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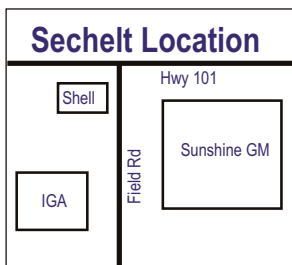


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COLLECTIONS:



EDITORIAL

Are we “screwing the youth over?”

By Brian Lee



I had a pretty wild weekend.

On Friday night I attended a presentation on the recovery of the local Roosevelt

Elk populations by the Sunshine Coast Natural History Society.

I had barely recovered when, on Saturday night, I attended a concert at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

I mention this not to brag about how my life is one crazy rock & roll party but to point out a problem.

At both of these events I was the youngest person in the room.

To be honest, there was one teenager at each event but other than that I was pretty much the lone representative for the under-50 demographic.

It's not uncommon with this job that I find myself in these situations but attend any local meeting or event and you'll often be hard-pressed to identify anyone under 35.

Where'd they go?

When I interviewed Linda Curtiss last month, she talked about all of the accomplishments and organizations she and her contemporaries started up and ran for years back when they were in their twenties and thirties. Not so now.

It was noted at the elk talk that younger people aren't filling the ranks of associations like theirs anymore and it threatens their survival.

If school enrollment continues to drop, focus will naturally shift to provide services for the aging majority and

away from youth projects.

Youth sports still seem to be a priority but there doesn't seem to be a lot for kids who don't play soccer.

When local youth and a handful of adults pushed for a skateboard park a few years back, nothing happened.

You need adults to get involved with these initiatives and, increasingly, the adults around here had kids years ago, somewhere else.

It seems to me that kids are starting to become an afterthought.

This sense of despair was captured recently by an anonymous teen on the penderharbour.org bulletin board under a thread called “The Future of Pender Harbour”:

“I'm 15 years old. I have one thing to say and that is I have absolutely no plan to remain here after graduation. There is absolutely nothing here for young people.

“School. A few odd jobs. But nothing else is offered in Pender Harbour and, without a car or licence, there is even less. You people really have no idea because you have not been a kid in Pender Harbour.

“You know what it is to live here but there is no way you can put yourselves in the shoes of a kid, in 2008 with so many opportunities all over the world, and technology etc, who is stuck in a little town like this, with absolutely nothing to launch you into that outside world of opportunity.

Pender is screwing the youth over.”

We should at least consider the possibility that maybe we are.

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SUNSHINE COAST BOTANICAL GARDEN - LORI PICKERING, APRIL 15

The Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society will meet on April 15, at the P.H. High School at 7.30 p.m. Of interest to the many gardeners on the Coast, the topic for the evening will be the proposed Sunshine Coast Botanical garden. Lori Pickering, president of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden Society, will be the guest speaker. Lori will speak on the value to a community of a botanical garden, how it differs from a display garden, its impact on the local flora and fauna, and the progress the society has made to date in promoting this project. Non members are welcome. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.

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Lone parent attends budget consultation with school board

It's not clear if parent apathy or a lack of public notice was responsible for poor attendance at a school board budget consultation meeting for community members and parents at the Madeira Park Elementary School March 10.

One parent and a number of school board representatives listened as School District 46 secretary treasurer Andrea deBucy outlined challenges presented by recent changes to the funding formula handed down by the Ministry of Education.

Previously, school districts were funded by student head count and, because of declining three-year enrollment projections, SD 46 was already enduring budgetary pressures.

The ministry recently announced a funding formula change based on course enrollment for Grades 10 to 12 instead of the number of students enrolled.

This presented an unexpected net (after direct expenditure reductions for wages, benefits, and supplies) shortfall of \$60,000 to school board budgets.

Final budget figures won't be available until April but the presentation intended to present information and get feedback on how the school board could minimize the impact of the budget constraints.

A short discussion followed the presentation so trustees and administrators could receive some feedback on what new programs should be offered, which should be continued or expanded and to receive ideas to reduce the financial squeeze with the least impact on students.

Ian McNee hired as Harbour Master

The Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour recently announced the hiring of Ian McNee as harbour master.

McNee beat out seven other applicants to replace Diana Pryde who held the position for 13 years but will be retiring at the end of April.

Pryde will stay on to train her

successor who will start on April 1.

The job brings some new challenges as the harbour authority contends with increased demand for moorage space, especially in the summer.

The Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour is responsible for small craft

harbour facilities in Pender Harbour at Hospital Bay, Madeira Park, and Whiskey Slough.

Docks are leased from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans under the authority of the Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act.

No plans to open Irvine's Landing pub and marina this summer

The owner of the Irvine's Landing Pub and Marina site confirmed he won't be opening this year.

Peter Kwong told the Harbour Spiel that he hasn't even applied for a liquor licence yet as he works with the SCRD on resolving issues with the site.

Kwong says he will reassess his business plans when that work is complete.

"There's an issue about the septic and how that's going to be dealt with," says SCRD planner David Rafael.

"We're working with the owner and Bob Fielding (Pender Harbour Landing) on that... It's a bit complicated."

The septic issue revolves around

the sharing of an ocean outfall, the rights to which were previously held by the Irvine's property owners but since purchased by the developers of nearby Pender Harbour Landing.

The outfall extends 175 metres offshore, just outside the harbour entrance, from a discharge line running along Dames Road.

Pender Harbour Landing developer Bob Fielding says that he's working through the SCRD process to make an Official Community Plan amendment to allow a new development to connect to the outfall.

After that is completed they'll start working through the details with connections.

"We've agreed for Irvine's to

come in on a shared basis with the usage of the pipe as long as they meet certain conditions," Fielding says.

"One being they meet all the SCRD specs on whatever goes through the pipe so they have to put in a proper treatment plant like we've done."

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P. H. and Egmont Chamber of Commerce undergoing revitalization

After experiencing a gradual decline in membership over the past few years, the Pender Harbour and Egmont District Chamber of Commerce seems to be staging a comeback.

Sparked by the addition of some new directors and a renewed commitment by members to forge a positive future for the association, a meeting at the Pender Harbour Legion on March 5 attracted around 50 local business representatives.

President Dave Milligan opened the meeting opened by addressing problems in maintaining the services the chamber provides.

An ongoing challenge for the chamber has been the operation of the Visitor's Information Centre.

Milligan said the facility is in dire need of volunteers for fundraising and to maintain its daily operation.

Milligan also announced the imminent launch of the chamber's website.

It will provide information on the area and contact information for and links to chamber member's websites.

The chamber of commerce currently maintains the business directory signs in Middlepoint and Egmont and he thanked Tom Barker for his work in directing this project.

Businesses can rent signange space on these directories to promote their services to vehicular traffic.

Aside from the day to day services, the chamber provides a crucial voice to our community.

"The chamber of commerce is, basically, our town council," said Don Fraser.

"It's the only representative body we have that can get together and move on an issue. Without it we're a rudderless ship."

Alternative Approval Process underway for aquatic centre

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is undertaking an Alternative Approval Process in order move ahead with plans to upgrade the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness facility.

The upgrade requires a loan of \$856,140 and needs elector approval because the borrowing is proposed for a period longer than five years.

The proposed bylaw, No. 594, provides for repaying the debt over a period of 20 years.

It would cost approximately \$77,710 per year for the term.

The parcel tax for Area A resi-

dents would amount to approximately \$31 per parcel on an annual basis.

This type of elector approval process allows a board to proceed with an action unless at least 10 per cent of the electors — calculated at 206 — state their opposition in an Elector Response form received by the SCRD office by April 8, 2008.

As previously reported (Harbour Spiel, November 2007) the planned renovations will be the first major upgrade to the facility since it opened in 1979.

Many of the upgrades involve replacing components of the facility that

no longer meet modern building codes or raise health and safety concerns.

