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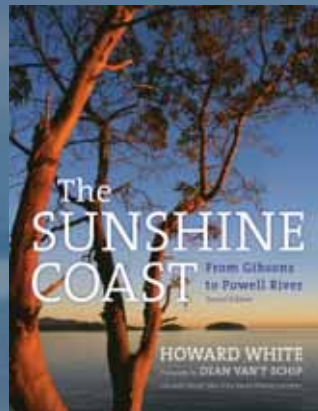
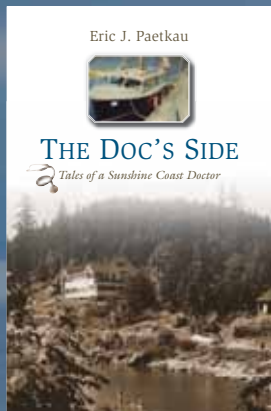
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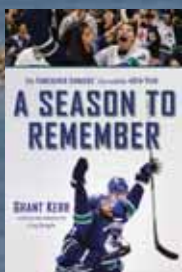
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EDITORIAL

Economic development starts at home

By Brian Lee



Up and down the Coast, one of the most consistently touted phrases in the recent election was “economic development.”

It's funny because, only four years ago, development was a bad word.

Most folks on the Coast thought there was too much of it or it was occurring too fast.

Now that the little boom is a distant memory, it seems we're back to where we were before.

We just have more idle excavators.

Winter now means that, before you visit a business on, say, a Tuesday, you check to make sure they will be open.

We also accept that a dinner outing is often spent dining eerily alone in a room of empty tables.

So we put our heads together to attract what we once resisted.

But we should be realistic about what we can achieve — we're stuck waiting for a loosening of purse strings just like everyone else.

One thing we can count on is that Sunshine Coast economics is pretty simple — when times are good, more money travels to Langdale than to Horseshoe Bay.

Now that times have soured, we can only control part of that equation.

It doesn't matter how much effort we invest in developing our economy if we turn around and carry that money back off the Coast and hand it to the Kirkland family.

I'll go on record and say I'm opposed to big box stores coming to the Coast. You only need to drive through Kelowna to see how the character of the Sunshine Coast Highway would dissolve into a corporate sign field and expansive parking lots.

But even though they might

squelch our already fragile retail environment, the big boxes would hire local people and pay local taxes.

In turn, the money that would have otherwise made the one-way trip on the ferry would filter back into our local economy and support our infrastructure.

We all have our reasons why we travel off-Coast to go shopping.

Sometimes it's a cost savings or sometimes it's better selection but, every time we do, we're plucking a feather from our own backside.

And it's even more important to shop at home in the winter because of a few inescapable facts about our future economy.

One is that it will rely on growth from an influx of aging boomers.

That's good but it carries at least one hazard — though retirees have money and spend it, many don't stick around for the winter.

I can't blame them for that but it means the differences between the seasonal peaks and troughs should continue to grow.

Ask just about any business owner — retail or hospitality especially — and they'll say they just hope to break even through winter.

Many will also tell you it may soon be impossible to “keep the lights on year-round.”

That may mean that if there's three or four choices for a dinner outing right now, it might drop to two. Or one.

The reality is that Pender Harbour and Egmont as we know it could cease to exist outside of the summer. There will still be people here but little else.

So this season, let's make the effort to give local businesses a reason to keep the lights on for us.

Merry Christmas.

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Join local author Howard White and photographer Dean van't Schip as they celebrate the release of the fully revised second edition of *The Sunshine Coast: From Gibsons to Powell River*. There will be an evening with the author and photographer, as they give a talk and slide show at the Pender Harbour Music School on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

PENDER HARBOUR CAROL SHIP CRUISE - DEC. 16, 6:30 P.M.

The Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron recently took over the responsibility for this 45-year tradition from Bill and Wilma Thompson. Carol ships will meet at 6:30 p.m. off the Millennium Park dock in Madeira Park to follow the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel *Iona C*. The cruise around the Harbour will be about an hour and a half in duration. All participants and their guests are invited to join squadron members for a potluck after-party (finger food only) in the Pender Harbour School of Music.

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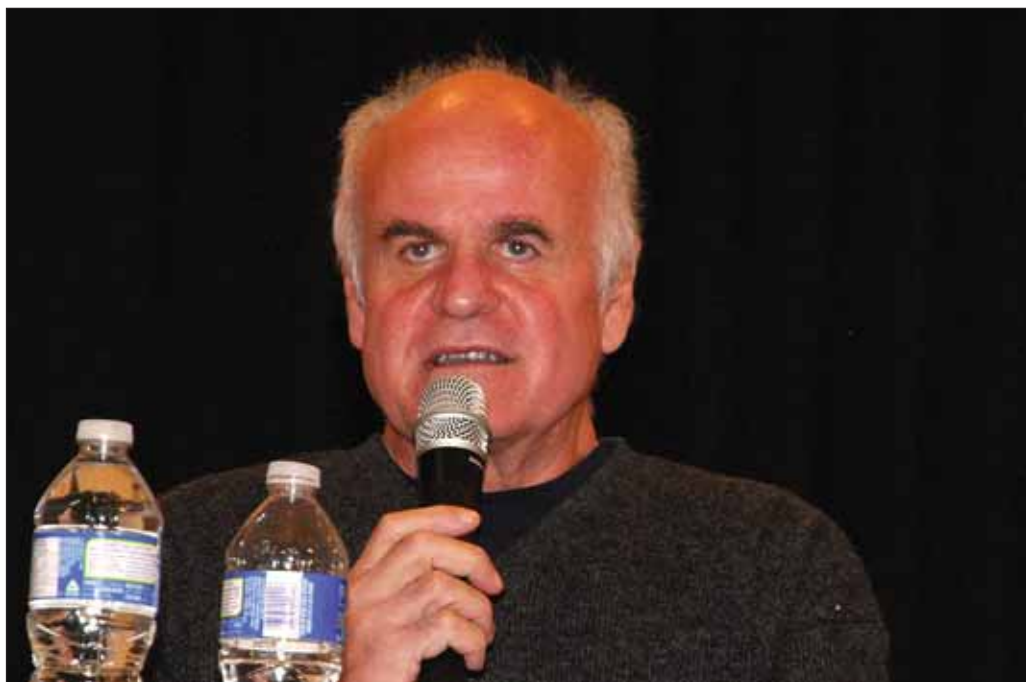
Mauro beat out Mike Carson in the Nov. 19 municipal election with 479 votes to Carson's 329.

There were no changes in the four other rural areas although who will represent the two municipalities at the SCRD board is yet to be determined.

Of the rural areas, Area A posted the highest turnout with 36 per cent of eligible voters taking to the polls.

An average of 32 per cent of voters in the SCRD's four rural areas cast a ballot versus a 50-per-cent voter turnout for the two municipalities.

Mauro's first official SCRD meeting will be on Dec. 8.



The soon-to-be director for Area A, Frank Mauro, makes his point at the Nov. 8 all-candidates meeting at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

Former Madeira Park resident busted for insurance fraud

A 23-year-old Sunshine Coast man has learned the hard way that filing a false insurance claim and police report can be costly.

In 2007, Jesse Germaniuk told police that he chained his 2002 Honda 600 motorcycle to a wooden post in the parking lot of the Pender Harbour Hotel in Madeira Park.

Germaniuk said he left town for a couple of days and when he returned the motorcycle had been stolen.

Germaniuk subsequently filed a stolen vehicle claim with ICBC and because he carried comprehensive insurance, which includes coverage for stolen vehicles, he was paid \$6,034.

He did not carry collision coverage on the motorcycle though, so had he been in a crash, he would not have been compensated for damages.

In 2010, ICBC received a tip about the claim through its fraud tips line.

ICBC's Special Investigation December 2011

Unit subsequently investigated the claim and determined that the motorcycle was not stolen as Germaniuk claimed.

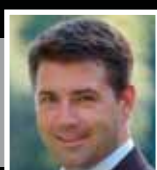
Investigators learned that Germaniuk had crashed his motorcycle into a pole and then salvaged the engine and other parts.

