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EDITORIAL

Use it or lose it

By Brian Lee

Picture Don Fraser landscaping a new garden in Madeira Park with enough trailing clematis and stone work to make Jesus covetous.

Now picture him working on the site where the Madeira Park Community Hall used to stand.

This probably seems sensationalized to you but just may be a possibility.

(The Don Fraser part isn't... apparently the paperwork's gone through and he'll soon be too busy with plans to build an asbestos mine behind the shopping centre to be concerned about town aesthetics anymore.)

Our community hall, like those in other small towns, used to be the focal point for town gatherings and celebrations.

I can remember raucous Fishermen's Homecomings, May Day dances and Firemen's Balls where people partied with abandon.

The Madeira Park Community Hall has hosted countless New Year's dances, Halloween Howlers, Christmas parties, weddings and funerals.

It's an understatement that many of us wouldn't even be here without the hall.

It was the mixing bowl for that time tested recipe for romance: the right slow song with a critical measure of Canadian Club

Last year's May Day dance was the first successful event of its kind in recent memory.

(Note to future dance committees: It was also the first dance at the Hall I've been to where the band didn't play Mustang Sally even once.)

The Saturday Madeira Markets used to be packed with people selling goods of every description.

I remember one kid my age who rarely missed a Swap Meet after discovering people would come and give him money for his sister's old cassettes and toys.

The hall has served its purpose of helping to unite a community spread out over long distances for over 60 years but these kinds of events just aren't happening anymore.

We no longer drink and drive; fine but it leaves a major transportation problem in a town with a culture of over-indulgence but no taxi or bus service.

We also have far more TV channels than we used to but these are not the reasons our community hall is in jeopardy.

The building itself has always relied on dedicated volunteers to look after it.

At one time the Community Club was just that.

A club that took it upon itself to plan and promote social events and to encourage user groups to hold functions there.

Now it seems the hall suffers from apathy and it desperately needs help in the form of new volunteers with some creative vision.

It needs people with an interest in saving the building and managing it's use. People who realize that a community is strengthened by people getting to know each other, enjoying their company and building trust.

It also needs people to get off their asses and take part in community events.

There's a reverse domino effect that occurs when people decide not to take part in local events like dances.

The numbers drop and the events stop.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENING

Come out on Wednesday, Dec. 13 to the Pender Harbour Community Hall at 6 p.m. or the annual Community Tree Lighting and Carols. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served. The tree lighting takes place at 6:45 p.m. followed by a community Christmas service in the elementary school gym with even more refreshments! Monetary or non-perishable food donations gratefully accepted for the local Food Bank. EVERYONE WELCOME!

CAROL SHIPS

For at least one more year, the Nanaimo Tillicum will be leading the Carol Ship Parade on Dec.15. As is the custom, the Tillicum will deliver Santa Claus to John Henry's for the children's party at 6:30 p.m. The glittering boats will join up and leave Madeira Park at 7 p.m. If you wish to join in the carol singing on the Tillicum, please phone 604-883-2445 to reserve a spot. Space is limited, so please phone early. Last year we had an impromptu tour by the Pender

Harbour Legion Pipe band playing carols. This year that will happen on Thurs. Dec. 21, again on the Tillicum. Any boats available are invited to join.

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus has once again taken time out of his busy schedule to chat with kids ages up to 12 years. Come and meet him on Dec. 17 at the Pender Harbour Legion Hall. Get there early to see Santa arrive at 2 p.m. (Open at 1 p.m.)

BARGAIN BARN BLOWOUT!

The Bargain Barn Thrift Store in Madeira Park is closing for the season on Sunday, Dec. 17 until January 17. There will be a huge sale on Dec. 13, 15 & 16. Come out and support the P.H. Health Centre Auxiliary.



Vern Lillies, V.P of P.H. & District Marine Rescue Society, receives a cheque for \$1,650 from Rick Paranto, member of the Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Foundation, for a new response boat to replace the *M.V. Harold Clay*.

Also pictured are Stan Warlow (far left), Executive Officer of CGA Pacific and Jack Dennis (far right), Unit Leader of P.H. & District Marine Rescue Society.

The Million Dollar Round Table is the premier association of financial professionals in the world. To date they have donated \$1,132,646 in grants to Canadian charities.



After-Work Lane Swim: Monday-Thursday 5-6:30pm.

The pool and weight room are open!
Before you head home and let the couch get you, come for a workout and swim, a great way to relieve the stress from your day.

Holiday Splash Passes: Child \$10 Teen/Sr \$14 Adult \$16

Purchase a pass so you can use the facility as often as you like during the holidays. Great idea for a stocking stuffer or gift!

Holiday Hours: Dec 27-30 and Jan 2-5 Public Swim 3-8pm.

The facility will be closed Dec 23-26, 31 and Jan 1.

Teddy Bear Swim: Tuesday Jan 2, 3-5pm.

Join us for our version of the Polar Bear swim without the cold! Enjoy some fun and games and refreshments.

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Hall still stinky

The Madeira Park Community Hall will not be available for bookings until further notice and will be shutdown completely in January if there is no resolution to the proposed septic system upgrade.

Community Club president Ted Lee said it's unclear how long it will take to resume normal operations citing a lack of available contractors.

Plans have been prepared by Bert Telder Engineering for a system that

will accommodate 250 people and that firm will oversee the completion of the project.

Bids went out to tender with a closing date of Nov. 17 with no response.

The Community Club has raised most of the funds required for the project through community donations and funding from the SCRD.

Lee noted "black ooze coming out of the side of the drain field into the school field" after November's extreme rainfall.

It should be noted that this upgrade will only prevent future sewage contamination from the Community Hall septic system.

There is a possibility that leachate from surrounding septic systems above Madeira Park may continue to pose a health risk in the future.

Edith Iglauer awarded honorary doctorate

On Saturday Nov. 15 local author Edith Iglauer was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Victoria.

The University presented four honorary degrees during the fall convocation ceremonies this month.

The recipients represented an eclectic mix of achievement in fields including science, Aboriginal language preservation and journalism.

Honorary degrees are granted by the UVic Senate on the basis of exceptional distinction and achievement in scholarship, research, teaching, creative arts, or public service.

Iglauer was selected for her pioneering journalistic work and remarkable writing career. Lynne Van Luven, acting chair of the UVic writing department, emphasized Edith's amazing work as a journalist over the past decades in her citation:

"Edith has always been attracted to ground-breaking stories, whether they involved laying the foundations of the World Trade Center... the building of an ice road in the Arctic, the making of a prime minister or the thinking of a West Coast fisherman.

She maintains that journalists are the watchdogs of democracy; she believes in the power of the "still small voice of truth."

It was not only her journalistic prowess that made UVic take notice but also her role as a liaison between Canadian and American culture.