Almost one-third of the total cost will be allocated to replace the original heating and ventilation system.

Other upgrades include renovations to change rooms, fitness room, windows, reception office, sauna and the installation of a family change room and disabled washroom.

Regrading and retilling the pool deck surface and construction of a covered entranceway will round out the planned renovations.

"We needed to address the heating ventilation system," facility manager Debbie Cole said.

"And, since it's an old building, that would lead to other repairs, so it was more cost-effective to do these renovations now rather than try to bit and piece it over the next few years."

Cole added the pool hasn't seen a drop in users since the opening of the Sechelt Aquatic Centre, while the Gibsons facility has been forced to reduce its operating hours.

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The iconic little shack has been replaced with a fancy new unit, sparkling with a stainless steel kitchen, ample room for staff and air conditioning.

It was originally used as a mobile Kiwanis Club cook-shack until IGA owner Morley Luscombe and his butcher brought it to the Madeira Park Shopping Centre in May of 1977.

It's first home was in the parking lot by the ball diamond across from the IGA entrance.

Morley hired Frances Laijlar to run it and she bought it from him less than a year later, renaming it Frances's Hamburger Stand.

Francis ran the burger shack for 21 years until she sold it to Willa Schroeder in 1998.

In November 2004, Tony McMullen and the Massulo brothers partnered to carry on the burger tradition.

They donated it to the Sunshine Coast Rod and Gun Club, the trailer still has the original grill, estimated to have cooked over 285,000 hamburgers.

That's over 71,000 pounds of ground beef — or 300 cows!

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Twenty years later: The Roosevelt elk recovery program on the

By Brian Lee

When Europeans first arrived in North America, six sub-species of elk inhabited just about every corner of the land and numbered in excess of 10 million.

By 1900, two of the species were already extinct and the rest of the populations faced imminent collapse.

Along the Pacific Northwest coast, early navy crews found the largest of the sub-species, the Roosevelt Elk, relatively easy to hunt because they tended to congregate in the estuaries as the winter snow pack forced them down and limited their range.

Market hunting for the meat, hide and antlers in the 1800s added further pressure to herds until only a few pockets remained, mainly on the

Olympic Peninsula in Washington State and on Vancouver Island.

Conservation measures came too late for most of the herds and we know that by 1900 the populations of elk on the Sunshine Coast had been extirpated.

Today, there are only two original herds of Roosevelt Elk remaining on the mainland – one very small and seldom-seen herd in Bella Coola and another remnant population near Phillips Arm.

Elk can be a little intimidating.

Hikers are often startled as the ground reverberates from an unseen herd taking flight through the undergrowth with their not-so-delicate hooves.

Though females can weigh in at a hefty 300 kg (660 lbs), a mature bull

can weigh as much as 500 kg (1,100 lbs) with eight-point racks, six feet tall.

During the fall rutting season, males become aggressively territorial and five per cent die as a result of wounds suffered in battles for mating prominence.

It's not too surprising then that females live longer than males, sometimes reaching 20 years, though most die by age 12 or 13.

Ironically, the robust males suffer higher mortality due to predator attacks.

Bull elk don't eat during rutting season which weakens them going into the harsh winter.

After shedding their antlers between February and April, they become even more vulnerable to predators, usually wolves and cougars.

Because of this vulnerability, males quickly make friends with other males after rutting season and convene in bachelor groups for protection, often until the antlers start to grow back in the spring.

Females tend to forage together for protection throughout the year in cow/calf groups.

Cows usually start breeding at age two or three and naturally tend to favour bulls with big... antlers.

They bear calves in May or June, often separating from the herd for a few weeks to give birth and nurse their calves.

Young males are able to breed after their first year but because they lack the size and strength to compete with mature bulls, rarely get the chance to do so until they're six or seven.

In 1987, the Ministry of Environment initiated a relocation program that brought 22 elk from Vancouver Island to Kleindale, hoping to re-establish a herd on the Sunshine Coast.

Roosevelt Elk are impressive ani-



R. MacGregor photo

This bull elk was spotted during an aerial survey over the Sechelt Peninsula. Elk antlers are made of bone and are dropped between February and April each year before regrowing in the spring at the rate of up to an inch per day.

Sechelt Peninsula



Darryl Reynolds photo

Roosevelt elk are social animals, males usually form bachelor groups through the winter while the females form cow/calf groups for security against a growing list of natural predators. This photo is of a cow/calf group near Clowhom Lake.

mals and people came out to greet the new arrivals with a sense of awe.

The program turned out to be a resounding success but the honeymoon was shortlived.

Elk are a ruminant species, with a four-chambered stomach, and feed on grasses, plants, leaves and bark.

During the summer, elk eat almost constantly, consuming between four and seven kilograms (10 to 15 pounds) daily.

With few natural predators, no hunting and very little competition, the elk flourished – wreaking havoc on local nurseries, farms and the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

The population took off and in 20 years, those first 22 elk, plus five more brought over to Powell River, were responsible for producing 1000 animals.

Most were relocated to populate other wilderness areas from the Upper Stave River in the east and south to Bute Inlet in the west and north.

As businesses scrambled to put the fences up, the damage caused in those early years was estimated to be in the millions.

Locals cried foul.

“We were suffering about \$2000 dollars per year,” says Jeannie Zacharias of Kleindale Nursery.

“They would break every fruit tree in the thing and eat as much as they could. I have film of 15 males playing in the back of the nursery.”

Elk are still “blue-listed” which means a species is vulnerable to becoming threatened says Darryl Reynolds, senior wildlife biologist for the B.C. Ministry of Environment, Lower Mainland region.

“But they’re doing really well on the mainland coast.”

Reynolds became involved with

the recovery program in 1995 and, with the help of volunteers from the Sunshine Coast Rod and Gun Club, he’s caught hundreds of elk.

Gated corrals are baited with alfalfa or apples weeks beforehand to get the elk comfortable in their trap.

But it’s not as easy as closing the gate behind them.

“When all of the other logistical arrangements are in place — having a truck available, having a barge available to move them up into one of the inlets and having decent weather so that we’re not going to have any problems going — when all those

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Elk (cont.)

conditions come together then we'll set the trap and catch the elk," Reynolds says.

"It's hit and miss. I've spent a lot of long nights out there in the bush waiting for elk and they never come."

The relocations are not only necessary to repopulate other areas but are also crucial to controlling the size of the ever-growing herd on the Sechelt Peninsula.

Elk numbers are also kept in check by controlled hunting through a limited entry draw system.

In this zone, hunters have to decide whether to enter to win a draw to hunt elk with a rifle or bow.

In Kleindale, for instance, a rifle draw basically limits hunting to lands above the main BC Hydro line.

An archery permit allows the elk to be hunted in the urban interface below the power line with the purpose of allowing archery hunters to harass the elk and to encourage them to avoid contact with people's property.

It's a useful management tool to control elk because firearms have too great a range to be used safely in a populated area and elk soon recognize they don't get shot at as much in the urban fringe.

But there's controversy here.

Residents question whether it's humane to bring down such a large animal with a bow and arrow.

Some have complained (see Letters, p.20) about wounded elk wandering through their properties with non-lethal arrow injuries.

"The desire to hunt elk is so high that you end up with guys competing for draws and then you may end up with guys who are not experienced or professional archers going archery hunting because the odds of getting an archery draw are much higher than a rifle draw," Reynolds says.

Archery hunters and guides often use the same bait he uses to trap the

animals — alfalfa and apples — in order to lure them in for a closer shot.

Sporting ethics aside, Reynolds says this defeats the original purpose of harassing the animals out of populated areas by actually encouraging them with a food source.

Between hunting and a current average of 20 relocations per year, they've been successful at holding the elk population on the Sechelt Peninsula to about 200.

But, as history has often shown, human interference with nature's balance can sometimes bring unexpected consequences.

