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

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• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-2454

~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

EGMONT HERITAGE CENTRE LECTURE SERIES

The Egmont Heritage Centre is presenting a fall lecture series on Saturdays at 2 p.m. On Oct. 20, Bernard Hanby will present "Marine Life." Bernard is co-author with Andy Lamb of the book "Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest."

WOMEN'S CONNECTION GATHERING

On Oct. 9 Karen Carlyle will present "The Benefits of Nordic Walking."

IT'S OURS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Sept. 15, more than \$225,000 has been raised towards the goal of \$350,000 to pay off the mortgage taken out to finance last year's expansion of the P. H. Health Centre. There have been two large donations recently. \$20,000 was donated anonymously by a local resident and another \$25,000 was donated by Michael Audain, a property owner on Bargain Harbour. Audain's donation was in honour of (the very much alive) Frank White.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

New Al-Anon meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. For information and location, call Kathleen at (604) 883-2882.

BEAR BAY STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE

BBSA are currently offering guided tours of an area to be logged near Bear Bay Road. The hike starts at 1 p.m. every Saturday meeting at the trail head just before Mixal Creek Bridge on Bear Bay Road.

P. H. & DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Mushrooms anyone? Dr. John Field will be the guest speaker at the October 16 meeting of the P. H. & District Wildlife Society. Time and place is 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School.

ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK STICKER DESIGN CONTEST

Mental Health and Addictions and Child and Youth Mental Health, along with Pender Harbor Secondary is sponsoring a sticker design contest for Addictions Awareness Week, the third week in November. Students are asked to design a sticker focusing on wellness, reducing stress, using humour and positive living. The contest closes Oct. 19 and is open to all Grade 8 students at PHSS. The winner receives a gift certificate for \$25.

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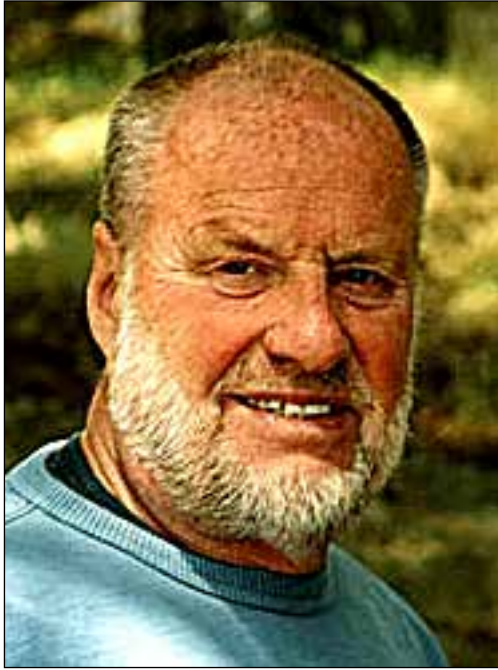
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Getting Around the Northwest Coast, circa 1700



The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is pleased to present an illustrated talk by the Sunshine Coast's own celebrated author and filmmaker, Michael Poole on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music

In his words,

"There are few images from the history of this coast more evocative than Spanish explorer Juan Perez's account of groping through the fog off the Queen Charlottes in 1774 and finding himself surrounded by Haida canoes, a chief dancing in the bow of one and scattering eagle down on the water as a gesture of peace and welcome.

"The Spaniard was looking at what Haida artist, Bill Reid, more than two centuries later, would call 'as beautifully designed and decorated an open boat as the world has ever seen.'

"As Reid also observed, the massive cedar dugouts were profoundly utilitarian, the one thing you could not do without on this coast.

So how were these craft built

(essentially without iron tools) and by whom?

"How fast and far did they travel, and what could they carry?

"How did the designs vary for purposes as different as whaling and war, fishing and food gathering?

"These are just a few of the questions I've pursued out of an interest

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in building and paddling canoes that goes back more than 50 years.

"On October 20 at the Pender Music Center, I'll come armed with old photos, illustrations and first-hand accounts from this marvelous legacy we've inherited from the native people."

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Dr. Lisa Virkela's dental practice, in Madeira Park and Gibsons will officially change hands as of October 1, 2007.

At that time Dr. Robert Hynd will assume ownership of both offices.