Van Luven felt no one could have worded it more per-

fectly than Edith in her introduction to her 1991 collection of stories, *The Strangers Next Door*:

"I am not just an American journalist writing about Canada for Americans, but a Canadian journalist writing about America for Canadians as well. Both countries, I have discovered, still regard their neighbours across our common border as "the strangers next door," and like any concerned relative, I want them to know and respect one another as much as I do."



Edith Iglauer receives her Honorary Doctorate from Dr. David Turpin, UVIC President (I.) and Ronald Lou-Poy, Chancellor.

Edith Iglauer was born in Cleveland, Ohio.

A frequent contributor to the New Yorker, she has written a great deal about Canada:

- Inuit Journey (updated 1979)
- Denison's Ice Road (1975)
- Seven Stones: A Portrait of Arthur Erickson, Architect (1981)
- Fishing with John (1989)
- *The Strangers Next Door* (1991)

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Local poet John Pass wins GG



Keith Shaw photo.

Local poet John Pass has been awarded Canada's most prestigious award for literature, the Governor General's Literary Award for Poetry, for *Stumbling in the Bloom* (Oolichan Books, 2005.)

Pass is the first person from the Sunshine Coast to win this award,

which comes with a cheque for \$15,000 and a specially-crafted copy of his book, and is this year's only BC winner.

Governor General Michaelle Jean will present Pass with a certificate at a ceremony at Rideau Hall on Dec. 13.

Pass describes *Stumbling in the Bloom* as intensely local.

"The opening section nowrite.doc was based right here on my home ground." he said from his Sakinaw Lake home, recounting a time he was attempting to break out of a writing slump.

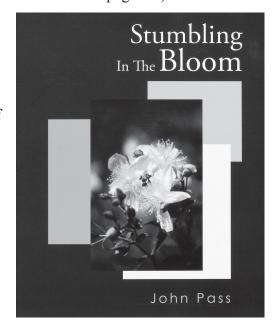
"I was at home and started using some common exercises to start writing, which I rarely ever used, and a lot of stuff developed from there." he said, "The title came simply from what I named the file on my computer."

Pass garnered a previous GG

shortlist-nomination for *Water Stair* (Oolichan Books, 2000.)

He has published 13 books and chapbooks and his poems have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies in Canada, the U.S. and Ireland.

(Read a poem from *Stumbling in the Bloom* on page 25.)



POLICE REPORT

Mid Oct. - Nov. 16

Prepared by Community Policing Station Volunteers

Here we are back again after an absence of five months, the direct result of the communication system change the Sechelt detachment has undergone.

During the changeover and the very long adjustment period to the new system, we here at the policing station were unable to receive any incident reports from them (The Coast Reporter didn't receive anything either).

BREAK & ENTERS:

A B&E to a cottage on North Lake was reported in late October but could have occurred anytime between August and Oct. 28.

Entry was gained by smashing the door lock and mostly household items were taken.

Another B&E was attempted on Oct. 28 to a home in Madeira Park.

A home in Garden Bay was hit Nov. 2 with some minor items stolen.

In early November a home on Sakinaw Lake was broken into.

A B&E was reported Nov. 9 at a home in Madeira Park

OTHER ITEMS:

On Oct. 31 police stopped a vehicle on Hotel Lake Rd. and issued a traffic suspension for drugs with vehicle being seized and towed.

On Oct. 31, a vehicle was keyed in the parking lot of the Pender Harbour Hotel.

A noise disturbance complaint was lodged Nov. 3 in Madeira Park over loud music having been played during the entire day.

On Nov. 6, a Garden Bay resident informed police that his vehicle had been damaged by fire Nov. 3.

A boat was suspected stolen from a dock in Madeira Park Nov. 6.

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Wilfred Harold (Tiffy) Wray

OCT. 18, 1923 - NOV. 19, 2006



Pender Harbour old-timer Wilfred Wray passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 19.

Born in 1923 to Charles and Maggie

Wray, Tiffy lived his entire life in Pender Harbour and only recently moved to Abbotsford to be near his family.

He lived mostly in the little house at the top of the hill by the Irvine's Landing School and will be fondly remembered by family and friends for local stories.

He somehow avoided the fishing industry and worked as a logger and blaster becoming widely known as "a helluva hardworker" and an extremely

honest and decent man.

He served in Europe during the Second World War where he met his wife Marion, who passed away last year.

His diplomacy skills are recounted by his nephew, Sonny Reid.

Sonny used to operate a passenger boat around Pender Harbour and dropped off three guys at Hospital Bay instead of Garden Bay, their intended destination.

Despite the fact that a short walk would have been a 20 minute boat ride around in Sonny's sputtering Easthope, they used that as an excuse to stiff him for \$1 and went to the pub while they waited for the steamship to Vancouver.

Tiffy was on the dock when the

three came down to meet the boat so Sonny pointed them out to him.

After a short confrontation and an implicit offer for free swimming lessons Sonny was paid... \$2 more than they owed!

Tiffy was the fourth oldest in a family with seven siblings.

He is predeceased by his sister Margaret and brother Leonard and survived by Julia, Muriel, Florence, William and Peter.

He had three children, John (Peggy) of Gibsons, Carol (Don) and Hazel (Gordon) of Abottsford. as well as six grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

There will be no service at his request.

Kenneth George Richardson

NOV. 21, 1923 - NOV. 22, 2006

We are sad to announce Ken's passing.

Ken is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary.

Ken and Mary recently returned to the Sunshine Coast after several years in Comox.

He was an active member of the Pender Harbour Lions for many years.

He will be sadly missed by their children Linda (Dennis), Doug, Sue (Roland), Margaret (Rick), John (Vanessa), Sylvia (Mike), Bruce (Linda), 12 grandchildren, his brothers Allyn in Boston, Robert (Laverne), David (Dinah) and numerous nieces and

nephews.

No service by request. and in lieu of flowers, it would be appreciated if

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John Rees SCRD Director, Area A

S. COAST RESTRUCTURE VOTE

As you are all probably aware by now, the South Coast Amalgamation vote failed.

As expected the vote in Gibsons was a Yes, but the rural areas, E and F,

rejected the proposal by a huge 70/30 margin.

The short answer to all this is that Industrial Taxation, from the Pulp Mill will remain distributed throughout the Sunshine Coast, as opposed to just supporting the South Coast districts

Considering the possibility of an overall Yes vote, the SCRD had many meetings with the Ministry and their staff, attempting to soften the blow on the remaining rural areas of the Regional District.

We were successful to some extent, negotiating much longer transition periods than were originally proposed, and in some cases monetary mitigation, all of that is now out the window.

Maybe the result was a disappointment for Gibsons (4,000 popula-

tion) but the two rural areas (6,000 population) sure gave the SCRD a resounding vote of confidence.

POLICING COSTS

So much for the good taxation news, now the other side.

The province will now definitely tax rural communities, and small municipalities under 5,000 population, to recover more of the policing costs.

For us, area A, that means that in addition to the rural tax we already pay to cover roads and policing, we will have an additional taxation of approximately \$70 per average home of \$300,000.