Predators are starting to play a role in population control and are introducing a new dynamic to wildlife management on the Sunshine Coast.

Reynolds says that although no studies have been launched on predator population growth here, anecdotal evidence seems to suggest that cougar and wolf populations are on the rise.

Predator populations are cyclical, responding to the amount of prey available in the ecosystem.

An increase in predators would seem to indicate that there's more food available.

The deer populations seem to be in decline — possibly related to an increase in predators — but is also related to a species of exotic louse that precipitates something called "Hair



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It's well-known that our coyote populations have boomed for a number of years and are becoming an increasing problem for pet owners.

"Coyotes do really well on the urban fringe," Reynolds says.

"With access to pets and garbage and a modified landscape, they do really well."

Coyotes also present a potential food source for wolves and cougars.

The Sechelt Golf Course was home to approximately 10 coyotes until four wolves recently moved into the area.

Reynolds expects to see the numbers of coyote decline with an increase in wolves but says they haven't learned to target the elk populations... yet.

Wolves need to hunt in packs in order to be successful in taking down an elk but since the wolf population on the Sunshine Coast is relatively new, they are likely to be solitary hunters and haven't learned techniques for taking down larger animals yet.

Not so with cougars.

By jumping on the elk's back, and avoiding the horns and hooves, they have an advantage over other predators in avoiding injury and can be very effective.

Reynolds mentions a study on Vancouver Island in which a radio-collared male cougar was found to be eating one bull elk every month.

There's already a growing cougar problem in Powell River.

Conservation Officers there dealt with nine problem cougars this past year which usually means they were deemed a threat or had attacked livestock or pets.

The introduction of elk — and with them, cougars and wolves — will present new challenges to managers of wildlife on the Sechelt Peninsula and elsewhere on the B.C. coast.

As their populations return, it's

important to remember that the numbers are just approaching a return to historical estimates.

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Remembering Ann Barker

*By Lise Aylmer - on behalf of the Board
Members of the P.H.M.S.*

On February 28, the Pender Harbour Music Society suffered a great loss when Ann Barker, one of the principal founders of the Pender Harbour Music Society, passed away.

For many years Ann has been the living spirit of the School of Music.

She never counted the hours spent at the music school and devoted her time and energy to the growth and development of the Music Society.

It was always, "Ask Ann..."

Who doesn't remember either the first concert in the Community Hall with the Borodin String Quartet, the transformation of the Forestry building, the opening of the Pender Harbour School of Music or the arrival of the grand piano?

When Ann acted as MC for a concert, her greetings always conveyed her love for the music and for the performers and always had a touch of that special brand of humour that was hers alone.

Some of us can still remember Ann, just before a Robert Silverman concert, taking the time to dust her cherished piano and then bringing in the big urns filled with flowers to



make the room as beautiful as the music we were about to hear.

One of Ann's many dreams was to take her beloved choir to the Czech Republic for the summer festival.

Ann was famous for the newsletter she used to author and distribute each year.

Did you know that during some of her time as chair, Ann took to conducting the board meetings with her wooden spoon?

It acted not only as a gavel but also helped keep unruly board members in line.

Ann was also not shy about phoning possible donors to find concert sponsors or running around to find advertisers for the brochure.

Ann not only worked creatively on the programming committee to find the best possible musicians to bring to Pender Harbour but she also dealt with the everyday business like insurance, the lease and making sure the building was being cleaned properly.

The list goes on...

Many of you have already contacted board members to know how we will remember Ann.

To honour such a special person takes time and reflection but rest assured, we will do something special in time.

Ann's presence will always be felt at the School of Music.

We as board members feel it is our duty and privilege to continue the work she started by keeping the P. H. Music Society vibrant and moving forward.

You as friends, donors and appreciative audience members can remember Ann by continuing to your support.

Together let's all enjoy the music.



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Our AGM is May 7, 2008

Dave Edward Howell

SEPTEMBER 24, 1953 – FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Dave Edward Howell was born September 24, 1953 in New Westminster, BC.

He died suddenly at his Garden Bay home on February 14, 2008.

He was predeceased by his father, Ernie Howell and brother Bob Howell.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Howell, brother Alan Howell, sister Elaine (Al), son Matthew Masuda (Howell), nephews Tristan and Alexander, and niece Tara.

Dave grew up in New Westminster and as a child visited Pender Harbour with his family.

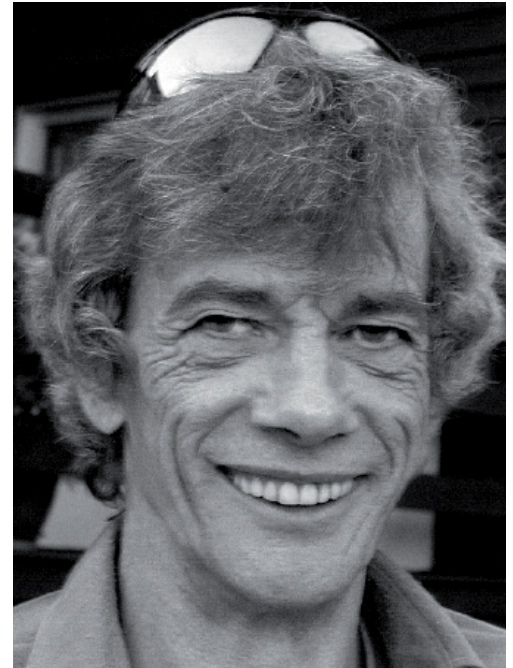
Soon after graduation, in 1972, he moved here full-time.

Dave had many, many cherished friends, touched so many lives and will be profoundly missed by so many people up and down the Coast.

A service was held on February 25 at St. Mary's Anglican Church in New Westminster.

Dave's family wishes to express appreciation beyond measure for the huge outpouring of help they have been offered by Dave's friends in Pender Harbour.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Variety Club, or any charity of your choice.



Merle Olive (nee Hillerud) Hately

FEBRUARY 7, 1917 – MARCH 4, 2008

Mother and Grandmother, Merle Olive Hately passed away after a bout of pneumonia.

She was predeceased by her husband Sam Hately and her sisters Hazel Patterson and Evelyn Moen.

She is survived by her brother Glenn Hillerud (Kay) and family; her sister Beulah Giebelhaus and family; plus a large extended group of Patterson, Moen and Solberg cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her children Linde (Liz) Zingaro, Sandy (Barb) Hately, Wendy Lee and Stewart (Kristi) Hately; her grandchildren (whom she adored) and her great-grandchildren (whom she would have adored, given time).

Anyone who was fortunate enough to spend time in Merle's company enjoyed her sense of humour and great wit and knew she did not suffer fools —unless you had forgotten the

combination to your locker for the hundredth time.

She had the most amazing laugh, — or cackle, depending on the situation.

She was compassionate, kind and, when necessary, could display amazing patience.

In lieu of cards or flowers, a donation made to the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre in Merle's name would be most appropriate.



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Dr. Pearce's schoolboat

By John Little

I often wonder how many of us are around that used to go to the Irvine's Landing school via Dr. Pearce's school-boat.

The Pearce family are a story unto themselves and unfortunately I don't remember or know enough to do them justice.

However they arrived at Garden Bay during the war after fleeing their missionary hospital in China.

Dr. Pearce was a medical doctor and pastor.

Mrs. Pearce a nurse and Sunday

school teacher who had two sets of twins — John and Jean, Margaret and Mary.

They served the whole harbour at the hospital and the small chapel next to it.

But Dr. Pearce served in one more way.

He elected to run a school-boat from Garden Bay to Irvine's Landing picking up kids along the way.

Today someone may say, "So what? Big deal. Ten minutes maybe?"

Well this boat was an open double-ender, probably about 16 feet long, with a one-cylinder engine mounted midship.