This is great news on two fronts.

First, the practice has been sold to someone who is very enthusiastic about our community here on the Sunshine Coast.

Dr. Hynd has been living and working here since relocating from Saskatchewan and has decided this is the perfect spot for his young family.

The second good news is Dr. Virkela will continue with both offices, so her patients can be assured they will still see her when nec-

essary and her orthodontic patients will continue their monthly visits without interruption.

All other aspects of our dental practice will remain the same, Linda Williams, our hygienist, will continue to provide excellent dental hygiene care for all her patients and the front desk will still be manned by our friendly, helpful and informative receptionists Bev and Sheena.

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Scott Smith takes downhill longboarding world cup in Mary Hill, WA

By Brian Lee

Local boy Scott “Scoot” Smith has won his, and Pender Harbour’s, first ever world cup downhill longboarding event at Goldendale, WA on Sept. 15.

Only 20 years old, Smith took out 96 of the world’s best downhill long boarders in one of only eight International Gravity Sports Association sanctioned world cup events.

Dubbed the Mary Hill Festival of Speed, Smith says it’s the toughest to win because, not only is it the longest race in the world at 2.2 miles, but it attracts just about every top pro in the world.

A stones throw from Oregon, the historic Mary Hill Loops road course was built in 1913 by Sam Hill and was the first paved road in the Pacific Northwest.

Though it’s now preserved as a monument to asphalt and closed to motorized vehicles, it often pops up in car commercials because of its curving road and scenic rolling hills.

It’s the longest race in the world and with the fastest qualifer clocking



Malakai Kingston - Silverfish Longboarding photo

Scott “Scoot” Smith on his way to his first world cup victory on a course that looks like it’s straight out of a car commercial.

in at just over three minutes, it tests a racer’s endurance as well as their adrenaline tolerance.

Each heat had six racers and Smith said every one was intense but the final heat was “true gnar.”

Taken from the Coast Longboarding website, this was Smith’s description of the final:

“I started out in third off the push trailing Nate (Lang) and Martin

(Siegrist) with Kevin (Reimer) on my ass! We went through the first three corners and got out into the first straight. I had a double draft so I was gaining on Nate and ended up side by side with him in the left and passed!

“Now I was in Martin’s draft. Mwaha-ha-ha! He was shutting the door on the inside on me time after time and I was thinking how the f*** am I gonna pass this guy?

“We headed down the long straight on the way to the left right combo and both of us drifted a bit to the outside in the left. Martin dove back to the left side of the road to make a nice line and I just stayed on the inside.

“I came out hot and tucked as hard as I f***king could, took the inside and waited for that dreaded wheel sound... BUT IT NEVER CAME!”

Two other Pender locals and fellow Team Green members, Sandy “Sandman” Charlton and Ryland “Raggie” English both finished in the

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Top 20, an incredible feat in itself.

Mischa Erban and Kevin Reimer placed second and third giving Canadians the top three places in a field stacked with competitive Europeans like two-time World Champion Martin Siegrist from Switzerland.

After the race, an upset Siegrist took out his frustrations on Reimer with a gut-punch, claiming he “stole his line.”

“There’s no such thing as stealing lines,” Smith says.

“You earn lines when you’re longboarding and if he leaves it open then tough luck, right?”

It may be illuminating a darker side to the sport — the greed that comes with increased money and exposure.

After Smith’s win a representative from big US TV came up to him and told him to keep in touch because they are planning to include downhill



Smith back at home showing off the hardware and a cheque for \$1500.

longboarding in the X Games.

“It would be kind of weird to see longboarding go into the X Games,” Smith said.

“It’s kind of like a brotherhood we have in Canada. If I go anywhere and see a longboarder it’s like an automatic friend. When there’s lots of money, people get too serious about it.”

Smith is off to Tutonia, Brazil in October to compete with the fastest in the world for the world downhill speed record.

Representatives from the Guinness Book of World Record will be there as racers hit speeds of over 120 km/h on a straight downhill course.

Two other locals, Bricin Lyons and Ryland English will also be there and there’s a very good chance one of them will bring home the world record.

are stacking up and the athletes are anxiously looking for sponsors to help them continue to compete.