The province is still tweaking this number, apparently we will have some credit for what we already pay through rural taxes, and there is some talk of capping the tax so that high

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, December 7, 2006

• 1:30 pm Infrastructure Services Committee

Thursday, December 14, 2006

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

Thursday, December 21, 2006

• 1:30 pm Community Services Committee

AREA "A" DIRECTOR JOHN REES

Director 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.

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Wednesday, December 27, 7:00 p.m. Room 107, Pender Harbour High School

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For more information, visit:

http://www.scrd.bc.ca/infrastructure solidwaste.html

TRANSPORTATION AND POLICING ISSUES

Alternate Director Barrie Wilbee is now assisting Director Rees with Policing and Transportation issues.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The SCRD offices will be closed from Monday, December 25th to Monday, January 1. The office will re-open at 8:30am on January 2nd.

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assessment properties do not carry an unfair burden for this common service.

This is not yet finalized, we may not know the exact amount until Gordon and Co. prints it on our annual tax form.

Please do not ask me the obvious question, "Will that mean we will have more police presence?"

PROTOCOL AGREEMENT WITH SECHELT INDIAN BAND

On Nov. 16 I had the distinct privilege of signing a Protocol agreement with the SIB and Chief Stan Dixon.

This document, almost two years in the making, is very simple in language; it is recognition of each other's concerns (SCRD and SIB).

For many years the SIB has been attempting to have their heritage sites respected whenever development occurs the SCRD has acknowledged this, and in return the SIB now fully recognizes the SCRD responsibilities under the Local Government Act.

The key words of this agreement, one of the first of its kind in the province, are "mutual respect."

With this document in place, and recognized and supported by the Province, we can now move ahead with a process that hopefully will settle out all the irritants that have built up over the years, including foreshore applications and a myriad of other disagreements.

I can honestly tell you that this agreement is one of the most important issues that I have been involved with as your regional rep.

MIDDLEPOINT WATER

Thanks to the folks that responded to my inquiry, there appears to be

sufficient interest there to go to the next step.

At the end of November we have another Area A Water Master Plan meeting, and I would like to get that over first, before calling a meeting with the Middlepoint folks. In addition it will give SCRD staff a little more time to gather information to present. At the moment I would suggest a mid-January meeting, but will keep you posted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MEET IN MADEIRA

Also sometime in January, date to be announced, the regional district of Powell River and the Sunshine Coast will meet at the Music School in Madeira Park to discuss common issues and concerns.

These may include transportation, watershed protection, economic co-operation, and a Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP).

WATERSHED PROTECTION.

It must be increasingly obvious with extreme weather patterns becoming more common and unprecedented growth, that we should all be concerned about our watersheds.

For instance is it really necessary to have logging and other potentially damaging uses in such fragile areas?

To that end I will be pressing for all the possible protection we can get.



One idea suggested to me (and I rather like it) is the possibility of curbing forestry locally in the Haslam Lake watershed so it can be better utilized for recreational purposes.

There is a trail network for hikers and mountain bikers now that could be expanded.

HOLIDAY WISHES

I will not have another opportunity to talk to you before the year end.

Marlene and I have had a very tough year— Marlene more than I— and we would both like to thank this wonderful community for all the support we have received.

As chair of the SCRD I have tried to ensure that the interests of area A residents are always in the forefront, even though the SCRD has experienced one of the most eventful years on record.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



December 2006

By appointment, 883-0765

<u>EPender Harbour</u> EWaterworks District

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

A special *Thank You* to the Community Policing Station volunteers and the other volunteers for telephoning the residents of the Water District the evening of Friday, November 3rd to give out information about the Boil Water Advisory. An extraordinary thank you to all the volunteers who braved the elements on Saturday, November 4th to deliver written notice regarding the Boil Water Advisory to each dwelling hooked onto the system.

TELEPHONE TREE

Landlords, please register with the Water District the name and phone number of your tenant(s). Tenants were missed being called on the evening of November 3rd when the Boil Water Advisory was issued.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please call the office or stop in any weekday between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are happy to research your question if we do not immediately have the answer.

Flushing for November 20th - 24th • Postponed •

Due to an airlock problem with the pipeline feeding off of the lake intake we were unable to complete the scheduled flushing of the mains.

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Playground committee update

by Lori Fielding

The Playground Committee at Madeira Park Elementary School has been busy for almost a year now.

The main objective of the committee is to raise enough funds to install new playground structures to replace vandalized and outdated structures already removed and to give kids more public play space.

Through our current fundraising efforts and the community's incredible support, we have secured almost \$16,000 of our \$45,000 goal.

We have many more initiatives in the works such as grant applications, a Fun Run, and a Comedy Night – a tremendous night full of laughter and audience-participation improv!

Parents are also currently selling raffle tickets for gas cards, with the draw date being Dec. 21.

Buy your ticket now, as quantities are limited, by calling Kelly Kam-

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SHOPPING

Shopping with a conscience

by Leah Oreel and M. Howe

Fair Trade is fast becoming one of the trendiest words of our times, closely following: organic, free-range, progressive, green, and (a personal favourite) sustainable.

Fair Trade is commerce designed to benefit all people involved in the production, distribution and consumption process

It is often called ethical shopping.

With marketing gurus brilliantly dreaming up tantalizing ways to tease money from consumers' wallets, it is easy for many to get swept up in the ethical purchasing craze, and also easy for some to remain suspicious and reluctant.

Is the Fair Trade moniker just another clever marketing ploy to stimulate consumers to keep on consuming?

Or, is there really something genuinely ethical about Fair Trade?

Both are reasonable questions but how can we really be sure that our latest "Fair Trade" purchase really was in fact as fair as claimed?

How can consumers decipher which businesses and products are legitimately Fair Trade from those that simply tote a slogan to capitalize from the latest trend?

The answers can be found through third-party verification.

In North America, there are two third-party monitoring groups:

- The Fair Trade Federation (FTF) is in charge of handicrafts.
- TransFair is in charge of Fair Trade food products.

Both groups are recognized, world-wide along side associated monitoring groups such as the European Fair Trade Association (EFTA), International Federation of Alternative Trade (IFAT) and Fair Trade Labeling Organization (FLO).

Recognized Fair Trade businesses go through a detailed inspection of their financial records and business practices to show that the artisans and workers work in safe, dignified and healthy environments.

Producer groups are usually cooperatives, often owned and operated by women who have started their business with a micro-credit loan.

Fair Trade ensures that artisans are paid, on average, at least two-three times more than the same products purchased through free trade."

Inspections also ensure practices are environmentally sensitive by using natural dyes, organic materials and no endangered woods.

Once a business has successfully met the entire application criteria they can use the relevant Fair Trade logo on their products and in advertising.

Similar to the burgeoning organic food movement, the Fair Trade movement is quickly learning how to cope with the growing pains associated with being an idealistic movement.

Fair Trade is not about boycotting products but rather questioning companies about their production methods and about supporting the available Fair Trade alternatives.