It may have done about four or five knots — tops.

The Pearce kids and me would be the first in — we must have left about seven — and we would go over to Reid Landing to pick up three or four kids.

Then, if I remember correctly, we would cross the harbour and pick up more kids before one more stop about halfway to Irvine's Landing; perhaps for the Curly boys.

We would arrive at Irvine's close to half past eight and then had to hustle up the road to the school.

Rain or shine, choppy water or fog he would make this trip daily.

I am sure he was not paid anything.

In my mind's eye to this day I can see him in the stern, tiller in hand, a black slicker, gum boots and his glasses in their round wire frame covered in rain drops.

There was (is?) a trail from Garden Bay to Hotel Lake and the road that went by the school — we could have walked to school because that was the way we had to come home.

We could have walked, but we didn't.

I no longer have any idea how those who lived across the harbour got home.

Did someone pick them up at Garden Bay?

Or, perhaps my memory is wrong and we didn't cross the harbour?

In today's world, this informal transport — a gift to kids and parents alike — couldn't happen.

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A photograph of a wooden dock extending into the water.

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A photograph of a small boat on the water.

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A photograph of a wooden building with a large deck and stairs leading down to a lawn.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, April 3, 2008

- 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services

Note: One-time schedule change

Wednesday, April 10, 2008

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

Thursday, April 17, 2008

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

Thursday, April 24, 2008

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

Monday, April 28, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Policing Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Transportation Committee

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

South Pender Harbour Water Customers: Notice

Pender Harbour Waterworks is now part of the SCR.D.

The office at 12828 Lagoon Rd. will remain open; you may still pay bills, in person, at the Madeira Park office Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or mail cheques to: SCR.D, 1975 Field Rd. Sechelt BC V0N 3A1

Please make your cheques payable to: Sunshine Coast Regional District

New Billing Schedule

Water Toll Bills will be sent the end of April; payment is due by Jun. 15, 2008. Water Tax Bills will be included in your property taxes.

Water Service Providers: Notice

Invoices must be sent to the SCR.D. Payment will be made by the SCR.D. Please send invoices to: SCR.D, 1975 Field Rd. Sechelt BC V0N 3A1

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1-866-303-5949 or 604-885-6800 (answering service).

Some board comments insulting to Area A



*By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A*

ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES 2008

This budget (SCRD) is now

complete with the exception of a few minor tweaks.

The good news is that about 60% of residents with homes and properties that were not assessed much higher than last year will see little change.

The bad news is, that if assessment went beyond that (say 7 per cent or higher) you can expect a healthy increase in property taxes.

I can speak only about local government taxes, which this year will be a whopping 25-per-cent increase from last year for Area A.

Also keep in mind that local taxes make up only about 30 per cent of your overall tax bill.

Anticipating this increase last month, I reported a number of measures I was initiating at the SCRD trying to bring attention to this inequity.

Most of those are now in place, including the official letter of application for a Phase One Study for Incorporation.

To explain this increase a little more clearly, in the first five years of my terms, our year to year tax increase was averaged at 5.8 per cent, (29 per cent in five years).

For 2008, and due almost entirely to galloping assessment, we are at 25 per cent in a single year.

This level of increase is unsustainable.

As we continue to get evaluated higher than the rest of the Coast for property values, other Coast areas' April 2008

share of functions will go down, while ours spirals up.

During the long budget process, I made continual reference to this growing inequity — based mainly on a small population carrying an unfair load of costs.

Needless to say the offers of support from the rest of the board were not forthcoming.

In fact, some of their comments were insulting to this community.

The SCRD Board has the mandate to adjust the way it appropriates tax cost-sharing for a function.

For instance it could initiate a per capita or a parcel tax (each property pays the same) formula to ease the burden on highly assessed areas such as ours.

However, so far these suggestions have not been supported.

SCRD SATELLITE OFFICE, MADEIRA PARK

Starting this fall, and making more use of the SPHWD office on Lagoon Road, the SCRD will introduce a satellite office, in conjunction with the water board office.

At first, this office will provide more convenient access to building permits, building inspection, planning, mapping, administration and bylaw services.

This facility will be a pilot project to monitor public acceptance and if the reception and uses are clearly established and a need is shown, then the facility could become a permanent fixture with expanded services.

COMMUNITY FOREST

Many of you have read recently of the trials and tribulations of the

Sechelt Community Forest project.

Currently the SCF is under fire from some segments of the Coast community for having the audacity to comply with their tenure licence obligations, like thinning young trees and keeping the forest healthy.

This is a municipally owned forest tenure to harvest 20,000 cubic metres of timber per year.

It has been underway for a couple of years, providing some employment, easily accessible materials for secondary manufacturing and paying it's way.

Not only do I support the SCF initiative, and always have, I also feel that somewhere down the road something similar would be an ideal project for this area.

Congratulations to Mayor Reid and his Council for their vision.

PARKS ACQUISITION FUND

If a subdivision with three or more lots moves ahead after the process, the developer is required to donate five per cent of the actual land, normally for a park, or five per cent of the value of the land to the SCRD.

This cash fund builds up for park acquisition by the five rural areas of the Coast — municipalities are not included.

Over the last several years Area A has contributed the vast majority of these funds, approximately \$200,000.

I am now pleased to announce that all of that money is coming home, where it rightfully belongs, to Area A.

The money will be used to help finish the Sports Field complex at Lions' Park.

Cut away!

by Jim Rutherford

SPRING ON THE COAST!

As soon as forsythia shows a bit of colour it's ready for cutting to bring indoors and it's free.

Nothing says spring as some blossoming branches arranged in a tall clear glass vase on your sideboard.

Forsythia, curly willow, aucuba, Kerria and even Elaeagnus react about the same, when cut into water for an indoor design.

Longish branches — say twice the height of your vase — is a good place to start.

To stabilize the branches from going helter-skelter around the rim of the vase, place cut salad or dagger fern at crisscross angles in the vase to give a mesh to support your longer branches.

Rule of thumb for any cut material in a vase:

No foliage in the water and it will foul and smell quickly with the indoor heat.

With aucuba and Elaeagnus, you'll see that a lot of foliage will need to be removed.

Once your support foliage is in

place cut the intended branches to height, removing any side branches that will be below the waterline.

To expose as much conductive tissue in the branch as possible, smash the cut end with a hammer.

It is really necessary to use a rooting hormone to stimulate root production.

These root hormone powders come in three strengths: No. 1 for softwood, No. 2 for semi-hardwood and in this case No.3 for hardwood.

Don't bother with any of this if you're using cherry, plum or prunes as they will not produce roots just in water, but smash the stems for more water to get to the blossoms.

Shake off the excess rooting powder after dipping the smashed stem in the bottle and arrange the branches in your vase, using room-temperature water.

Always use room to tepid water for all cut flowers and foliage.

The flower preservative in those little packets you get when purchasing cut flowers is to preserve materials, not for root growth as we're trying to do here.

Instead, a clear non-diet pop works best.

The sugars feed the plant materials and the acidic Ph inhibits algae growth.

Preservatives kill algae and at the same time prevent root formation.

So the vase is not all branches, add any tall cut flowers you like, even some cut bamboo if you have an extremely tall vase or need more height.

Changing the water every couple of days is essential so the water looks clear at all times.

To save time and so as not to have rearrange the whole vase again, with one hand,

grab the whole bunch out of the vase, just above the rim and rinse the stems with lukewarm water under the tap dip the stems you want to root again in hormone and add the pop — half a can should do.

As the flowering branches bloom and fade trim them off and the dominant grow tips off all the branches.

After several weeks, little rootlets should appear. (Maybe not on the qunba, it's a little slower.)

If the whole experiment seems a little unsightly, place your branches in a very clean, water filled bucket outside in a protected place for the roots to develop a little more.