ICBC's SIU worked with Sechelt RCMP in a joint investigation that led to the seizure of the Honda engine and

other motorcycle parts and accessories from a shed on Germaniuk's property, following the execution of a search warrant.

After pleading guilty to fraud by filing a false claim in June 2011, Germaniuk was fined \$2,500, ordered to pay more than \$6,000 in restitution to ICBC and another \$375 in victim surcharge costs.

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Door opens for Pender Harbour private moorage applications

It seems the ongoing issue of stalled applications for foreshore leases within Pender Harbour has been resolved. Or has it?

In 2003, pressure from the Sechelt Indian Band persuaded Land and Water BC (the Crown corporation then responsible for processing foreshore licence applications) to halt the application process.

In an article in the June 2004 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, LWBC spokesperson Kim Kettyls said:

“People are taking up the foreshore area and denying them (SIB) access to their fishing rights. Their concern is that potential moorage is infringing on that right to harvest shellfish.”

“We’re engaged in a joint study with the Sechelt Indian Band to help resolve issues and develop strategies that will benefit everybody.”

At the time, Kettyls indicated he hoped for a resolution by 2005 but

none came; that despite a number of meetings between landowners, the SCRCD, LWBC and the SIB.

On Sept. 23, 2011, Keith Anderson, a manager with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (the government body now responsible for processing private moorage applications) issued a letter to SCRCD planner Andrew Allen.

In it, Anderson outlined new application requirements:

“The new requirements place considerably more onus on the applicants to provide quality information and largely require the use of a professional to prepare required application documents,” wrote Anderson.

One requirement is that new applicants “provide written confirmation from local government that their proposal complies with the existing zoning bylaws.”

After requesting further clarification specific to the Pender Harbour area, planner Teresa Fortin received an e-mail from Anderson on Oct. 27, 2011 stating:

“The Crown is willing to accept applications for private moorage in

Pender Harbour, each application will be received and a decision made on an application by application basis.”

An SCRCD staff report dated Oct. 5, stated that:

“The Crown has notified planning staff that they are processing applications for moorage in the Pender Harbour area. Crown staff have commented that in the past they were not accepting applications because of provincial discussions with the Shishálh First Nation.”

The report goes on to say, “There appears to have been an internal shift regarding the Crown’s approach. Apparently the Crown feels that talks have progressed such that they will be processing these applications.”

Sources close to the issue told the *Harbour Spiel* that representatives from the Sechelt Indian Band have indicated they do not support the decision.

A spokesperson for the Sechelt Indian Band declined to comment at this time on what role they may have had in the decision or what their current position is on foreshore applications in Area A or the Sunshine Coast.

The Oct. 5 SCRCD staff report noted that:

“These recent developments highlight the fact that there is no water zoning within electoral Area A. There has been a tradition of no zoning on the water in Pender Harbour.”

Staff indicated they would like to gauge the community’s interest regarding the potential expansion of private moorage facilities.

To do so, they recommended the SCRCD send a discussion package to Area A APC members for the Nov. 30 meeting and will summarize the results for a later planning and development committee meeting.

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Art auction caps another successful year for Pender Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour wrapped its biggest fundraiser of the year on Nov. 5 — the annual art auction at the Garden Bay Pub.

Despite what they admit is “a very tight economy,” the club generated a net return of over \$8,000.

The auction works on two levels.

The first is the silent auction for which artists offer their works and receive a percentage of sales on their items. The other is the live auction to which artists donate all revenue generated by their works.

The success of the art auction mirrors the variety of notable achievements the club has posted in 2011.

2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided bursaries for students at Pender Harbour High School.
- Sent seven youths to the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly.
- Sponsored the Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard races.
- Raised funds through the art auction, barbeques, P. H. Garlic Festival and wine-tasting event.
- Participated in the Show and Shine fundraiser for the Egmont Volunteer Fire Department and Youth Exchange.
- Donated to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign.
- Provided computers and software for special needs students at Pender Harbour High School.
- Constructed picnic tables for local community parks.
- Hosting and sending international exchange students.
- Construction of the John Daly Park salmon viewing platform.
- Instigated a herring enhancement project.
- International emergency relief funds.

Money raised by the art auction and other Rotary events goes directly to a variety of projects within Pender Harbour and Egmont.

But if asked, the members of the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour will likely be quick to divert any praise.

“It's a testament to the exceptional community support that we con-

tinue to enjoy and we thank everyone who contributed to this success,” read a recent press release.

If you would like to contribute to the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's 2012 fundraising campaign, they will be hosting their fourth annual Hop Scotch event on Jan. 14 at the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

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NEWS

Barker's *BC Navigator* burns, sinks.

A Pender Harbour maritime icon, the *BC Navigator* now sits on the ocean bottom beneath its owner's Panorama Drive dock after a fire on the morning of Nov. 22.

Tom Barker says he woke around 1:30 a.m. to flames shooting up from the cockpit of the 44-foot Spencer ketch moored below his home.

"It was like the worst nightmare you could imagine. I woke up and I saw light and I thought it was a fish-boat's spotlight," says Barker.

"So I lay back down and thought, 'You know that damn thing's not moving.' So I got up and, God, there were flames coming out of the boat at that time."

RCMP said the fire was likely

caused by a space heater.

Barker says he can't offer enough praise to members of the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department who worked quickly with limited access in a 30-knot gale to try to save the boat but settled for saving his dock instead.

Barker says he had the *BC Navigator* built to his specifications at the Spencer factory 33 years ago.

Barker and the *BC Navigator* helped start the Garden Bay Sailing Club in 1992 and it was a permanent fixture in the annual Malaspina Regatta and the club's weekly race.

The vessel was insured and at press time, still lay on the bottom waiting for salvage equipment to arrive.

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The crew of the *BC Navigator* keeps a wary eye on trailing competitors in the 2009 Malaspina Regatta.



The *BC Navigator* is seen here tacking through the Harbour in 2007 during one of the Garden Bay Sailing Club's weekly Saturday races.



Fed up with the mess at the old gravel pit near McNeill Lake, Don White donated the services and equipment of his Indian Isle Construction for an afternoon on Nov. 21. Here White loads a dump container with the accumulation from years of backroad hootenannys. The material took two full container loads with landfilling costs donated by the SCRD. In the foreground is a smaller container crammed full of shot-up metal appliances. Yee-haw.



No matter how many fires you have, some things will still just not burn. MacNeill Lake forest service road gravel pit offers proof of combustion theory.

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LETTERS

Crawford offended by (off?) colour satire

Dear Editor,

I usually read Shane McCune's column with some amusement — that seems to be its purpose, after all.

So, I was looking at the November issue and smiling at his list of proposed rants.

(Yes, bring back the DeSoto!) until I came to:

"Where did all these coloured people come from?"

Honestly, my jaw dropped. One certainly does not have to be "coloured" to find such a remark offensive.

Is that something you'd like to

read if you were one of those "coloured people?" How lovely and welcoming.

He should know better.

You should know better.

This wasn't in a letter to the editor. You're not responsible for what things people come up with in letters.

This is a regular column which leads one to think you endorse — or at least tolerate — such a remark.

There needs to be a retraction and an apology.

I am truly disappointed.

Sharon Crawford
Madeira Park

The racist McCune responds

Dear Editor,

Explanation kills satire, but here goes:

Those proposed rant topics were intended to mock the late Andy Rooney. And yes, I thought twice about that last one.

But I left it in as a reference to the fact that Rooney was out of touch, not only with modern popular culture and technology, but with ethnic sensitivity.

He famously refused to say "African-American" and insisted that "negro" was a perfectly acceptable

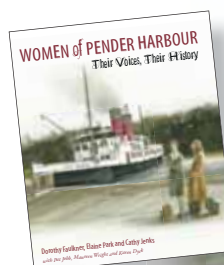
term. Which it was, in 1964. Just as "coloured" was in 1934.

Sometimes I share with Rooney an old man's impatience with shifting trends and taboos, although I recognize that my disdain for euphemism and hyper-daintiness must take a back seat to the sensitivities of visible minorities.

In that spirit I encourage Ms. Crawford to share her displeasure with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

They *really* should know better.