Contrary to expectations, you may even start to save money.

For example, recently a company has begun to make "No Sweat(shop)" sneakers in Indonesia.

The fully unionized employees receive full benefits, including maternity leave and a pension.

Similar in design and fit to sneak-

ers produced by a large company (which shall remain unnamed) where the employees do not receive a fair wage, benefits or the right to strike, the No Sweat brand actually saves the consumer an average of \$5 per pair.

So whether you chose to buy only Fair Trade certified coffee, chocolate or shoes, or whether you make a commitment to find out more about how the products you buy are produced, you have done something positive that you can feel good about.

The least we can do is try.

Fair Trade is, at its core, about treating people fairly. All people.

For more information visit the Fair Trade Resource Network at www.fairtraderesource.org or Gaia's Fair Trade Gifts in Gibsons Landing. Wed.—Sun., 307-287 Gower Point Rd., (604)886-7117.

Fair Trade Criteria

- Paying a fair wage in the local context.
- Offering employees opportunities for advancement.
- Providing equal employment opportunities for all people, particularly the most disadvantaged.
- Engaging in environmentally sustainable practices.
- · Being open to public accountability.
- Providing healthy and safe working conditions within the local context.
- Building long-term trade relationships.
- Providing financial and technical assistance to producers whenever possible.

Pender Harbour Longboarders Roll to Top Placings



Would you pick these guys up? Three Pender Harbour longboarders Tom Edstrand (top left), Scott Smith (bottom right) and Sandy Charlton (not pictured) raced in an international downhill event in California on Nov. 18 &19.

The Los Angeles foothills turned out to be a spectacular backdrop for the International Gravity Sports Association North American Championships held November 18-19.

Three of five Canadian downhill longboarders competing at Frank G.

Bonelli Park in San Dimas, California were from Pender Harbour.

"Meatball got second. He's on the left." Bricin Lyons yells,

"Scott Smith got eighth and Sandman had a great race and came home without injurys!"

Over 30 racers competed which is "really nothing to Pender Harbour's world famous Attack of Danger Bay," Lyons says,

"The Pender Harbour community hosts a world record 136 racers and gives out the biggest cash prize for our sport in the world!"



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HARBOUR HISTORY

Harbour hall history

By Brian Lee

After suffering through the Depression and then the Second World War, Pender Harbour residents benefited from a universal optimism of the times that they were back on the road to prosperity.

The construction of the Madeira Park Community Hall in 1946 was a symbol of this feeling that people could again return to their lives and focus locally.

Up to this point, there was a community hall that was in Irvine's Landing built by Theodore Dames and Joe Gonsalves.

The owner of the hall, Bill Pieper, wanted to close it down but agreed to lease it to the Pender Harbour Community Club until such a time as they could acquire land to build a new one.

Land was soon donated by the people who subdivided Madeira Park and work began.

Built almost entirely with volunteer labour and donated material, the hall sits on a former swamp that had to be filled before they could begin on the foundation.

The material used for filling turned out to be whatever was available, that being the ubiquitous tree stump and the odd car.

Norman Klein used a Cat to push six foot stumps into the future building site only to watch them completely disappear into the soup.

In hindsight, it seems folly now to build a town centre over a creek and swamp but it was also the only clear meadow of its kind in the Harbour and had already evolved to become the place for picnics and community events.

Local carpenter Nels Andersen was the only paid labourer on the project and directed its construction by local men (presumably between fishing seasons.)

Logs were felled nearby and milled at Reg Spicer's mill(located, not coincidentally, on Spicer's Road).

It must have been nice to know that if you wanted to find out who lived in a certain area, all you had to do was look on the road sign because it was likely named after the family that lived there.

Sawdust from milling the wood was dumped into the lagoon on Kent Road and is apparently responsible for a god-awful smell at low tide that, for some reason known only to science, seems to be getting worse.

The treacherous dirt road we now call Highway 101 wasn't put through until the 1930s and didn't get paved until the mid-1950s so a truckload of pre-made trusses from Curtis Lumber wasn't an option.

The trussed roof was built from oversized rough-cut timbers crossing the entire 35 foot span of the hall.

Remodelled many times through the years, the hall underwent a major renovation in the '60s when the current kitchen and bar area were added.

As the only indoor surface of its time, the community hall became the arena, the recital hall, boxing ring, basketball court, roller skating rink and... shooting range.

Really.

There was a Gun Club in which kids would walk over to the Hall on weekends with their .22-calibre rifles for shooting practice.

It was supervised, of course, and

they used metal targets to save the walls but it didn't stop a young Catherine McKinnon from once shooting a hole in the roof; a story that, were it to happen today, would Mounties and reporters crawling all over this place.

Underneath the hall was a crawl space where the local athletic club kept their baseball gear.

A wood door with a simple latch was all that was needed.

Why steal if there was only one field to play on?

Boxing was really popular back then and around the time Rocky Marciano dominated the heavyweight division, Harry Wise and Johnny Haddock ran a boxing club with a makeshift ring and trained kids to get their aggression out by slugging each other.

It worked too well and it can be said that the two of them were unknowingly responsible for whiskey-fuelled matches at every dance thereafter.

All kids loved the movie nights. There was no TV so Saturday movies were the hot ticket. Often a hundred kids, more if it was a "duster," packed into the hall to watch what we now take for granted.

For older folks, the hall became a place to meet dance and socialize.

Everyone has some kind of memory.

Ted Lee sums it up for many, "I learned to smoke *and* drink there."

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2nd Monday of every month

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STAFF OF THE HEALTH CENTRE WISH ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2007.

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HARBOUR HEALTH

Are we ready?

Judi Georgetti, RN

Well, this past month has certainly made us all aware of several issues and I think we need to discuss them among ourselves and with our community leaders.

WATER SUPPLY

You are all aware that South Pender Harbour has been on a boil water advisory for some weeks now and we are advised that each storm brings the possibility of another advisory.

I hope everyone has carefully read the notice from SPHWD regarding this and that you are boiling your water before you drink it or cook with it.

If you are having gastrointestinal difficulties, particularly those who have chronic illnesses, the elderly or the very young, please come to the clinic and we will give you containers for stool samples.

The results will go to Public Health and a copy to your family physician.

This is important because the Water Board and the Public Health officials need to know if there are water-borne diseases in the community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Funny how the loss of electric power demonstrates our lack of ability to cope with natural emergencies.

I was very concerned that we are on a "boil water advisory" and most people did not have the ability to boil water.

I'll bet the IGA did a roaring business selling bottled stuff.

We are all ready for the odd

short power outage but the long term ones have implications on many fronts.

We heard about someone who needed a nebulizer for an asthma attack and couldn't plug it in.

Luckily the highway was open to St. Mary's in the middle of the night but during the day the road was closed and the ambulances could not get down and the physician could not get up.

We were all in a very vulnerable position.

So, what can you do to be better prepared?