Pot up in a one gallon black plastic landscape pot (lots of discards at the nursery), when you see about three-quarter-inch root growth and using a good loam, cut with up to one-third sand.

Use about five branches per pot, as not every one will survive and place in a sheltered spot.

You'll be surprised how easy it is to propagate these spring shrubs.



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Potential pet poisons

By Carole Logtenberg

Animals rely heavily on their senses for protection against danger.

We've all seen deer pop their heads up to listen to distant rustling in the bush or noticed how song birds stop singing when they see the dark shadow of a hawk pass over the ground.

The sense of taste also plays an important role in animal safety.

The ability to taste bitter foods prevents animals from eating poisonous plants or prey.

Taste, however, can be deceiving.

Chocolate, raisins and grapes as well as macadamia nuts are all very yummy but can be quite harmful and sometimes fatal if eaten by a dog or a cat.

It is more widely known that chocolate is harmful to dogs.

It can cause an increase in breathing and heart rate, sometimes causing irregular beating of the heart.

Some of the more common signs of chocolate toxicity include vomiting, diarrhea, panting, hyperactivity, restlessness and muscle tremors.

In more serious cases seizures, coma or death may occur.

Raisin or grape toxicity has not been known or studied in veterinary medicine until recently.

Research has been unable to isolate the exact toxic compound but it has ruled out fertilizers, pesticides and fungal contaminants as the possible culprit.

What is known is the ingestion of raisins and grapes can cause serious damage to the kidney with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, lack of

appetite, lethargy, or abdominal pain.

The Animal Poison Control Center announced that nearly all the dogs reported to have eaten grapes or raisins developed acute kidney failure and so advises not giving grapes or raisins to pets in any amount.

Although less toxic, macadamia nuts can create very unpleasant symptoms in dogs and cats that usually start within three to 12 hours of ingesting the nuts and tend to resolve over 24 hours.

Lethargy, vomiting, and increased body temperature are initial symptoms with progression to incoordination or hind-limb paralysis.

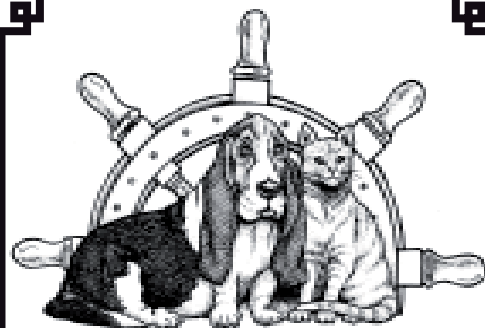
There are number of common foods which are edible for humans that pose hazards for cats and dogs.

Some may cause only mild digestive upsets, while others can cause severe illness and even death.

If your pet has ingested any foods from the below list and begins to show unusual symptoms please seek medical attention immediately.

Prompt action from your veterinarian can mean the difference between life and death.

Common foods that should not be fed to your pet: Alcoholic beverages, baby food, bones from fish, chocolate, coffee, tea, caffeine, citrus oil extracts, fat trimmings, grapes and raisins, hops, large amounts of liver, macadamia nuts, marijuana, milk and dairy products, mushrooms, garlic, onions, persimmons, peach and plum pits, potato, rhubarb, tomato leaves, potato and tomato stems, raw eggs, raw fish, salt, sugary foods, table scraps in large amounts, tobacco and yeast dough.



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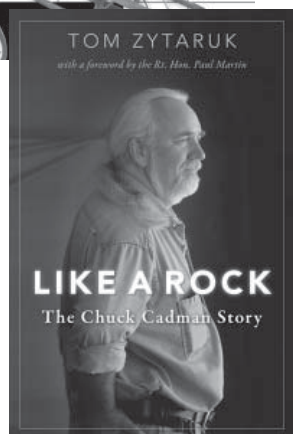
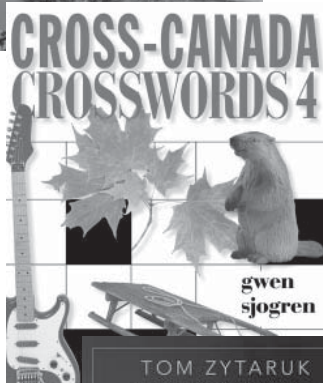
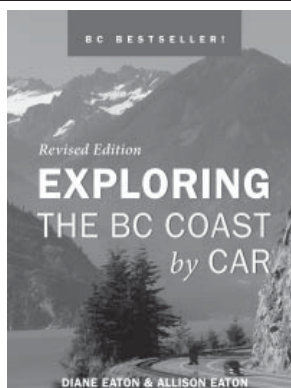
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LETTERS

Cover girl humbled

Dear Editor,

Thank-you for bowing to the pressure from my nominators and making me a "cover girl"!

Your article in the Spiel was well done Brian.

Being a finalist in the Awards of

Excellence has been an honour and a humbling experience for me.

I have appreciated the calls, cards, conversations and flowers.

Thank you, everyone.

Yours truly,
Linda Curtiss

PHOTOJOURNAL



Photo submitted

Egmont resident Billy Griffith was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at a Lions' gathering in Sechelt recognizing his years of outstanding service to local Lion's Clubs. The award, named after the Lions' founder, was presented by Lions' District Governor Henry Ng, who oversees 51 clubs in BC totalling 1,275 members.

Hello again Pender Harbour!

It's me again, Bricin Lyons
(Pender Harbour graduate)

Can you believe we're coming
up to the Sunshine Coast's biggest
international event ever?

The world famous Attack of
Danger Bay — number seven!

This was Canada's first ever
downhill longboarding race, putting
Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast on
the map.

It now offers the largest cash
prize for a longboard race in the
world.

It's a race that holds 200 of the
worst and best racers in the world!

The Attack of Danger Bay brings
many television, newspaper, maga-
zines and internet media to Pender
Harbour.

This year I'm very proud to an-
nounce ESPN X-Games Brazil will
be doing a full blown report on this
year's Danger Bay festivities.

They will be covering the Pender
Harbour May Day Parade and all the
excitement on May Day, the fourth
Annual Longboarders Slide Comp,
and the very popular Longboarding
Hockey League (LHL) Championship
game in Madeira Park May Day.

The Attack of Danger Bay Race
and the awards night Sunday at the
hall, everyone is welcome to come
out!

In preparation for this year I'm
getting at least 10 toilets for the race
site.

Also, once again we are asking
you to help spread the word to park
your vehicles in Madeira Park on the
day of the race.

We are going to cut down on all
the cars parking on Francis Peninsula
and run two school buses from our

campsite to the race site and a school
bus from Madeira (Oak Tree Market)
to the race site.

The bus is free — thanks to
Larry Curtiss for all the years of sup-
port.

Last year the shuttle buses
worked perfectly — we had no traffic
parked along Francis Peninsula Road
and that's exactly what we had to do
to keep this race going a seventh year!

Thank you Pender Harbour!

Now let's talk a little more At-
tack of Danger Bay!

It's always been a dream for me
to win the Attack of Danger Bay race.

Year one I crashed hard into the
hay, flying into the trees dislocating
my shoulder.

Year two — another "Carnage
Corner" crash into more hay busting
my wrist.

Then a new breed of Pender Har-
bour racers were born: Keith Mackie,
Rylan English, Troy Lalond, Cody
Kincade, Sandy Charlton, Greg Mills,
Mike Roosen and, a year or two later,
Scoot Smith.

From just little kids watching the
races and having fun bouncing around
the dance floor at our non-alcohol
awards night in Madeira after the race,
three of them — Raggie English, San-
dy Charlton and Scoot Smith — have
become world-famous longboarding
racers.

They've popped up on television,
international magazines and front
pages of newspapers.

Raggie longboarded across
Canada to raise awareness for breast
cancer — Push For the Cure.