Shane McCune
Comox



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Mauro offers thanks

Dear Editor

Thank you to the voters of Egmont/Pender Harbour for selecting me as your representative to the SCRD.

I appreciate your show of confidence and look forward to the challenges ahead and to our working together to achieve the goals and

objectives that will benefit us all.

It speaks volumes of our residents' engagement that our Area had the highest voter turnout in the SCRD rural areas.

I would also like to recognize Mike Carson for his willingness to step onto the public stage, his hard work and his commitment to his campaign.

My deepest gratitude to: my wife for her assistance, encouragement and support; all those who endorsed me publicly, particularly those who worked hard to make the endorsements known to all; and a special thanks to my nominators and those offering guidance during the campaign.

Frank Mauro
Garden Bay

So does Carson

Dear Editor,

A huge thank you to the people of Pender Harbour and my volunteers and congratulations to Frank for a good campaign.

Improving the total voter turnout was an early goal in my campaign and

I was pleased to see that we exceeded 800 people this time.

I sincerely hope that whichever candidate they supported, all Pender Harbourites will support the new director, keep him informed with your feedback and questions, urge him to keep an open mind and work for the

betterment of Pender Harbour and the entire Sunshine Coast.

A lot of positive thoughts came out of this election process and I remain optimistic and committed to our community and hope you will too.

Mike Carson
Middlepoint

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Saturday, December 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will come alive with great music and pool games. This is a youth friendly environment for grades 7 to 12. Admission is \$2 and includes prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome for regular admission.

Happy Holidays!

Join us on Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for some Christmas fun family style. Special family admission is \$8.

Aquafit Christmas and Pot Luck Brunch

On Friday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Santa and his helpers will be on site for a fun-filled Christmas themed class followed by a pot luck brunch.

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27 to 30—eight days of activities for only \$20.11! It entitles adults, seniors, children, youth, and families access to all swim and gym times, dryland and aquafit classes—as many times as you want. If you already have a membership, we will suspend your pass for access after December 30, 2011 so you can take advantage of the special offer.

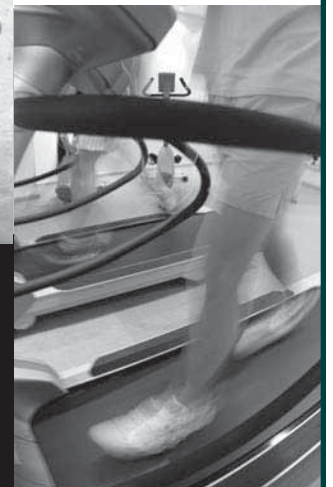
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The Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be closed on Saturday December 17, December 23 to 26, and December 31 and January 1.

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Graham's last piece of Groundwork



*By Eric Graham,
Area A Director*

This will be my last submission as your regional director.

I would first like to thank Mike Carson and Frank Mauro for putting their names forward as candidates.

I think they proved to be very worthy candidates and ran good campaigns.

I was glad to see the all candidates forum was well attended and I thought very important questions were asked and answered. I was also happy to see the voter turnout was the best of all four rural areas and the highest in Area A in many years at 37 per cent.

Congratulations to Frank Mauro for his victory and I will do my best to help with a smooth transition.

I would also like to congratulate Frank on his selection of alternate director Len Lee, who was born and raised here and whose family goes back generations (Lee Bay, Lee Bay Road). It will be a good team.

In the past three years I have so many to thank:

The biggest thanks must go to Barrie Wilbee (my alternate director), who had to step in and take over my position with no notice and did an outstanding job, especially at budget time. (I assure you it was not planned!)

There is a saying that, "If you pick the busiest person in the room, they will step in and get the job done."

Barrie proved that.

I would also like to thank the many advisory groups I have worked with starting with the Area A planning advisory group, the Area A bus advisory group, the solid waste advisory,

the parks and recreation advisory, the P. H. Aquatic Society, GRIPS, the P. H. Community School staff and board, the Pender Harbour Community Club and the Egmont Community Club — just to name a few.

The Madeira Park/Garden Bay Volunteer Fire Department and the Egmont Volunteer Fire Department stake their lives doing their job protecting our property when called upon and deserve much recognition.

There are so many other volunteer groups but you know who you are and thanks so much for making our small community a better place to call home.

There have been many issues that have come up over the past three years but I think the biggest one was the turning of our landfill into a transfer station. It is unfortunate that all the other directors voted in favour of this but I am glad to say that I have a commitment from them that this will not happen until the present footprint is filled.

Just recently and because Area A has improved our recycling habits, it has been predicted that the life of the landfill could be extended to 2013.

There have been many successes and I think one of the biggest was receiving over \$5 million in federal and provincial grants for improvements to the South and North Pender Harbour water systems.

It was also a relief to finally get the bus on the road but, after a year of trying to increase the ridership, I think most people will agree that, with our population spread out over such a vast area, a bigger population is needed to make a bus service affordable.

Another success was a large grant for the renovation of the Pender pool. Without it only about half of

the renovation would have been done. We now have a pool that we can be proud of for another 30 years.

It was a proud moment for me when we welcomed the Olympic torch through our community. Thanks to the organizers for their role in making this happen.

Also, I have to mention the Sun Coast Trail and the \$500,000 funding that allowed the connection of a bunch of trails to create a first-class biking and walking trail from Earl's Cove to Halfmoon Bay (37 kilometres).

In the 1990s a group of volunteers started this project and we have to thank them or this project wouldn't have happened.

This will eventually become part of a trail "from ferry to ferry." Those that can, please use it.

There are many projects that are not yet finished. At the top of my list is the construction of a much larger and improved recycling plant in Area A.

A great deal of hard work has been done so far and it is going to take a great deal of capital funding for this to happen but it should make our area a much healthier area to live in.

Rather than burying all our garbage, recycling is expensive but the only way to go.

Also, we are in the planning stage for a water plant in Egmont. The pipes and the fire hydrants are in and the water plant is designed but funding has to be found before the plant can be built.

I have been asked if I'm glad to hand over the reigns and my answer is that I will regret doing the job for only one term.

When I was on council in Fort St. John (pop. 14,000), I looked forward to seeking a second term because it is

like a report card. If you get in by a larger majority you have done a good job; this I will never know. I must say I have had many kind words but one does not know. I do know that because of my medical condition I could not continue. There are so many long days down in Sechelt. There have been days when meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and have gone past 10 p.m. and then it is an hour drive home. I couldn't do that anymore and the board and staff have to do something

about this as it makes it extremely difficult to make good decisions after 10 hours of continuous meetings.

I would also like to thank my fellow seven SCRD board members for their dedication to serve the people of the Sunshine Coast and also the management and staff at the SCRD for their help over the past three years. You are a good, hard-working bunch.

By listing projects and individuals/groups, one runs the risk of missing people and I know I have done

this but not on purpose, so to the ones I missed, I apologize. It has been an honor and privilege serving you for the past three years.

Lastly I would be amiss if I did not say how important it is to be able to have this column in the Harbour Spiel every month. It is important that your director is able to communicate what is happening at the SCRD and in Area A. Thanks to Brian Lee for the opportunity and, for many times, his patience.



MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

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December 1 at 1:30 p.m.

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December 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
December 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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December 15 at 9:30 a.m.

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December 22 at 1:30 p.m.

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Halloween pet contest

Though most of the contestants taking part in the Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital Halloween pet contest looked thoroughly humiliated, those who came to view their photos were all smiles.

The Madeira Park Veterinary Clinic held a contest for the best pet Halloween costume leading up to Halloween.



Second place: Nadia (Terry Griffin)



First place: Badger (Kelly Reid)



Third place: Barbi (Dilys Williams)



First place (cats): Zeus (Diana DeGraaf)



photo submitted

Marjorie Mackay cuts the cake (donated by the Pender Harbour Health Centre) to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Harbourside Friendships.



Heather Smith photo

Some hams at the Backeddy Pub wanted their picture in the paper. Proving flattery works are (l-r): Pia Sillem, George Connell and Emily Payne.



photo submitted

A bright fall backdrop welcomed the procession that made its way through Madeira Park before ending at the Royal Canadian Legion for Remembrance Day services last month.