If you can purchase a generator, it may be a good investment, particularly if you have electrical equipment that provides health safety.

Make sure your battery supply is sufficient for your flashlights or other battery operated equipment.

Keep a hard wired phone handy to plug in and use when the portable units are not working.

Keep a supply of bottled water in the basement or garage for such an event.

There are probably many more things we can do and perhaps we need to have a community dialogue on the issue of emergency preparedness.

Just a thought?

GOODBYE SAM

After serving the people of Pender Harbour for the past 10 years Dr. Sam Simpson wishes to announce he will no longer continue his chiropractic practice at the Pender Harbour Health Centre beyond the end of this year.

His practice will be left in the highly skilled hands of Dr. Blake Alderson.

Dr. Alderson will be seeing patients at the Health Centre Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m.— 5 p.m.

Please call the clinic for an appointment.

Dr. Simpson wishes to thank all the great staff at the clinic for their help over the past years as well as the opportunity to assist the people of Pender Harbour in maintaining their health.

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DECEMBER 8, 2006, 10AM -3 PM

Please join us at the Health Centre as we celebrate 30 Years of the Health Centre and the Auxiliary while we open the new wing.

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BURNING ISSUES

What Burns in the Rain?



by Barry Ashley

STORMY WEATHER

Just like last month, a

few days ago I had nothing to say for this issue. Then mother nature stepped in...

On Nov. 15, the Pender Harbour area was hit by a storm the ferocity of which has not been seen for many a year!

The pager first went off for wires down on Garden Bay Road around 9 a.m.

Then it was Francis Peninsula Road and then, suddenly, wires were down and roads blocked from Earls Cove to Roberts Creek and just about everybody without power.

During all of this the eager volunteers of the Egmont Fire Department, still without a firehall, got their first turnout!

Some came across power cables on Hwy.101 at Ruby Lake and, thanks to recent training in the hazards such occurrences can present, tried to advise motorists to keep clear.

To their dismay they were largely ignored, presumably because they looked like civilians.

Then they hit on the idea of going for their firefighting gear.

Only minutes later they re-appeared on scene in full firefighting turnout gear and started advising the motorists of the dangers involved and what to do.

This time, they were taken seriously and their advice was largely complied with.

Their professionalism kept the situation safe until the danger was

eliminated, and the road re-opened. Well done, guys!

A couple of nights after the storm, by which time most of the Harbour had power on again, we were called out at 4:30 a.m. to a tree on fire.

After all that rain it could only be one thing; a tree fallen onto a live power line.

Sure enough, that's what it was.

Everything soaking wet and a tree blazing away merrily with that white intensity you only get when it is being fed by an enormous current finding its way to ground.

We secured the scene and waited for Hydro to show up to turn off the power. But before they arrived, the tree burned through, fell clear of the still intact power line, hit the ground and went out – danger over.

Anything that is capable of conducting electricity (almost everything, a tree, a road or you!) in contact with the ground that comes into contact with a live power cable instantly provides a short track for electric current to do what it dearly wants to do – find its way to ground as quickly as possible.

The current will therefore pass through that object, generating a tremendous amount of heat. If it be a live creature, it will be electrocuted instantly, if it is combustible, it will burn like our tree.

To be safe, you must stay away a MINIMUM of 10 metres, or 33 feet...

Any closer and you will step into the field of dissipating current that pulses outwards from the point of contact with the ground and you will be electrocuted.

We have to assume it is live until

BC Hydro tells us that it is disconnected, grounded, and safe.

So please keep well away from any downed power line to be safe.

HALLOWE'EN FIREWORKS

The feedback suggests this year's Hallowe'en fireworks display was as spectacular and as well-received as ever. The large crowd of people assembled in Millenium Park had a great time, watching the display out on the water, whilst keeping warm enjoying hot-dogs and hot drinks.

The public responded magnificently to our fund-raising efforts which tells us that we put on the kind of display you want to see.

Part of the fun was the drawing of the raffle tickets, and the following were the prize winners:

Reg Morton – Outboard motor; Susan Nuttall – \$500 Romantic package; Iris – \$300 Oak Tree Market package; Les Williams – \$200 PH Diesel gift; Heather Brown – \$200 IGA gift; Dave Milligan – \$200 John Henry's fuel; C. McEachen – Sony HiFi; Gary – Drill and cooler; Dave Milligan – Chop saw; Blaine Frausen – Sport watch; Pat Anderson – \$50 Golf gift; John Huddleston – SCCU Life jackets; Art Elkin – Sean and Sarah.com prize; Mike Crowe – PH Paper Mill prize; Brian Dusenbury – Coast Video prize.

The Bible reminds us that "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." Well, Dave Milligan sowed by donating with Alan Stewart a superb prize, and he reaped, winning TWO prizes!

It has to be said, he did buy lots of tickets!

We look forward to doing it all again next year.

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HARBOUR SEALS



Harbour Seals are free and easy! Send it to **editor@harbourspiel.com**.

You must include your full name and a telephone number for confirmation.

A big Harbour Seal of Approval to **Gerry Tweedy** of Garden Bay, who recovered our three prawn traps off Martin Island, called us long distance in Prince George and held them for us until we could collect them. A great surprise to us newcomers/ novice prawners! The traps were set July 20, disappeared below the surface and recovered at the same location early September.

Brian and Ann McErlean Madeira Park Estates

I would like to give a Harbour Seal of Approval to Margaret Mills, her daughter Kim, and all the ladies of Egmont who threw me and my daughter Meaghan a surprise baby shower! Was I ever surprised. You ladies are the best.

Paula Howley

A Seal of Approval and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people in this community for their words of support and kindness after our recent car crash. To all our dear friends and family for the flowers, fantastic food and hugs. We are overwhelmed by the generous spirit and big-heartedness that live here. Special thanks go out to our Madeira Park ambulance crew, Chad the towing guy, our wonderful firemen, Good Samaritans: Martin Mees and Blaine of Sakinaw Lake and especially Darren Reid whose familiar and comforting voice and presence helped me come back to earth. It is such a privilege to live among you wonderful folks. Thank you.

Jinny, Bennett, and the Antilla family.

A Seal Of Approval to **Josh and Jodie Young** for thinking of us and
running over their generator once
their power came back on and saving

us a freezer load of food.

Another Seal of Approval to **Linda Gobel and the Malibu Club** for donating leftover items from the Malibu Auction to the MPES earthquake container.

Alan and Paola Stewart

A storm of many thanks to all the people of Madeira Park (Liddle Bay Marina) who took part in saving our boathouse and our boat during the storm of Nov. 15. Our boathouse broke free of its moorings with our boat still tied inside. Our deepest appreciation,

Karl and Donna Johansen

A giant Harbour Seal of Approval to **Cindy Schroeder** for painstakingly sewing all those neckerchiefs. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you from all the Cubs, Beavers and Leaders.

Anna Venalainen

Two pages of Seals to the 50 parents, 42 high school students, and many 2007 grads who helped with this year's MPES Halloween Fun Night.