Smith is currently sponsored by Landyachtz Longboards and picked up a new sponsor, wheel bearing company ABEC 11, after his race at Mary Hill.

In the past, Roosendal Farm has sponsored some of Team Green’s travel costs and entry fees but this new level of competition is bringing with it a new level of financial commitment as well.

“I really think I have a good chance of setting the downhill speed record,” Smith says.

“I don’t think anyone can beat me in the straights.”

Sponsors interested in the potential for global exposure attained by supporting a world record holder could contact Scott at (604)883-3693.



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Smith celebrates after dropping 96 of the top downhill longboarders in the world.

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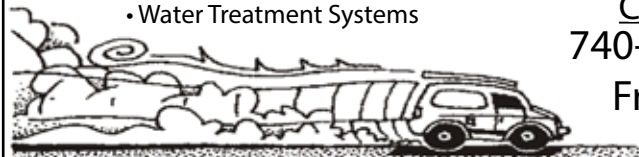


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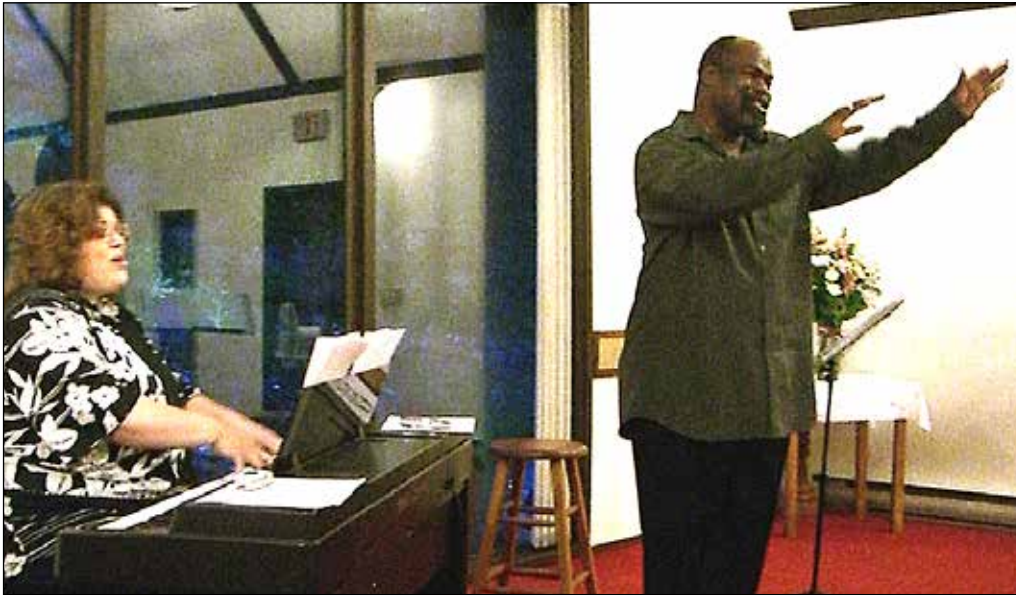


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A lively group of 60 enjoyed an evening of gospel music at St. Andrew's Anglican Church with Gail Suderman and Marcus Mosely on Aug. 25 and raised \$1,300 for the "It's Ours" fundraising campaign.



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Pat Wood Legion 112 Poppy Fund Chair and Stuart Holmstrom, Legion Cook presents a cheque for \$300 from the Legion Poppy Fund to Healthy Meals Co-ordinator Linda Curtiss for the Area A Seniors Housing Outreach Healthy Meals Program.



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Clearing the air on outdoor smoking



By Shane McCune

For fatties it's a small world, getting smaller every day.

The Ontario Medical Association says parents should

be prosecuted for letting their children eat snacks high in trans fats or sugar.

In related developments:

- *Vancouver city council has banned chocolate bars, soft drinks and ice cream from all public buildings including any outdoor patios.*

- *The provincial government plans to ban consumption of processed snacks in all public areas of the province starting next spring.*

- *B.C. Ferries will restrict junk food to designated zones on outdoor decks of large ferries by year-end — and is considering banning the snacks altogether.*

Just kidding. But if you replace “snacks” with “second-hand smoke” it's almost all true. The OMA seriously suggested fines for parents who smoke when their kids are in the car.