Sandy teaches the young kids of
Pender Harbour longboard safety and

Scoot Smith is just coming back home
from an unreal third-place finish in
Australia.

This young man has raced and
beaten the world's best: US national
champions, two past Danger Bay
champions, a Brazilian champion and
two world champions.

Please jump on the shuttle bus
and watch these Pender Harbour
thrashers try to do what no Pender
Harbour racer has ever done before
— win the Attack of Danger Bay!

This year will be amazing.

Thank you to Cindy, Rob and the
Lions Community Club, the Rotary
and Mike Crowe, the RCMP, Cheryl
Jensen and the ambulance crew.

Thanks to the volunteers and the
Attack of Danger Bay crew, Alyssa
English, Irene and John Henry's Secu-
rity, MY DAD, the Community Club,
Heather Brown and the May Day
Committee, Pender Harbour Cubs and
grads and our biggest sponsors: the
Oak Tree Market, Bud-A-Bing Burg-
ers and the Harbour Spiel.

Thank you Larry and OP Curtiss!

We will be holding our very first
Danger Bay free volunteers' BBQ
at noon on Saturday, April 26 at the
Lions Park.

If you have ever volunteered in
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Transplanting of elk means transplanting of predators

Dear Editor,

The government plan to to issue 16 bow hunting licences for bull elk on the Sunshine Coast next fall is an exercise in animal cruelty.

They say that if the elk are harassed they will stay away from urban areas.

What really has been happening for several years is that unethical hunters begin laying out alfalfa hay, pellets and apples in August.

Come fall the hunters start peppering the habituated bulls with arrows.

Wounded animals wander down to Oyster Bay where they die from festering wounds in the spring.

I've witnessed this twice.

Even animals that are killed with guns sometimes have old metal arrowheads in them.

In 1987, wildlife officials transplanted two dozen elk to Kleindale from Vancouver Island.

They now have 1,000 descendents.

Through the years, over 300 animals have been caught in a portable corral and barged to remote locations to repopulate places like Jervis Inlet or Bute Inlet.

Just last December, 20 were rounded up in Kleindale.

There are about 200 other elk still on the Coast.

Why don't they take them away as

they've done with the 300 others?

With existing remote control cameras and gates, wildlife officials could be baiting and capturing the elk instead of allowing the grisly shooting gallery to continue.

Capturing the elk is easy, killing them is not, they are tough animals and an arrow is not appropriate if you care about cruelty.

Three years ago my grandsons were playing on their property in Oyster Bay when they encountered a crossbow hunter looking for a wounded elk.

The "no hunting" signs my son had

put up didn't make a difference.

Now we have large predators like the four wolves on the Sechelt Golf Course and nine serious cougar encounters recently in Powell River.

These predators wouldn't be here if their prey were removed.

Government claims that they need the "sportsmen's" licence money to pay their game management staff sound hollow to me when you consider animal cruelty and the danger of prowling maniacs with crossbows and large predators on the track of bleeding bull elk.

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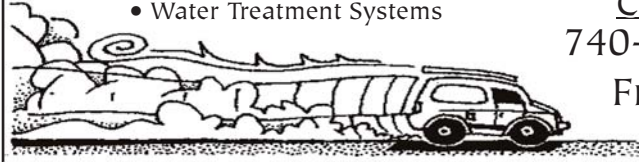
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Garden Bay Pub Collection photo

Pictured here is the late Bud Kammerle's "Devil Woman" looking shiny and new on top of the Garden Bay Pub dock soon after it was launched in 1969. Sue Kammerle says the launching party started the night before and the sea trials involved a run to the pub from Barrie Farrell's boatworks in Irvine's Landing. Bud claimed the new controls took a little getting used too but, suspiciously, the mishap occurred as they were leaving the pub.

That's Bud in the stern and Sue Kammerle on the dock — looking stern. Harry Brown is on the Hazel Mae(left) checking over his boat which suffered most of the damage.

The Devil Woman was Barrie Farrell's first of more than 500 hulls built from his original design which would become one of the most popular commercial fishing boat designs on the coast. Above the water line, Farrells have distinctively attractive, rounded lines that complement the fast planing hull below. In recent years, Farrells have become popular as conversions to pleasure craft. Pender Harbour has always been home to a disproportionate share of Farrells: the Pender Breeze, the Lisa Diane, the Lily M, the Sea Otter, The White One...

A design for harmony at home



By Alan Stewart

If you and your partner are considering a renovation, here's some guidance to help you know where to start – and how to keep

the peace during what can be a very trying process.

How do you design the perfect home when one partner prefers traditional design and the other is a fan of contemporary aesthetics?

It really boils down to each making compromises.

For example, if your dining table is quite traditional, why not paint the chairs white to modernize the overall impression?

If your bedroom suite is contemporary, why not add some antique framed portraits to the room to add a traditional element.

Here is some guidance from interior designer, Kimberley Seldon.

1 To begin, each of you should take time to go through decorating magazines and tear out pictures

of rooms you like.

Come together with your inspirational tear sheets and talk about how the rooms in each picture make you feel.

Consider the atmosphere each of you is hoping to achieve with your renovation.

You may find that although each photograph represents a different style, there's a consistency in the mood or energy of the rooms each of you selected.

Maybe they're all serene and peaceful or, conversely, full of colour and drama.

That's a place to start.

2 If you've chosen rooms that represent a variety of moods, that's fine, too.

Separate the inspiration photos by atmosphere.

From there, determine which of your own rooms might benefit from the feeling represented in them.

A bedroom may be an ideal space to recreate the quiet calm you imagine when looking at certain shots.

The family room may be the place to aim for the cozy feel your spouse likes when reading or watching TV, or perhaps to introduce a bright, energetic vibe for busy tod-

dlers.

Or, maybe you come to the conclusion that you want every room to invite relaxation.

Remember to look for compromises: if he's the family chef, his design desires might come first in the kitchen; if her favourite room is the bathroom, let her wishes take precedence there.

3 Narrow down your selections to three or four per room that come closest to meeting each design vision.

Once they're grouped by mood according to which of your rooms can work within those boundaries, you're ready to move forward.

While it can be a challenge to get everyone on the same page, it's essential to make the effort before tearing the room apart or surprising him with a can of "Tropical Banana" semi-gloss for the bedroom.

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By Barry Ashley

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There are currently six junior members in the department: Amy Porth, Brody Storoschuk and Lewis Bot at Garden Bay and Adam Dornbierer, Kaare Jensen and Matt Rylands at Madeira Park.

Some do go on to become adult members, such as current members Troy Lalonde, Brandon Jensen and Darren Reid.

Many moons have passed since a youthful Darren stood alongside friend John McDonald and listened to firefighter Bill Hunsche tell them both "You two _____s are going to join the fire department!"

Both obeyed, more out of curiosity than inspiration — or fear.

Darren has taken on Hunsche's roll as recruiting sergeant: member Darcy Perry hadn't been in Pender Harbour a full day before Darren informed him he was going to join the fire department!

Now in his twenty-third year of service, Darren's enthusiasm is unabated.

Along the way, he has served four years as District Chief, seven years as training officer and has always given it his all.

He also joined — and is still in — the Ambulance Service, such is his passion for the emergency services.

A great ambassador for the PH-VFD, his ambition is to catch up to Larry Curtiss (35 years and counting) and, given his early start as a junior firefighter, who would doubt that he will?



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 Apr. 05 ~ Doug Silvey and Breanna Clay.
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 Apr. 07 ~ Happy anniversary to Al & Bobbie Wendland.
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 Apr. 10 ~ April Charlton.
 Apr. 11 ~ Joe Adams.
 Apr. 12 ~ Matthew Phillips and Tilley Dougan.
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Apr. 15 ~ Teresa Sladey and Cathy Collins.
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 Apr. 30 ~ Kasey & Kelly Smith, Marie Reid, Hazel Higgins. "Prawntrap Patty" Jackson and Bill Sutherland.