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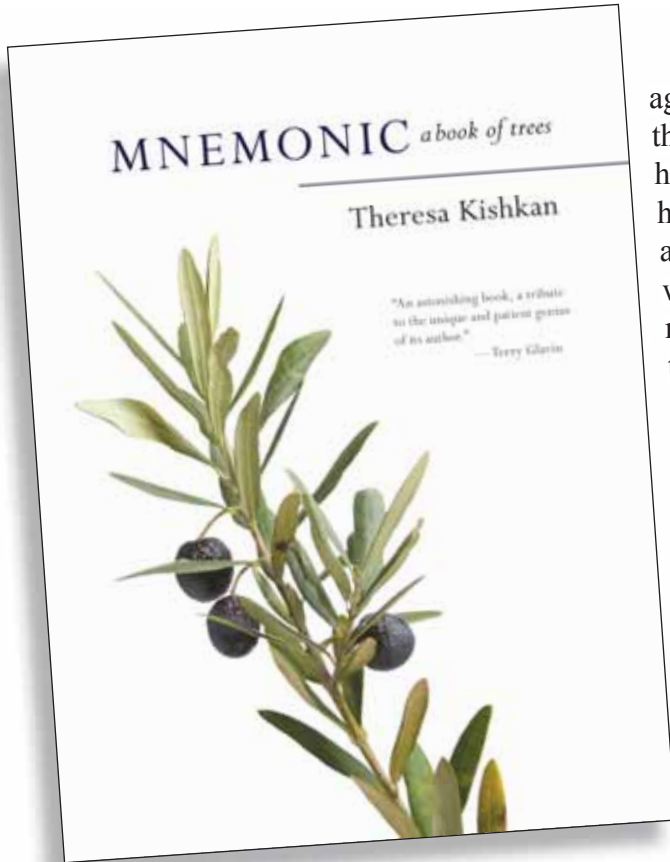


Special book excerpt: Theresa Kishkan's *Mnemonic: A Book of Trees*

By Theresa Kishkan

*Midway on our life's journey, I found myself
in dark woods, the right road lost. To tell
about those woods is hard — so tangled and rough . . .*

— The Inferno of Dante, Canto 1, lines 1-3



On a forested acreage on the north end of the Sechelt Peninsula, my husband John and I built a house, raised our children, and sent them off into the world. Most mornings of my adult life, I've awoken to these woods. They are never the same though you'd have to live here to know that. For instance, in wind, the trees bend and arc wildly, some of them falling to earth but usually deep within the woods, not near the house, so visitors wouldn't know of their demise. At those times, I find myself wondering about their secret lives

for it seems that they thrash and sway in joy, like Bacchantes. And stories abound of trees that live as people live, with the same sorrows and pleasures.

In winter, in snow, the evergreens are most perfectly themselves, heavily burdened. In late winter, the alder stems and buds are russet, giving way to green in spring; in fall, the alder leaves don't turn orange or yellow but dull brown, or they fall still green to the ground. Sometimes I glimpse an unexpected flutter of white down the bank below the house and eventually realize that the dogwoods are out, the bracts as large as Kleenex surrounding the small greenish-purple flowers. In fall, the leaves of the dogwoods are gorgeous, deep pink and scarlet.

In high summer, no one would know that each spring the arbutus tree looks as though it's dying; this is because there are plants around it that I water over the summer and the arbutus receives too much irrigation for its liking. It does survive, though.

There are many maples in our woods, some of them mossy with age. Ten years ago, in autumn, I called a painter friend to ask, "If you were painting the bigleaf maples right now, would you use Naples yellow?" He mused for a bit, answered, "No, they're too orange," then called me back to say, "Yes."

A neighbour's daughter once raced down a forest trail with a huge fallen maple leaf on her face, keeping it in place by holding her face up, laughing as she ran. A perfect disguise, I thought, so close to Halloween.

In a treatise on oratory, *On the Ideal Orator (De Oratore)*, the Roman statesman Cicero advises the training of one's memory, specific to oration and rhetoric, in a systematic and logical manner called a method of loci.

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particular features of the building and forming an image of the two, a structural mnemonic is created. Variations of this discipline existed and persisted well beyond antiquity and traces remain in our contemporary figures of speech: “in the first place, in the second place,” we say to keep our place in an argument or discourse.

I had this in mind — those palaces of memory. Every time I found myself remembering, I tried to walk myself through a gracious building with nooks and window seats.

Instead, I had such a clear and visceral sensation — more than a picture, more than an image — of a tree. The smell of dry grass carried memories of fire and the trees that presided over those memories were the Garry oaks of Vancouver Island where I lived as a child. Recalling a brief romance on a Greek island — I was surrounded by olive trees, their grey-green leaves shimmering in the heat of that lost time.

I also had in mind John Evelyn’s *Sylva: A Discourse of Forest Trees & the Propagation of Timber in His Majesties Dominions*. Ostensibly, the book is an inventory of Britain’s arboreal holdings undertaken to address the shortage of timber available for shipbuilding (and thus exploration), transportation of every sort, fuel for the manufacturing of glass, smelting tin and iron, brewing, cloth dyeing, and for domestic use; in short, the necessities of Empire. Evelyn achieves this, but the book is also a love song to trees in all their nuanced beauty. He wrote:

“Here I am again to give a general notice of the peculiar excellency of the roots of most trees, for fair, beautiful, chamleted and lasting timber, applicable to many purposes; such

as formerly made hafts for daggers, hangers, knives, handles for staves, tobacco-boxes, and elegant joiners-work, and even for some mathematical instruments of the larger size, to be had either in, or near the roots of many trees . . .”

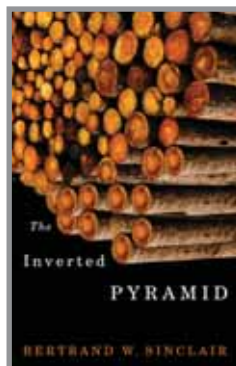
In the first place . . . What do I know about the habits of trees? I’m not a botanist and barely passed high-school biology. I can name them, count them, keep lists of their occurrence in landscapes familiar and far-flung. How we once saw a Douglas fir on a ledge of rock at Island in the Sky, within Canyonlands National Park in Utah, far from its usual range. How I went to the western red cedars at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, when I lived for a time in London and touched their bark for the remnant perfume on my hands. What do I know about them? I intend to find out. I intend to revisit, in memory, significant trees of my past, assisted by field guides and assorted historical texts which have informed my process of learning and seeing.

In the second place . . . Could I write my life by remembering the groves, imaginary or real, of my childhood, my girlhood, the painful years of young adulthood, of motherhood? Separated by time, by geography, by mythology — for who among us

doesn’t embroider in order to find the pattern of beauty and meaning in the plain clothing of experience? — the trees in the grove would congregate with botanical unease perhaps at first, those accustomed to the Libyan Sea touching boughs with those growing along the edges of the Salish Sea. But I think of the teaching gardens, the “physick” gardens, the utilitarian gardens of subsistence, and I hope that my memory plantation might have something to say about relationships between species without any apparent connection. Companion plantings, if you like.

My children have left home, the house echoing with their absence; yet like young trees their shadows leave us with a story told by the fire, season after season. In the shadows I see myself, dreaming my way back to the beginning. I found myself in dark woods . . . But not completely dark. Sunlight filtered through the wide boughs of maples. To tell about those woods is hard . . . I will tell of the trees, their bark and their shady leaves, each of them in its place. I have a few good guides to help me with my tale.

Theresa Kishkan’s *Mnemonic: A Book of Trees* was published by Goose Lane Editions this fall and is now available in bookstores.



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Bichon frise showing aggression



By John Wade

Hi John,

My husband and I rescued a male bichon frise that we named Trace.

He's 13 months old and we've had him for about six months.

I know he was neglected and abused. I am starting to see bad

behaviour in him.

I have another dog that is very gentle and so sweet.

We take her to a nursing home and she just loves everyone and behaves wonderfully.

We tried taking Trace with us and now he is not allowed to go as he nipped someone going onto the elevator.

We did not see it, but I am sure

he did as he nips at pant legs.

For the first time since we had him he nipped at my father and my sister and she is already afraid of dogs.