Special thanks to: Joi P., Lori F., MPES Leadership Club, Karen S., Tom and Linda W., PH Credit Union, Val H., Kelly K., June M., Martha L., Michelle, S., Ray C., Cathy G., Cindy C., Tracey G., Tammy H., and all of the businesses and parents who donated:

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HARBOUR GARDENING

Plant hints for Christmas

Jim Rutherford

HELLEBORES

The family Hellebores is not really a Christmas rose.

They bloom midwinter to late spring.

Edith Hubbard and Andreas Stylists both have interesting collections.

The ideal place for hellebores are in a mixed or shrub border.

The large saucer shaped blooms vary from white, pink or purple and, depending on the variety, some come dappled with mint green and are really very striking.

The deeply lobed leaves provide good ground cover and the flowers last well when cut for indoor decorations.

Crush the cut ends for longer lasting blossoms.

Hellebores need very little attention, dig in compost leaf mould or peat before planting, water in dry weather and watch for slugs in spring.



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They do well in rich humus soil and thrive best in partial shade.

Over-crowded clumps can be divided in spring, but hellebores take a long time to recover when dug up, so it is better to buy young plants from your plant supplier.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Every Christmas I treat myself to a specimen shrub and now I have some real beauties!

Cut evergreen Christmas trees seem like such a waste.

Root-balled evergreen trees will survive indoors with a little care for a couple of weeks.

Moisture to the roots, not drowned, is the answer.

Those plastic terra cotta-looking deck pots are fine with a good size saucer and are inexpensive.

They can be spray painted if you want to get more festive.

Ceramic containers are difficult to monitor for water collection and can sweat onto a good carpet or hardwood.

Put sterile potting soil in the bottom of the pot to settle the root ball on and fill loosely with soil to the top of the container.

Draping fabric around the pot can wick moisture onto the floor.

Decorate as you will but sparingly.

Tinsel is a bummer to get off a tree you're keeping.

Pyramidal cedars or skyrocket junipers look great with lights strung helix-style around the shrub.

Sheared magpie look sharp on a coffee table with brambles just pushed into the needles and some velvet bows.

A cluster of these can be striking and give you a grouping when planted

outdoors.

Even something like an Austral pine, sort of weird shaped, can look very interesting when decorated.

Just check the tag for height at maturity so you don't end up with a 40' tree if your garden doesn't have room

Now to the fun stuff.

Bare-branched shrubs are my favorite and number one is Korean dogwood because of its beautiful branching.

Lights are not necessary and use lightweight ornaments so not to weigh down the delicate branches.

Red twig dogwood, contorted hazelnut, curly willow and forsythia are all good candidates.

Lilia, azalea mollies, mock orange and spire are not.

Witch hazel, when outdoors, will start to bloom shortly after Christmas if it warms up a bit and is a good choice.

Basically, any shrub that will tolerate frost once it has started to bud out

That excludes all broad leaf evergreens e.g. rotos, iris, escallonia and euonymus.

Nurseries welcome winter sales so often a discount will be offered.

When it's time to move the shrub outdoors choose a shelter spot on your deck or patio.

Now mulch the top of the pot for protection against frost and reduced watering.

Final thought for this year:

When I was asked to cut down an evergreen tree, the home owner's little daughter came running out of the house yelling "don't hurt Mother Nature, be kind!"

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PENDER PET PATTER

Pets As Gifts

By Doretta Morland

OK.

Picture this.

It's Christmas morning and a Cindy-Lou Who lookalike toddles into the beautifully festive living room and squeals with delight when she sees what's waiting for her under the tree... a sweet furry little bundle of joy wearing a big red ribbon and just waiting to be cuddled and loved.

Perfect scene, right?

The stuff of wonderful Christmas memories, right?

Well, if this idea was carefully thought out by her folks it very well could be a perfect Christmas memory and a touching start to life with a new family member.

Hopefully, before they started shopping for that ideal puppy or said yes to that "free" kitten the parents had seriously considered some very important points:

- Are they going to have the time that will be needed to spend with their new pet? (Walks, play time, petting and grooming time, any house training or obedience training required.)
- Are they ready for the financial obligation of owning a pet? (Vaccines, proper nutrition, spaying/neutering, regular treatments for parasites, any health problems or accidents that arise, medications, grooming, boarding.)
- Is there anything that this particular breed needs? (Room to run, daily grooming, lots of socializing.)
 - · What kind of animal would

suit their lifestyle? (Do they travel a lot, do they have small children, do they want one to jog with or a pet that will just sit in their lap and purr?)

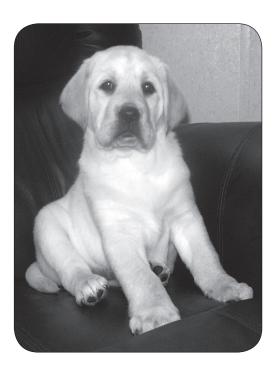
• With all the comings and goings of Christmas is this a good time to introduce a new pet into the household? (Odd hours, lots of people, food usually set out at snout level.)

Before anyone commits to adopting a pet they should consider these factors.

There is little else as gratifying as having a pet to care for.

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HARROUR FOR SAII

Tom Barker

NOV. 11, 2006

It was a cool morning with a few raindrops and a bit of a southeast wind

Remembrance Day ceremonies caused a one-hour delay for the start of the race.

By then five boats showed at the start line.

A new boat showed up called *Naida* and the skipper is long time club member John Van Tongeren with Stan Barker as crew(no relation).

It was a light air start with the

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boats well spaced and all over the line well after the starting horn with *Naida* having trouble getting enough wind to get to the start line.

The winds finally filled in a bit and got the fleet around the first mark with *Ganache* leading and *Navigator* and *Starlight* meeting right at the mark.

With the better wind conditions *Navigator* moved ahead of *Ganache* at the third marker and kept there until the fourth marker when *Naida* found better winds and very neatly passed both *Ganache* and *Navigator* while they were stalled at the mark.

Navigator and Naida had a tacking dual to the fifth mark with Navigator splitting the last tack and easing by Naida just before the mark.

Both *Ganache* and *Naida* stalled at the fifth mark and were well behind *Navigator* at the finish line.

Boxer got into a lull but managed to get to the finish line ahead of Starlight. Naida just beat Ganache at the finish line.

After the handicaps were applied *Ganache* beat *Starlight* by 46 seconds and *Navigator* by 55 seconds.

Naida wound up fourth and *Boxer* fifth.

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PENDER GOLF

Jan Watson

NEW GOLF CLUB EXECUTIVE

The Golf Club held its Annual General Meeting on Oct. 28 and the following are the results.

John Maveety was re-elected as president and Kathy Needham moves to house chairman.

Newly elected directors are Ron Waterhouse, publicity; Bob Alexander, secretary/membership and Jan Watson, pro shop.

Halfway through their terms are Ian Grant, treasurer and vicePresident, and Doug Vancise, greens chairman.