APRIL WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average daily high temperature in April is 11.8 C and our average daily low is 6.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 9 C.

The highest April temperature recorded is 20.7 C (April 27, 1972); the lowest is -1.1 C (April 3, 1975).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

April has an average of 190.8 hours of bright sunshine and 13 days with measurable rainfall. April averages a total monthly rainfall of 60.4 mm and a total monthly snowfall of 0.3 cm.

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4:20 or 4/20 (pronounced four-twenty) is a term used in North America as a (somewhat) discreet way to refer to the consumption of cannabis and, by extension, a way to identify oneself with cannabis culture.

Phrases such as "420 friendly" sometimes appear in roommate advertisements, indicating that the current occupants are tolerant of cannabis users.

Origins and observances:

Although many diverse theories exist to explain the origin of the term, it is widely accepted that in 1971, a group of teenagers at San Rafael High School in San Rafael, California used to meet after school at 4:20 p.m. to smoke cannabis at the Louis Pasteur statue.

The term became part of their group's salute, "420 Louis!", and became popularized in the late 1980s by fans of The Grateful Dead. Many North American cannabis users continue to observe 4:20 as a time to smoke communally.

By extension April 20 ("4/20" in dating shorthand) has evolved into a counterculture holiday, where people gather to celebrate and consume cannabis.

In some locations this celebration coincides with Earth Week.

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APRIL ASTROLOGY

ARIES (MARCH 20–APRIL 20)

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~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY CLUB

Next meeting is 5 p.m. on April 8 at the hall.

The P. H. Community Club Markets are held on April 5 and April 26. Phone Darlene at 883-1155 for table reservations. The Community Club will be sponsoring a home baking table on April 5. Donations of baking are appreciated.

The new P. H. Community Club Board: President Doug Davis. Vice: Jill Wagner, Treasurer: Diana Rae, Secretary: Gwen Walwyn. Directors: Bingo Sunny Charboneau, May Day: Heather Brown, Membership: Marlene Cymbalist, Bingo: Muriel Cameron, Directors: Lori Fielding, Ron Cymbalist, Sarah Kelly.

P. H. POWER SQUADRON

We will be offering the Maritime Radio Course (VHF) on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning April 14 at the Pender Harbour High School. Cost is \$55 for CPS members and \$65 for non-members. If you are interested in taking the Course, please contact David Pearson on (604) 883-9313, or djpearson@dccnet.com.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Tuesday, April 8, the theme for the gathering is a "Spring Tune-up" for the mind and body. Wendie Milner, our guest speaker, will talk to us about inner cleansing/exercise/and more. On Tuesday April 22, we will have our annual Chinese Auction. Please bring baking and/or items that you feel someone else would enjoy more than you. This year we also asking you to donate your "Great Winter Read" so someone else can purchase it. These are Fund Raisers for the Women's History Book Project.

Both gatherings are at the School of Music in Madeira Park. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and meeting starts at 10 a.m. till noon.



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A young man and a priest...

By Jan Watson

SNOWBIRDS RETURNING

The sun seekers are starting to return and make some of us look rather pale by comparison.

Nevertheless we are pleased to see them and show them the great condition of our Pender Harbour Course.

ST. PATRICK'S SCRAMBLE

Once again Mother Nature came through with a lovely afternoon on March 15 when 48 golfers participated in the scramble which gave us 12 teams and the scores were all very close.

Well done, Bob in the pro shop, for doing a great job of matching everyone up.

The winners at three under par were Rusty Ellis, Craig Belzer, Al Wendland and Gerry Reiter.

Happy hour followed the golf and then 65 people were treated to a delicious barbecued steak or chicken dinner, with chef Merv and his helper Blake.

The great part of a scramble is that anything can happen.

One of the groups who happened to start on the sixth hole had a bad start.

Bill, Marjory and Gloria all put

their tee shots in the water, the fourth player Mick came to the rescue with a great shot just short of the green. As it is a best ball game, Marjory hit from that position and chipped it right in the hole for a birdie two.

MASTERS PAR THREE TOURNAMENT

A new event this year, we are holding a "Masters Par Three Tournament" on April 19.

All holes will be changed to par three and it will be a nine hole net score team event. BBQ to follow.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par three the priest asks, "What club are you going to use on this hole my son?"

The young man says, "An eight iron, Father. How about you?"

The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven iron and pray,"

The young man hits his eight iron and puts the ball on the green.

The priest tops his seven iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you Father, but in my church when we pray, we keep our head down."

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Crowd gets 'Django-fied' at Pender Harbour School of Music



'The next song is called Tiptoe Trip. When I wrote this song I envisioned somebody tiptoeing across the floor... and then they trip.' Violinist Cameron Wilson and Van Django take a break to introduce a song and reveal their source of inspiration.

By Brian Lee

A few years ago a band played at the Garden Bay Pub and featured a talented guitarist who happened to play in the style known as "gypsy."

A woman came up to him after the show and said, "You know, you'd be really good if you just didn't play so fast."

Apparently, she didn't understand that fleet fretwork is a defining characteristic of the gypsy jazz style of guitar.

Hopefully, guitarist Budge

Schacte wasn't accosted in the same way on March 8 after he and his Van Django bandmates dazzled a packed house at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

Gypsy jazz was popularized by guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stéphane Grappelli in 1930s Paris and is now a genre all its own within the jazz world.

Although Van Django write much of their material, they dipped into the Reinhardt library for about half of their swinging session, highlighted by Schacte's virtuosic guitar solos.

The youthful quartet — Schacte, bassist Lawrence Mollerup, violinist Cameron Wilson and guitarist Finn Manniche — played about 20 songs, in a set that ranged from Deep Purple to Mozart all with the flavour of a smoky, Paris jazz club.

Not content to merely copy Reinhardt's songs, the boys often injected an element of humour by

seamlessly blending traditional and contemporary tunes to see if people were paying attention.

Wilson's witty banter between songs complemented the rollicking swing of the music.

Gypsy jazz has evolved without the help of a drummer so timekeeping duties fall to the rhythm guitarist.

Finn Manniche kept feet tapping with the gypsy's trademark percussive style of rhythm guitar and was helped along by Mollerup's rich yet understated bass playing.

One of the many highlights of the evening was Manniche's original composition "Chanson du Cowboy," a lazy ballad that seemed to meander across a dry sage plain, crescendoing to some unknown drama of the composer's imagination before falling back into cowpoke bliss.

Schacte's "Estaban" melded jazz, classical and Spanish guitar and gave bassist Mollerup a chance to show off his considerable talents in a jazz bass

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solo that reverberated through the small room.

The quartet ended their set with a version of the Beatles "A Day in the Life," staying true to the song's form with Wilson's violin somehow reproducing an entire string section as the song built to its frenetically dissonant climax.

The Pender Harbour School of Music is a unique spot to take in an evening concert.

There aren't too many places you can watch a performance like this from a balcony seat while at the same time following the red and green running lights of an approaching boat as it makes its way into the dock.

Van Django will be performing April 22 at the Rogue Folk Club's first annual Django festival "April in Paris" held at the St. James Hall in Kitsilano.

Visit www.vandjango.com for more information on this band.

The Pender Harbour Music Society concert series hosts regular concerts about once a month.

On Sunday, April 13 they will feature James Keelaghan. For more information visit www.penderharbour-music.ca.

On a sad note, the concert coincided with the passing of Ann Barker, a local champion of the arts and early member of the Pender Harbour Music Society.

Les Fowler took the stage before introducing the band to share some stories of Ann and to recognize her efforts and achievements.

He said Ann deserved much of the credit for bringing music to the community and creating a place to enjoy it.