My heart just aches over this. I have small children in my family and we had to use a muzzle on him because he was lunging and snarling at them.

The big one happened yesterday, my girlfriend put her hand into the car and let Trace sniff her hand.

All was good, then she proceeded to rub his head and he attacked the sleeve of her jacket.

Thank God it was not her skin. I need to nip this in the bud now.

This is putting stress on us. Trace is 13 months old.

Maggy

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Hi Maggy,

Most people would think the “nipping it in the bud” boat sailed a while back.

Back when he was grabbing at your pant legs might have been nipping it in the bud.

Once you start needing a muzzle and using words like “attacked” and “thank God” you’re not talking about a bud.

You’re talking about the full bloom or near full bloom of a bad weed about to go to seed and more in need of a scythe rather than snips to cut it back to a more manageable size.

He’s awfully young to be confident enough to be throwing his weight around like that.

It always worries me when I hear of a dog this age “lunging and snarling.”

Sometimes it means they have a screw loose but there is a hint in your letter that it might be something else.

Sometimes when people with another dog in the household, or who have owned other dogs that have been gentle and sweet by nature, get a dog with a little more spunk they create a monster by raising them the same way.

Sticking with the gardening theme, some plants naturally grow

straight and true.

Not many though.

Most need a little pruning and straightening out once in a while.

You may have cultivated your own bad weed without realizing it.

One way to find out is to expose him to a balanced trainer.

Anyone with experience will be able to tell you in short order whether he has an attitude problem or has some wires crossed.

Even if it’s the former you’ll have your work cut out for you for two reasons.

The first is you’re not going to undo the last six months overnight, which means your family and friends are going to be at risk for some time.

The second, and perhaps the most significant, is learning the gardening skills needed to turn a fallow field into a cultivated one.

But when it comes to aggressive dogs, not everyone has a green thumb.

Pawsitively yours,
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Selling woes and November blows



By Alan Stewart

Our glorious autumn forests have lost their golden highlights as the maples and alders shed the last of their leaves, surrendering to the unceasing winds of November.

Those of you who joined me at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day and enjoyed a glorious morning of sunshine and mild temperatures, know just how quickly things can change.

In just minutes the contemplative, peaceful day was whipped into a tumultuous whirlwind that took out the power and left us all wondering if our homes would stay planted on their foundations.

In the same way we expect the winter weather to roll in, we all expect a change in the real estate climate at this time of year as sellers hunker down for the dreary months of winter, feeling a little more anxious about their ability to effect a sale.

Particularly for recreational home owners, selling a cottage in the dark of winter may seem like a hopeless venture and, as a small scale real estate investor, I can attest to the fact personally.

While I've bought and sold a number of properties over the past 10 years, I had never taken on a renovation project, fearing potential cost overruns and the amount of hands on work involved.

But I've seen a lot of my clients do very well with these types of investments and so I thought I'd give it a go.

Working with a few partners and the original homeowner, we set out



to establish a reasonable renovation budget and a reasonable return on our investment.

We spent weekends and evening tearing down walls and helping contractors in building decks, laying flooring, installing cabinet, and painting everything inside and out.

After eight months of work and a significant outlay of cash, we were ready to put the property on the market.

Knowing that our emotional investment and our interest in making a profit ("greed") might skew our perception of value, we sought input from other Realtors as to what they felt would be the right listing price.

Then like every other seller, we put it on the market five per cent higher than they suggested.

And then we waited.

After six weeks, we took our colleagues' advice and moved the price to where they had suggested, hoping not to have missed the attention of any

buyers during that valuable summer selling time.

We visited the property often, adding little touches and keeping the yard and garden looking great.

We made our mortgage payments every two weeks... and we waited.

In October, with the long days of summer behind us and winter fast approaching, we started to think about our options:

What about renting?

The potential damage to the floors and appliances could really affect the selling price. And what if the tenants don't take care of the yard?

What if we find a buyer that needs a quick possession? And is November really a good time to look for renters?

What if we take it off the market?

I've always told my clients that if it isn't listed it isn't going to sell.

But will anyone be interested in a

property that's been on the market for over a year?

What if we drop the price? We had already dropped the price down with no effect. How low would we have to go to effect a sale now that the summer is over? That could be ugly.

And then, in late October, we had a good showing with a Realtor whose clients loved the renovation and appreciated the amount of work we had done.

Then they looked at it again.
Then they made us an offer.

It wasn't good. After a long negotiation, with both sides digging in their heels, my partners and I broke and decided to give the buyers some of our hard earned cash and all our hard work.

Why? At the end of the day, we didn't want the headache of carrying the property through the winter.

We agreed that while we expect the market to start improving soon, there were simply no guarantees that next years' market will be any better.

We also appreciated that every mortgage payment we made went directly against our bottom line and that there was a real lost opportunity cost to waiting any longer to sell the house.

So, you lick your wounds and move on, with a slightly larger line of credit debt than you had when you started but with a new appreciation of the stresses that every seller feels when going through the experience.

My advice to all sellers is to separate your emotional attachment to a property and heed the advice of your Realtor whose perception isn't skewed by all your hard work and happy memories.

In hindsight I'm convinced that if we had taken my colleagues advice, we would have sold the property

sooner and for more money.

My advice to buyers is to seek out motivated sellers, just like me.

Every week I hear Realtors saying, "It's a good time to be a buyer!" as deals skid across our desks that are too good to be true.

There are many homeowners out

there who fear reducing the listing will have no effect but are very willing to negotiate a good deal.

So, don't be afraid to write the offer — you just never know.

Please send any suggestions for future columns to alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com

Grinders... beware.

Have you ever been told that you grind your teeth or do you wake up in the morning with an aching jaw?

Most people exhibit some signs of wear to their teeth, whether from tooth grinding, poor bite alignment, acid erosion, or some other oral habit.

Tooth wear can be a major dental problem.

Once tooth wear has progressed through the strong outer enamel to the soft inner dentin of a tooth, the rate of wear accelerates.

Back teeth lose their functioning cusps which aid in chewing, and front teeth get short and start to chip.

Tooth wear often happens so slowly that even though a person has worn away as much as one third to one-half of their front teeth, they may not even be aware of it.

It is sort of like gaining weight — it usually happens slowly so you have time to get used to it.

Front tooth wear is often un-

even and produces a crooked smile line.

Early treatment of wear would include wearing of a night guard to protect the teeth from night time grinding, control of acids (fruit juice, soft drinks and acidic foods) and alignment of the bite through selective bite adjustment or orthodontics and possible minor restoration of worn teeth.

If wear is severe, there are restorative options available, which can restore function and esthetics.

Early prevention of dental problems is always our first choice.

So even if you do not have symptoms sometimes it is desirable to fix it now and avoid more serious complications in the future.

If you would like to know more about preventive options available to you to help you to achieve your long-term dental goals, please ask one of the dentists or friendly staff members at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.



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The Pender Harbour Community School Society has a new look.

This fall, while the rhythms of the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival rocked our community, the Pender Harbour Community School's board of directors and co-ordinator rocked with Marg Penney of Penney and Associates to create a vibrant new vision, mission and set of guiding principles to complement our already unique and embracing community:

Our Vision is to be: "A self-sustaining organization supporting a variety of opportunities including capacity building and direct services for individuals and groups in the greater Pender Harbour communities."

Our Mission is to "Collaborate with individuals and groups to sustain a vibrant healthy community by offering education/learning and skills development opportunities, as well as supporting services."

Our Guiding Principles are:

- *Respect for and valuing of diversity, individual difference and abilities.*
- *Honesty.*
- *Successful accomplishment.*
- *Effectiveness.*
- *Inclusiveness.*
- *Trust.*
- *Fairness.*
- *Community commitment.*
- *Energy and enthusiasm.*
- *Balance between learning and recreation.*
- *Team spirit.*
- *Love.*
- *Recognition that differences enrich.*
- *Openness.*
- *Collaborative spirit.*
- *Clarity of decision-making.*
- *Accountability.*

Your community school's staff and board of directors want to extend our gratitude to all those who have been involved and who remain supportive of our shared commitment to education, recreation and leisure in the greater Pender Harbour communities. A special thank you to Jan Smalley, the former community school co-ordinator, who created a rich environment conducive to growth and adaptation. Thank you to the many volunteers, donors, contractors and staff who have been dedicated in their agenda to serve the people of Pender Harbour/Area A. The foundations of your work and passion are strengthening and inspiring.