Rusty Ellis remains as past president, Gloria Wetmore as ladies captain and Mick Wetmore takes over as Men's Captain.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Awards Night Banquet on Oct. 28 was a joint event between the

men and the ladies and proved to be very successful.

About 60 members enjoyed a lovely prime rib dinner and MC John Maveety provided a few laughs between trophy presentations, made to the winners by captains Carey Threlkeld and Gloria Wetmore.

HUSBAND AND WIFE / ODD COUPLE TOURNAMENT

This event, started by the late Ross & Cathy McQuitty, has become a great tradition and Oct. 22 this year we had 48 participants.

The husband and wife winners were Mike and Linda Reid with a net score of 140.

The odd couple winners were Brian Disney and John Forward with 139

Closest to the pin winners were

Dave Girard and Lorna Lycan on #3 and Grant and Pat Hallborg on #6.

DIRECTORS TOURNAMENT

This is a nine hole tournament held every year for present and past directors followed by an appreciation lunch.

The winner was Ron Needham with a net 34.5.

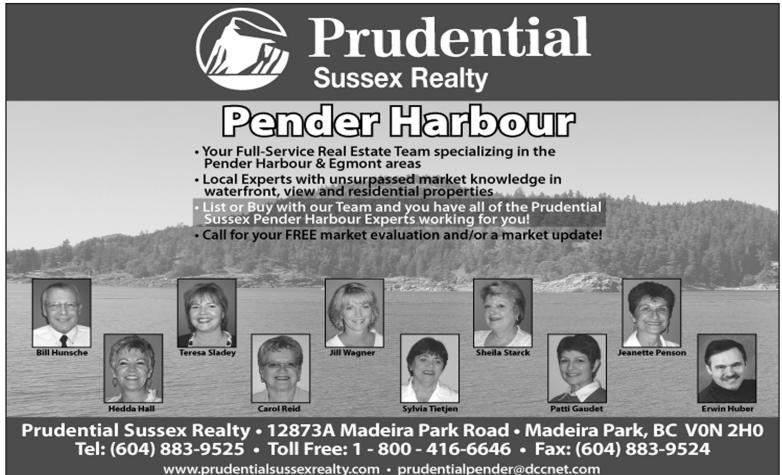
FROM THE 19TH HOLE

A little girl was at her first golf lesson when she asked the instructor an interesting question:

"Is the word spelled PUT or PUTT?"

He replied that PUTT was correct.

"Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."





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POETS CORNER

Mt. Daniel, written in December 2001, is the final poem of *Twinned Towers*, a seven-poem sequence that looks for perspective and meaning in the 9/11 tragedy through a "twinning" of the Trade Center towers with other towers in human history and culture, as various as the tower of Babel, the cranes searching the World Trade Center wreckage, the CN Tower. *Mt. Daniel* is my attempt to bring the tragedy home as compassionately and honestly as possible.

Twinned Towers was first published as a letterpress chapbook by Anik See at Fox Run Press and a few copies in regular and deluxe format are still available from Fox Run or myself. Talewind Books sells copies of *Stumbling in the Bloom*.

John Pass

Mt. Daniel

ose TV dead are not my dead. But I have dead and loved ones alive to fear for, and loss to fear, as we all do, knowing what's coming –

Armageddon, or not. I have that compassion-anxiety easiest to carry in the dark days before Christmas bringing in firewood, or climbing Mt. Daniel.

It's a local hill, or hills really, soft forested mounds on the torso of the peninsula, a motherly bosom

but a hard hike nevertheless (up creek-bed and slippery edge) I take with my wife and oldest son, joking and talking

as we catch our breath, pushing into what I've always known and can't know of relentless ascent, disappearing centre. e soul's sad enterprise.

If you're reading this you too are moving away from ground zero. Time takes us, grit in our eyes and shattered glass underfoot perhaps, or flushed for now

with righteous fury – or thoughtful, troubled, puzzling it out. Lucky trajectory, luckless orbit, a fetal doubled-over anguish, a grateful sigh – whatever its gesture you'll know what I mean when I say

it's a measure of who we are, this movement (mine conversational, cautiously inclusive, Canadian) a measure of our reach (always incomplete) toward each other, and of our retreat from the self-obliterating centres of power, the black holes. It's a measured response we make – personal, merciful, a little

lonely – a re-determination of the world in its details, its scale, its inevitably unjust distinctions. Between the peaks of Mt. Daniel

in mossy clearings we come upon ragged circles of placed stones, moon-rings the native girls construct in their night on the mountain, in their sea-change

into womanhood. And down-slope over the precipices, glimpses of Oyster Bay through mist, a bend in the highway, someone's boat

pulled out for the winter. I think of Hart Crane's beautiful word, curveship, and the delicate

tonnage of counterbalance engineers have accomplished under Pisa's leaning tower, to keep it standing. How partial all this is. No straight lines in art or nature. No perfect circle. No finish.

But shades of resemblance, remembrance. If not resolution, the long spin

in our deepest thinking of gyre, helix, the messy swirls of galaxies as they swing back in

toward still-point, starburst, ends loose at best to some shared influence . . . a magnetic, compelling shagginess to the back-lit old-growth where the trail winds down.

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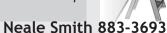
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Dec. 05 - **Gaye Beardmore** shares a birthday with JJ Cale the day Mozart died (1791).

Dec. 06 - **Bill Reid** (Reid Electric) shares a birthday with Ira Gershwin the day a munitions ship explosion destroyed two square miles of Halifax (1917).

Dec. 07 - Dianne Rousseau, Dan Gifford, and Jennifer Reid share a birthday with Tom Waits the Japan attacked Pearl Harbour (1941).

Dec. 09 - Michelle Beardmore and Robert Purdy share a birthday with clown Emmett Kelly the day the first post office in Canada opened (Halifax, 1755).

Dec.11 - Bill Griffith, Pete Belair, Patti Reid and Al Wendland share a birthday with Fiorella La Guardia the day Joe DiMaggio retired (1951).

Dec. 12 - Malcolm Duncan and Pat Martin share a birthday with Frank Sinatra the day the golf tee was invented (1899).

Dec. 10 - Cody Edwardson, Trevor Jones and Cathy Thompson share a birthday with Christopher Plummer

THE DAYS

the day the Korean War officially ended (1991).

Dec. 15 - **Kay Langsford** shares a birthday with Alexandre Eiffel the day *Gone With the Wind* premiered (1939).

Dec. 16 - **Cassandra Whelan** shares a birthday with Jane Austen the day of the Boston Tea Party (1773).

Dec. 17 - **Ian Campbell and Joi Phillips** share a birthday with Canada's 10th Prime Minister, Mackenzie King, the day the Wright brothers made their famous flight (1903).

Dec. 19 - **Tyson Carswell, Helen Garrett and Jamie Bouvette** share a birthday with Oliver LaFarge on the anniversary of the Jonestown Massacre (1978).