For the moment, smoking is permitted on all B.C. Ferries exterior decks, but the corporation said last spring it would restrict it to designated areas on its 18 largest vessels by the end of this year. The company indicated it may eventually ban puffers entirely to appease anti-smoking groups who have compared ferries to “floating patios.” (Floating at up to 40 km/h in crosswinds, but why quibble?)

Vancouver council voted in late September to ban smoking within six metres of any doorway, window or air intake in the city. Of course, once you're more than six metres from one

doorway, you're within six metres of the next, so the bylaw effectively bans smoking from the entire downtown.

Similar bans have been introduced in Ireland, the U.K., France and Australia. Throughout the western world there is now more hysteria than smoke in the air.

I don't smoke cigarettes. Filthy habit, quit 14 years ago, won't allow it in my house, etc. I hate even a whiff of smoke while I'm dining and I think it's great I can leave the pub of an evening with my clothes reeking of nothing worse than whatever beer I spilled.

That said, I would rather drive cross-country with a busload of chain-smokers than sit through one more sanctimonious harangue from the smoke prefects.

In more than three decades as a journalist, I have encountered few people more loathsome than anti-smoking crusaders. The movement seems to attract crabbed and bitter losers desperate to persecute someone even lower on the social register.

What better target than smokers? They cough and wheeze, their homes and clothes stink, they foul the air and if they smoke in the car while taking Jennifer and Kieran to soccer practice then yes, they are bad parents.

But so are parents who beam proudly as their obnoxious whelps lip off to grown-up smokers. The world doesn't need another generation of finger-pointers clamouring to ostracize somebody. Today it's smokers, tomorrow it's Jews or gays or atheists or people who wear socks with sandals.

Let's face it, the anti-smoking frenzy left the medical arena long ago. The 2007 State of the Air Report for B.C. tots up the pollutants that cause smog and greenhouse gases in the province. Emissions from cars, trains and planes are the chief villains, followed by home furnaces, farms and factories.

Nowhere does it mention cigarette smoke. That's because unless you spend a lot of time in a confined space with a smoker, second-hand smoke is going to hurt you as much as that extra dollop of whipped cream on your pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. In fact, obesity is now a more serious epidemic in North America than cigarette-induced cancer.

More evidence that smoking bans are more political than medical: Vancouver's bylaw exempts hookah lounges. Muslims told council they are important cultural centres for those barred by religion from the camaraderie of the pub.

My favourite bending of the rules comes from politically correct Santa Cruz, Calif., where the citywide smoking ban was lifted for five hours on Sept. 29 for the annual medical marijuana festival.

Councilman Mike Rotkin compared the smoking exemption with the city's sleeping ban, which prevents camping in city parks.

“If the Boy Scouts wanted to have a sleep out ... we'd say yes,” Rotkin said.

Boy Scouts!

Don't get me started . . .



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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- Fri. Oct. 5.....Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub
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- Sat. Oct. 6.....Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub
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- Sun. Oct. 7.....Larrie Cook & the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub
- Tues. Oct. 9.....Women's Connection and Karen Carlyle's "Nordic Walking" - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Sun. Oct. 14.....P. H. Music Society presents guitarist Juan Martin - P.H. School of Music, 3 p.m.
- Sun. Oct. 14.....Joe Stanton & the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub
- Tues. Oct. 16.....Dr. John Field presents "Mushrooms Anyone?" - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 19.....Reality Night at the Pool - P. H. Aquatic Centre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 20.....Bernie Hanby presents "Marine Life" - Egmont Heritage Centre, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 20.....Soup and Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 20....."It's Ours" Oktoberfest - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 20.....Mike Poole's "Getting Around the NW Coast @1700" - P.H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 20.....P. H. Golf Club AGM - P. H. Golf Course
- Sun. Oct. 21.....Gaetan & the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub
- Wed. Oct. 24.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - Room 107 PHSS, 7 p.m.
- Fri. Oct. 26.....Murphy's Laugh - Grasshopper Pub
- Sat. Oct. 27.....Murphy's Laugh - Grasshopper Pub
- Sun. Oct. 28.....Simon Paradis & Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub
- Wed. Oct. 31.....P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept. Halloween Fireworks - Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.

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

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