Your Pender Harbour Community School Society, in collaboration with our community members and funders, are committed to ensuring that students at the Pender Harbour Secondary School receive healthy breakfasts. The community school currently operates a breakfast program five days a week where 450 breakfasts a month are served. This program is facilitated by Darcie Murray and Kim Foster. Our approach to the breakfast program is: "When children and youth are well-nourished, they perform better in school." (Visit www.breakfastforlearning.ca/en/how-to-help/canadas-children-need-a-national-nutrition-program to learn more.)

Your community school also provides a Family and Youth Mentoring program, facilitated by Darcie Murray, in order to: "Provide family and youth specific programming, one-to-one supportive counseling, mentorship and restorative justice. It is our core belief that if we feed the souls of families we fuel the hearts of youth."

Your Community School also operates a literacy program, facilitated by Kim Foster, with an objective to: "Create opportunities for the development of individual and community literacy in Pender Harbour and Egmont." The program is overseen by the Pender Harbour Literacy Steering Committee and is made up of representatives

from the Pender Harbour Community School, the Pender Harbour Reading Centre, Egmont Community Club, representatives of other community agencies in Pender Harbour and Egmont, the literacy outreach co-ordinator for Capilano University and the Sunshine Coast Literacy Council.

Through the literacy program, we offer a tutoring and sponsorship program offering tutoring in many disciplines including English, math, music, science, writing, arts, cultural studies computer, certification courses and more. If the subject in which you need tutoring support is not listed, please contact us and we will work with you to satisfy your request. Sponsorship is accessible to any individual who is experiencing the impacts of poverty and who requires this service.

Your community school has recently contracted Paola Stewart to facilitate the recreation program. Paola works in collaboration with Deb Cole, manager of the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre, to develop and deliver recreational programs of interest to all ages in the greater Pender Harbour communities.

Your community school also operates a Community Access Centre where you can use a computer with internet service Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We invite you to contact us and be a part of informing the direction, education, leisure and recreation options in your community.



The board thanks Jody Miles for her energy, creativity and enthusiasm while working for the P. H. Community School.

We would also like to thank Diana Rae for her many years of hard work and commitment.

We wish them both well in their future endeavors.



photos submitted

A true Pender Harbour pioneer, Olive Collins recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A birthday party was held in her honour at the Shorncliffe Intermediate Care facility in Sechelt where she now lives. She received birthday wishes from Prime Minister Harper and BC MLAs. Collins was born on Oct. 20, 1911 in North Vancouver. She is mentioned in *Women of Pender Harbour*. (See p. 40 in this issue of the *Harbour Spiel* for a story about Olive's husband Jim Collins' mysterious 1974 disappearance.)

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P. H. POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON CAROL CRUISE

To continue the 45-year tradition set by Wilma and Bill Thompson, the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron will host a Carol Ship Cruise around the Harbour on the evening of Friday, Dec. 16. The squadron invites all boat owners in the community to participate although boats should be decorated with Christmas lights. Carol ships will meet at 6:30 p.m. off the Millennium Park Dock in Madeira Park to follow the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel Iona C. The cruise around the Harbour will be about an hour and a half in duration.

All participants and their guests are invited to join squadron members for a potluck after-party (finger food only) in the Pender Harbour School of Music. The Pender Harbour Choir will sing, and lead the group in carol singing. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available at the cash bar as well as complimentary coffee and tea. Please bring a dish of festive finger food to share. The Pender Harbour School of Music will open at 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to view the start and finish of the cruise.

If you would like to participate, please advise Charlie Park at cpark@dccnet.com or (604) 883-0453.

RUBY LAKE LAGOON SOCIETY

The Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society will be running a series of workshops over the next few months themed around protecting and enhancing local biodiversity. Come out on Dec. 11 for our first two workshops:

1. Tasty Treats for Wild Birds: A presentation on winter bird feeding followed by a hands-on activity in making treats for your backyard feathered friends (1 - 2:30 p.m.).

2. Deck the Halls with Boughs of ... Oregon Grape! A guided walk and workshop in harvesting native plants to create festive and beautiful wreaths, swags and centre pieces (2:45 - 4:15 p.m.).

Both workshops are free, and will be held at the Iris Griffith Nature Interpretive Centre (1 km South of Ruby Lake on Hwy 101). Pre-registration is required. Contact the centre at: (604) 883-9201 or email: info@lagoonsociety.com.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Dec. 6, the Women's Connection will host their annual Christmas luncheon and fashion show from the Bargain Barn. This will be held at the Legion in Madeira Park and starts at 11:30 a.m. Tickets have been sold in advance, only ladies holding tickets can attend.

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AGM and awards mark the end of the 2011 golf year



By Jan Watson

The golf course is still in great shape although there are a few wet spots thanks to the rain.

We have had some nice sunny days and it still brings out the golfers.

Winter rates are in effect and we ask that players check in at the restaurant to pay their fees and to rent power carts as the Pro Shop is closed for the winter.

Please stay on cart paths at all times.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Pender Harbour Golf Club Society held its annual general meeting on Oct. 15 and following are changes to the board of directors:

Bruce Forbes remains as president for another year, leaving Jan Watson to continue as past president.

Directors also remaining on the board:

Lorne Campbell (finance), Wayne Babcock (publicity), Ron Needham (house) and Shelley Stunell (pro shop).

Newly elected to the board are: Brett Hallborg (greens chairman), Cathy McEachern (secretary and membership director).

Brian Disney is men's captain for another year and Wendy Simmonds the ladies' captain.

AWARDS NIGHT

The awards night banquet followed the AGM and was once again a joint event between the men and the ladies.

The presentations followed a lovely prime rib and chicken dinner.



Captain Brian Disney presented trophies to the men's champions that were present.

Senior men's champion and Art Bishop Trophy: Rusty Ellis.

Jim Menzies Award and skins winner: Brian Disney.

The ladies vice-captain, Kathy Needham, presented trophies to Ladies Champion Jan Watson and Crabb Cup match play champion Heather Cranston.

There were lots of other awards made and a good time was had by all.

HALLOWEEN SCRAMBLE

Several teams took part in the scramble on Oct. 29 and, after a late start due to a long board meeting, the following team came in first with a 33: Al Wendland, Brett Hallborg, Ian and "lights out" putter Jackie Grant.

Runners up after a count back were Doug Rae, Lynne Cameron, Merv and Roberta Oleksyn with 34.

Congratulations to Mike Reid who shot his best game ever with a one under par 71 off the white tees on Oct. 25.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and good health and happiness for 2012.

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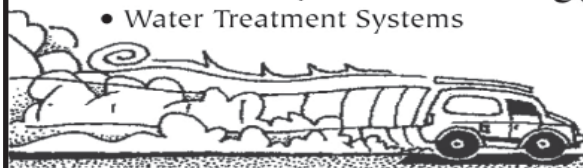
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Rustlers, wranglers, cowpokes cram into the Egmont Community

By Beverly Saunders
(Photos: Beverly Saunders
and Heather Smith.)

A hearty "Welcome to the Egmont Saloon!" greeted gamblers and cowpeople as you enter the Egmont Community Hall on Nov. 12.

After being handed your gambling stake and getting a colourful

bandana tied around their neck, you're pushed through the swinging saloon doors into a different time.

For one night a year, the Egmont Community Hall is transformed into a western saloon with gaming tables of blackjack and poker and a large roulette wheel.

This year another game was added, Crown and Anchors, inherited

from the recently closed Welcome Beach Hall in Halfmoon Bay.

The sold-out event packs the hall with ornery rustlers with itchy trigger fingers. So getting to the bar to wet your whistle without starting a gunfight can be tricky.

When you make it there without incident, bartenders happily serve up a drink in an Egmont Saloon shot glass.



Hall for casino night

The poker table is full so you head over to the photographer for a souvenir photo or amble along the silent auction table.

On the way back to the blackjack tables, a young server approaches with a tray of smoked salmon appetizers.