Budge Schacte's fingers blur as they race across the fretboard, rarely muffing a note. The guitar he plays is one similar in style to Django Reinhardt's Selmer/Maccaferri design which was distinctive because of its D-shaped sound hole. Reinhardt and his band the Quintette du Hot Club of France is credited with introducing the concept of lead guitar and backing rhythm guitar.



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Tri-school band concert at PHSS



Without much rehearsal time, students from all three Sunshine Coast secondary schools came together for a noon concert where they played for gathered students and teachers.

A band concert held recently at the Pender Harbour Secondary School showcased a school board initiative to reintroduce a music program to the Sunshine Coast.

Bands from Elphinstone, Chatelech and Pender Harbour started it off by alternately playing selections with their own bands.

Songs ranged from the “Scooby

-Doo” and the “Spiderman” themes to the Troggs “Wild Thing.”

For the finale, the students switched seating to be with their respective orchestral sections before playing as one orchestra.

What made the concert even more impressive is the fact that the Coast-wide band program had only started this past September.

Jennifer MacInnes, Pender Harbour Secondary music teacher says that of her 21 kids, all in Grades 8 to 10, the majority hadn’t played a musical instrument prior to the development of their band.

School District 46 allocated \$150,000 last year for musical instruments for the three schools including new pianos at each school as well as a selection of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

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Smith rolls to Australian podium finish in first race of season

Proving last season's stunning finish was no fluke, Scott Smith has once again reached the podium in the first International Gravity Sports Association downhill longboard competition of the year.

Smith placed third at the Newton's Playground event held at Mount Panorama in Bathurst, Australia on March 9.

After posting the fastest qualifying time the day before, Smith was bested by reigning IGSA World Cup Series Champion Erik Lundberg of Sweden and Hawaiian Ethan Lau.

Fellow Pender Harbourite and Team Green member Rylan English also posted a Top 10 placement in qualifying and ended up finishing seventh in the final.

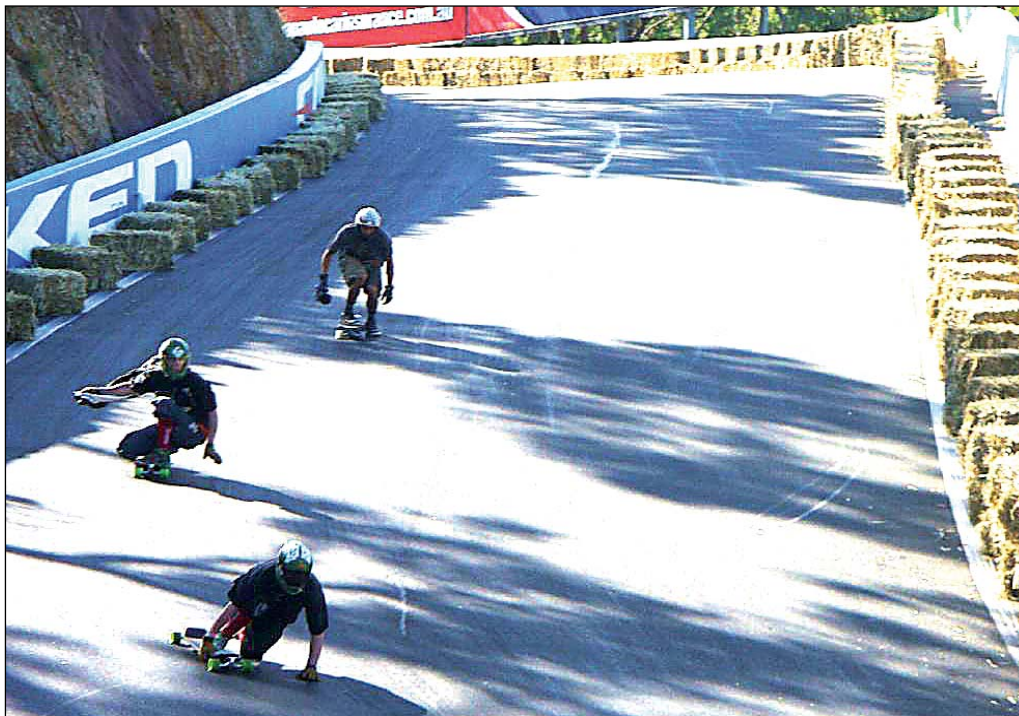


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Fred....the plumber
and guests.

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the ladies who helped the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary Dave Howell's memorial on March 2: **Margaret D., Flo R., Gayle H., Vicki K. and Donna J.** Thanks again .

Gayle Adams/Ladies Aux. #112

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval to all of the **P. H. Fire Department personnel** that tried their hardest to save mine and my son James' worldly possession during our recent fire in Irvines Landing.

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Heather and James

Huge bubbles of Approval to **Troy the firefighter** and **Tonya the paramedic** for risking their lives during my house fire to save me. Tonya rushed me to the ambulance after the heroic rescue by the Troy the firefighter. I was then rushed in my plastic bag by ambulance to another fish tank where I now swim freely with only Lulu the cat as my only concern.

Nemo the fish

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Bill Stockwell** for donating the sand to the High School field and to **Clint Popp** (CBT Trucking) for delivering it.

PHSS PAC Committee

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **members of the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron and Friends** on the occasion of their eighth annual Spring Cleanup. Thanks to you all for making Pender Harbour a cleaner place to live.

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 Wed. April 2.....A Secret Sadness: Depression in Women - P.H. Music School, 1 p.m.
 Sat. April 5.....P. H. Community Club Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
 Sun. April 6.....Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Tues. April 8.....P. H. Community Club meeting - P. H. Community Hall, 5 p.m.
 Tues. April 8.....Women's Connection "Spring Tune-up" - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.
 Sat. April 12.....Hawaiian Hula Holiday Saturday Sleepover - PH Aquatic Centre, 7 p.m.
 Sun. April 13.....P. H. Music Society presents James Keelaghan - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Sun. April 13.....Joe Stanton & the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. April 14.....P. H. Power Squadron Maritime Radio Course - PHSS, 7 p.m.
 Mon. April 14.....P. H. Food Bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 7 p.m.
 Tues. April 15.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Lori Pickering (S.C. Botanical Garden) - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. April 19.....Masters Par Three Tournament - P. H. Golf Course
 Sat. April 19.....Soup and Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
 Sun. April 20.....Gaetan & the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. April 21.....Free Swimming Race Camp - PH Aquatic Centre, 12 p.m.
 Tues. April 22.....Women's Connection "Chinese Auction" - P. H. School of Music, 9:30 a.m.
 Sat. April 26.....April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge - Millenium Park, 10 a.m.
 Sat. April 26.....Attack of Danger Bay volunteers BBQ - Lions' Park
 Sat. April 26.....P. H. Community Club Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
 Sun. April 27.....Simon Paradis and Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. April 28.....P. H. Food Bank pick-up - P. H. Community Church, 7 p.m.
 Wed. April 30.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - Rm. 107 PHSS, 7 p.m.

FERRY DEPARTURES

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Langdale	Horseshoe Bay	Earl's Cove	Saltery Bay
*6:20 a.m.	*7:20 a.m.	*6:30 a.m.	*5:35 a.m.
8:20 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
10:20 a.m.	10:00 a.m. (Mar. 21 & May 19)	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. (May 15, 16 only)	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
3:00 p.m. (May 15, 16 only)	3:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. (Mar. 20 only)	10:10 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (Mar. 20 only)	5:30 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)	11:00 p.m. (Oct. 8 & May 19)		

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

♦ Daily except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
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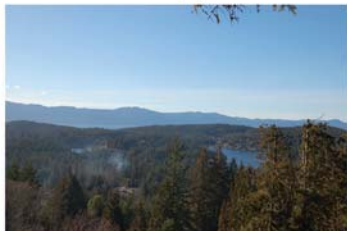
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