Dec. 20 - Lil Beharrell, Nicole Fletcher and Tyler Silvey share a birthday with Judy LaMarch the day the Bank of Montreal incorporated (1820).

Dec. 21 - Harvey Langton and Robert Wilkinson share a birthday with Joseph Stalin the day the first wireless telegraph message was exchanged between Canada and England (1902).

Dec. 22 - Dani Thompson. Steven Fouts, Rob Nieuwenhuis, Gwyneth Bryant and Christine West share a birthday with Giacomo Puccini the day Joni Mitchell was awarded a gold record for her album, For the Roses (1972).

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Dec. 25 - **Peter Schmidt** shares a birthday with Jesus Christ the day Hong Kong fell to the Japanese (1941).

Dec, 26 - **Peter Fritz** shares a Boxing Day birthday with Ivan Pavlov the day an Air Canada jet heading to Thunder Day was hijacked to Cuba (1971).

Dec. 28 - Steve Boyd and Jeff Girard share a birthday with brewer John Molson the day chewing gum was patented (1869).

Dec. 29 - Diane Gamble shares

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Dec. 30 - Dean Bosch (Dean Bosch Contracting), Bryan Edwardson, Andy Ross and Jean Mimch share a birthday with Stephen Leacock on the anniversary of the Massacre at Wounded Knee (1890).

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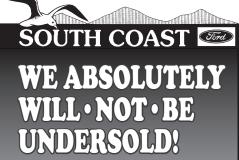
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The Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron will resume its regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month starting January.

A current topic of major interest is the proposed government regulation prohibiting the discharge of raw sewage anywhere in coastal BC waters.

PENDER HARBOUR & DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

This month, the PH&DWS will be participating in the 107th annual Audubon's Christmas Bird Count. The primary objective of the bird count is to monitor the status and distribution of bird populations across the Western Hemisphere.

If you would like to get involved and learn more about the Sunshine Coast's bird population, please join us and local birding experts John Field, Tony Greenfield and Paul Jones on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Please call 883-2227 or email info@penderharbourwildlife.com.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Dec. 12th we are having our Christmas Lunch of Turkey with all the trimming at the Pender Harbour Legion in Madeira Park at 11:30 AM. Please bring a toy or nonperishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting Nov. 28, members \$15 and non-members or guests \$20. Call Sue 883-9931.



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Egmont Heritage Centre speaker series: Jean Barman

By Howard White

The Egmont Heritage Centre, as the impressive new Egmont museum is called, kicked off its speaker program Nov. 4 with a talk by eminent BC historian Jean Barman.

Dr. Barman is a prolific author whose 2005 book *Stanley Park's Secret* has just won the City of Vancouver book prize but it was her earlier book, *the Remarkable Adventures of Portuguese Joe Silvey*, that she spent most of her time discussing.

As Barman explained, Joe Silvey was a sailor from the Azores who jumped ship in Vancouver circa 1860 when it was just a cluster of shacks up the shore from the old Hastings sawmill.

He was a resourceful and ambitious man who operated one of Vancouver's first saloons, started a settlement in what is now Stanley Park, acquired a handsome schooner and became one of BC's first highliners, fishing everything from salmon to sharks to whales and finally founded a small colony on Reid Island just inside Porlier Pass.

Joe had 12 children with two wives and founded a great coastal family that now numbers hundreds of descendants, many of whom live on the Sunshine Coast.

When Barman asked descendants of Portuguese Joe to put up their hands and about a quarter of the audience of 30 raised their hands, she was surprised it wasn't more.

She lectures often on Portuguese Joe, and sometimes when she asks that question, virtually everyone in the audience puts up their hands.

Three of Portuguese Joe's sons moved there in the early years of the twentieth century and created the second largest branch of the family outside of Reid Island.

Portuguese Joe Silvey is not to be confused with Pender Harbour pioneer Portuguese Joe Gonzalves, whom Barman also discussed briefly.

Gonzalves owned a historic store and hotel at Irvine's Landing and cleared a community picnic ground on the south side of Pender Harbour that December 2006 became known as Madeira Park.

Something Barman revealed which is not well known is that the two Portuguese Joes were linked during their earlier years in Vancouver, and in fact Gonzalves moved into Silvey's house in Stanley Park when Silvey decamped to Reid Island.

When Stanley Park was created, the settlers including Gonzalves lost their land, touching off a legal dispute

that is described in Barman's other book, *Stanley Park's Secret*.

The afternoon wound up with questions and tasty sandwiches made by Portuguese Joe's great-great grand-daughter Jessica Casey, a fabric artist whose works are on display in the Heritage Centre.

Everyone agreed it was a great start to a speaking series that holds much promise for the future.



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Sun. Dec. 3.....Larry Cook and the BluesMasters, Garden Bay Pub

Sat. Dec. 8......Open House - Flying Anvil Studio, Piecefull Glass, Wendie's and Motoko's Original Art

Sun. Dec. 9.....Open House - Flying Anvil Studio, Piecefull Glass, Wendie's and Motoko's Original Art

Sun. Dec. 10......Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub

Tues. Dec. 12..... Women's Connection Christmas Lunch - P.H. Legion, 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 13...Community Xmas Tree Lighting - M.P. Community Hall, 6 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 13...Three-day Bargain Barn Sale - Bargain Barn Thrift Store

Sat. Dec. 16.....Madeira Market - M.P. Community Hall, 10 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 17....Community Christmas Children's Party - P.H. Legion, 1 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 17....Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub

Sun. Dec. 24....Simon Paradis and Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub

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Don't want to drive home?

⇒ Ask about our cabin specials!

Call us at.... 604-883-3614 for info on these and more events

PENDER HARBOUR LEGION

OPEN AT 11 MON-SAT



BRANCH 112 604-883-0055

Western Night

December 15

Bear Music Company



Christmas Meat Draw

December 16

Enough turkeys and ham to fill a barnyard!

OPEN DAILY AT 11...604-883-2674 GARDEN BAY PUB

LIVE'MUSIC!

SIIN DEC 3

LARRY COOK & THE BLUESMASTERS

SUN. DEC. 10

JOE STANTON

SUN. DEC. 17

GAETAN AND THE FRENCH CONNECTION

FRI. DEC. 24

SIMON PARADIS AND GUT BUCKET THUNDER

NEW YEAR'S EVE!!!

JENNIFER SCOTT, RENE WORST & FRIENDS. Get your tix early!

GARDEN BAY RESTAURANT

Pub Menu items will be available at Garden Bay Restaurant throughout the winter for family dining.

Yes, children are welcome!

SPECIAL EVENTS!

DECEMBER

Mondays:Beer & Burger special - \$6! Wednesdays:25¢ wings & KARAOKE! Fridays:Fish and Chips... the classic!

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Jennifer Scott, Rene Worst & friends

9 pm, Dec. 31 Tickets \$60 at the pub *This event sells out every year so buy tickets early!