That's just the start of what will be a variety of lip-smackin' vittles served throughout the night.

The hall is packed with smiling faces and you reckon you could get used to this — but only if you remember to reserve your tickets early for next year.

Funds raised at Egmont Saloon Night go toward the Egmont Community Hall project.

The club continues to improve the heritage building after completing

a cement perimeter foundation last year.

Sponsors were: Imperial Concrete Floors/Dennis Lavasseur, Rona Sunshine Coast, Smilin' Cowboy Landscaping, Pat Thibodeau, Dean Bosch Contracting, Don and Sue Carlson, LaFarge, Skookumchuck Marine Retreat, Egmont Lions Club and Backeddy Pub and Marina.





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Harbour Seals of approval to **Matt Williams** and his **father Derek** for coming to our rescue at Ruby Lake on Nov. 11. We had misnavigated down a steep driveway and couldn't get back up. Thanks again for coming to our aid on a cold dark night.

Kathy and Michael Gray

A gigantic Seal of Approval to **all who donated to the recent "Bucks for Books" drive** at the Pender Harbour Reading Centre. The dollars raised will purchase 100 more books.

Lori Rymes/P. H. Reading Centre

Harbour Seals of Approval to **everyone who donated to the 2011 Legion Poppy Fund. Also to P.H.S.S. Band, P. H. Choir, P. H. Pipe Band, and all the volunteers and participants** who made our Remembrance Day ceremony very special.

Margaret Deacon
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Harbour Seals to all who made the first annual Breast Cancer fundraiser a great success. Heartfelt thanks to **Judy Renouf, Kelly Little, Becky Knowles, Janet McIntosh, Tess Strauss, Jean Currie, Dr. Loreen Dawson, Oak Tree Market, IGA and Copper Sky Cafe.**

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Seals of Approval to **Ron and Marita Johnson** who again offered up the Garden Bay Pub as action central for our annual art auction. With the exceptional support of the community including artists and bidders we raised \$8,000 toward Rotary projects.

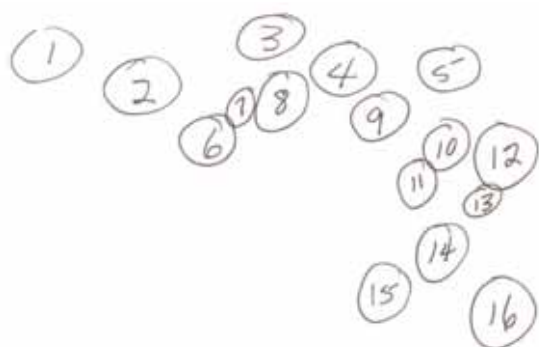
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Huge seals to everyone who helped us finally get the Jager launched: **Sue Richardson and Roland Lussier, Keray and Susan Farrell, Dave Dubberly, Roy Williamson and everyone at Pen. Diesel, Stephanie and Geoff Warner, Jeff Russell, Bjarne Toftrup, Mark Lacroix, Rod Webb, Dave and his father Bob and Max at Van Yacht Club.**

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Marie Davidson photo collection



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| 6. unknown | 14. Harold Klein |
| 7. unknown baby | 15. Joe Lee |
| 8. unknown | 16. Gordon Klein |



The missing names in last month's photo have now been filled in by Egmont's Heather Smith (née West):

"The man on the right is Fred Vaughan, middle is his dad George Vaughan and my dad John West is on the left in the white shirt."



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People who are obese are at a much higher risk for serious medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, gallbladder or liver disease and certain types of cancers.

Aside from the medical complications, obesity is also linked to psychosocial problems such as low self esteem, guilt, emotional stress, trauma, discrimination, difficulty finding employment and reduced quality of life.

Obesity occurs when your body consumes more calories than it burns.

Significant contributing factors are overeating and lack of exercise but we must also recognize that obesity is a complex medical problem that involves genetic, environmental, behavioural and social factors.

All of these play a role in determining a person's weight.

DIAGNOSIS OF OBESITY

The diagnosis of obesity is usually based on a physical examination and a patient history.

The body mass index and waist circumference measurement are two tools used by health professionals to help assess your risk of developing problems associated with being over or underweight.

The BMI is a ratio of weight-to-height.

December 2011



It is not a direct measure of body fat but an indicator of health risks associated with weight issues.

The WC measurement is also just used as an indicator of health risks associated with abdominal obesity.

We now know that excess fat around the waist and upper body is associated with greater risk than fat located more in the hip and thigh areas.

TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Treating and preventing obesity is possible but one must understand that losing weight and keeping it off is challenging because it requires lifestyle and behavioural changes.

Some tips:

- Eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- Control portions.
- Learn to read food labels.
- Avoid fad or crash diets.

- Set realistic goals.
- Build physical activity into your daily routine.
- Seek a counsellor to help you understand reasons for overeating and to cope with triggers.

If you are concerned about your weight, consult your doctor or another health care provider for a more complete assessment of your weight and health risk.

Discuss what your BMI and WC measurements mean for you as an individual.

And, remember that making changes in one's life takes time and tremendous effort.

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Dec. 9 - **Michelle Beardmore and Robert Purdy.**

Dec. 10 - **Trevor Jones and Cathy Thompson.**

Dec. 11 - **Bill Griffith, Pete Belair, Patti Reid and Al Wendland.**

Dec. 12 - **Malcolm Duncan and Pat Martin.**

Dec. 13 - **Cody Edwardson-Zayshley**

Dec. 15 - **Kay Langsford.**

Dec. 16 - **Ginger Taylor and Cassandra Whelan.**

Dec. 17 - **Ian Campbell and Joi Phillips.**

Dec. 18 - **Tony Adamson and Niki Verzuh.**

Dec. 19 - **Tyson Carswell, Helen Garrett and Jamie Bouvette.**

Dec. 20 - **Lil Beharrell, Nicole Fletcher, Cole Hawker and Tyler Silvey.**

Dec. 21 - **Harvey Langton and Josh Young.**

Dec. 22 - **Gwyneth Bryant, Steven Fouts, Shane Hardie, Rob Nieuwenhuis, Dani Thompson and Christine West.**

Dec. 23 - **Kate Thompson.**

Dec. 24 - **Tatiana Phillips-Campbell, Chris Phillips and Clifford Silvey Jr.**

Dec. 25 - **Peter Schmidt.**

Dec. 26 - **Peter Fritz.**

Dec. 28 - **Steve Boyd and Jeff Girard.**

Dec. 29 - **Diane Gamble and Jesse Hawker.**

Dec. 30 - **Dean Bosch, Bryan Edwardson, Andy Ross and Jean Minch.**

Dec. 31 - **John Brimacombe, Nathaniel Johnson, Fara Priest and Scott Bruce.**

DECEMBER WEATHER

Our average daily high temperature in December is 6.5 C and our average daily low is 3.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.9 C. The highest December temperature recorded is 13.3 C (Dec. 14, 1962) and the lowest was -11.7 C (Dec. 28, 1968).

December has an average of 54.9 hours of bright sunshine. It usually has 19 days with measurable precipitation, an average monthly rainfall of 140.1 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10.6 cm. Our average month-end snowfall is 4 cm. December has the highest snowfall of the year (November has the most rain). The highest December daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island was 66 mm (Dec. 25, 1972). The record daily snowfall was 40.6 cm (Dec. 31, 1968).

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HOW TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU

Dale Carnegie, author of the 1930s bestseller *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, devised this list in order to help people make friends:

SIX WAYS TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU

- Rule 1:** Become genuinely interested in other people.
- Rule 2:** Smile.
- Rule 3:** Remember that a person's name is to them the sweetest and most important sound in the English language.
- Rule 4:** Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
- Rule 5:** Talk in terms of another person's interest.
- Rule 6:** Make the other person feel important — and do it sincerely.

And he compiled this list for improving your home life:

SEVEN RULES FOR MAKING YOUR HOME LIFE HAPPIER

- Rule 1:** Don't nag.
- Rule 2:** Don't try to make your partner over.
- Rule 3:** Don't criticize.
- Rule 4:** Give honest appreciation.
- Rule 5:** Pay little attentions.
- Rule 8:** Be courteous.
- Rule 7:** Read a good book on the sexual side of marriage.

DECEMBER ASTROLOGY

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21):

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. This month: ask yourself if the person you asked out last month is still someone you want to be closer to. Then ask out someone else. Repeat as necessary.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 20):

Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible, and down-to-earth but beware: they're often scarred from those early life hardships (baggage).

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~ December ~

DATE/TIME - SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large),

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Dec. 2	10:03 am +XL
Dec. 3	10:40 am +L
Dec. 4	11:17 am +L
Dec. 5	11:56 am +M
Dec. 6	12:38 pm +M
Dec. 7	8:57 am -S, 1:20 pm +M
Dec. 8	9:42 am -S, 2:02 pm +M
Dec. 9	10:23 am -M, 2:49 pm +M
Dec. 10	11:02 am -M, 3:26 pm +M
Dec. 11	11:41 am -M, 4:05 pm +M
Dec. 12	12:31 pm -M
Dec. 13	1:15 pm -M
Dec. 14	7:35 am +XL, 2:01 pm -M
Dec. 15	8:06 am +XL, 2:49 pm -M
Dec. 16	8:38 am +XL, 3:37 pm -L
Dec. 17	9:14 am +XL, 4:24 pm -L
Dec. 18	9:53 am +XL
Dec. 19	10:37 am +L
Dec. 20	11:27 am +L
Dec. 21	8:02 am -S, 12:30 pm +L
Dec. 22	9:05 am -M, 1:31 pm +M,
Dec. 23	9:59 am -M, 2:25 pm +M
Dec. 24	10:49 am -M, 3:16 pm +M
Dec. 25	11:37 am -M, 4:04 pm +M
Dec. 26	12:26 pm -M
Dec. 27	1:15 pm -L
Dec. 28	2:05 pm -L
Dec. 29	8:01 am +XL, 2:53 pm -L
Dec. 30	8:28 am +XL, 3:38 pm -L
Dec. 31	8:54 am +L, 4:20 pm -L

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The mysterious disappearance of Jim Collins and his troller *Tarzan*

By Ray Phillips

The story of the mysterious disappearance of Jim Collins and his troller Tarzan in January 1974 has never been adequately documented. As Jim's son-in-law and one who was involved with the search, I know both the man and the circumstances leading up to the event.

Jim Collins was born in Kent, England in 1900. He and older brother and sister, Alex and Doris, came to Canada when Jim was very young.

They settled in the Vancouver area, where Jim went to school.

Afterwards he started working in the woods as a whistle punk (signal-man) at a railway camp in Cumsheewa Inlet, on the Queen Charlotte Islands, until his late teens.

In the summers he began working as a boat puller on a gillnet boat in Rivers Inlet.

It was a company-owned sailboat with two sets of oars, a sail and no motor. These boats were about 28 feet long with three compartments.

The net was 1,200 feet long with shot leadline and tarred cedar corks to float it.

It was thrown over the roller by one man while the other rowed the boat.

Both men pulled the net into the stern section and piled the lines on each side with the web in the middle.

The fish were stored in the centre section and the men cooked and slept under a tarp in the bow.

To start the five-day fishing week, a motorized fishpacker towed a long string of these boats out to the grounds.

They were able to release the boats from the line without stopping the tow when they reached their favourite spot.

The packer would arrive every

day to pick up their fish and every week the net had to be soaked in a bluestone tank to kill the bacteria so the linen web and cotton lines wouldn't rot.

Jim said it was a tough way to make a buck but he fell in love with it.

Soon he was able to save enough to have an old Japanese boat builder build the *Tarzan* for him.

A few years later, in 1931, he married Olive Cook and they moved onto the boat.

She fished the whole Coast with him but didn't like living on the boat year-round.

When looking for a place to settle down, they found Pender Harbour.

There was a Union Steamship boat that landed at least weekly, schools, stores and a hospital.

They paid \$5,300 (a lot of money in those days) for their home and, after a few miscarriages, Olive delivered a healthy baby girl — Doris.

Olive and the child would still go fishing with Jim where they would tether her to the mast so she could play on deck on the good days.

But Olive caught her once as she was heading for the generator's Vee belt and it scared her so bad that she refused to go fishing anymore.

So, Olive and Doris tended the house and garden while Jim fished alone.

Jim decided to raise the sides of the boat to give it a bigger fish hold and put on a larger cabin and wheel-house as well.

He managed to get the original builder to do the work and the boat looked quite different when it was done.

Jim Collins was never a high liner. His boat was too small to make

long trips so he mostly day-fished and delivered to a troll camp every night.

He was like a goose, travelling north in the spring to his favourite camps like Spider Island, St. Johns Harbour, Bull Harbour and Winter Harbour.

In the fall, he'd come home.

When he was younger, he fished the big bank at Ucluelet.

One year while fishing there he ran into an old friend. Ed Palister was a real high liner and he talked Jim into tying up his boat and going out with him on his famous *Pal 2*.

So they finished the season and Jim learned some new methods to catch fish.

Ed was always experimenting with new fishing gear designs and when he retired, he started producing gear in a small factory in Sooke and sold it to his many troller friends.

Jim told of the time he was lost at sea for a couple of weeks.

There were no electronic aids like sounders and radar in those days only a magnetic compass, a watch and a sounding lead to check the depth.

He was moving from Spider Island on the central coast to Bull Harbour (on Hope Island, just off the northern tip of Vancouver Island) when he ran into thick fog.

He continued until he had run his time out and listened for the light-house foghorn but couldn't hear it.

So he ran awhile and when he still couldn't hear it, he shut off the motor and drifted to save fuel, waiting for the fog to clear.

When it did he was so far out to sea that he couldn't see land.

He decided he would save his gas so he would be able to stay off the beach



This painting of the *Tarzan* in 1931 was given to Jim and Olive Collins as a wedding gift from a friend whose name is illegibly scribbled on the back. It was painted on wood and shows the *Tarzan* before her later renovations.

if needed and just waited.

While floating out at sea, a big storm came up and threatened to capsize the boat.

He was getting thrown around a lot until he wedged himself in front of the engine between the lockers. There he hung on until it calmed down.

He had plenty of canned goods and a few fish to eat.

In about 10 days, he could finally make out some mountains and then he fired up his engine to run towards them.

After a few hours, he recognized the mouth of the Strait of Juan de

Fuca and ran in to Neah Bay, on the American side.

It turned out he had gone way out to sea and was then carried southeast for almost the full length of Vancouver Island.

He sent a letter home from Neah Bay and went back fishing. No one even knew he was missing.

In 1957 I married Doris and, after a few years of logging, I wound up making my living as a fisherman — gillnetting and halibut and some weekend trolling.

From time to time I would run

into Jim at a troll camp.

He was having some trouble with varicose veins (a common troller complaint) due to the long hours standing in the cockpit.

Jim was only fishing the morning bite and would come in early to chew the fat with his old buddies who were more or less doing the same.

Olive was working fulltime at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay so they could get by.

Jim made a few bucks but I doubt he did much more than break even.

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The disappearance of Jim Collins (cont.)

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Around 1971, he started to suffer from blackouts and vertigo.

He started to drive Olive nuts by not sleeping and wandering around the house at all hours.

He began to think someone was after him and Olive thought that if he could just relax — and sleep — that it would help.

He was finally diagnosed with plugged arteries in the neck, starving his brain for blood.

The doctor put him on a diet and medication and forbade him to go fishing alone for that season.

But, as I said, he was pulled like the geese on their annual migration and he was fit to be tied.

I was fishing San Juan (SW Vancouver Island) and was soon leaving for the fall to go chum fishing in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

To give Olive a break I offered to take him along.

Now, I tell this story to show how well this man knew the coast — to counter those who would say that he was later lost because he didn't know where he was.

We had left in the late afternoon and Jim had been sleeping for a few hours.

When it was well after dark, he came up to the wheelhouse and from the dim outlines of the shore, he pinpointed our exact position.

It really impressed me.

In 1974, as he returned to normal, he started thinking of going fishing again.

He wanted to replace the old gurdies (small brass winches with stainless wire on them, used to pull up the lead weights).

He had ordered them from Smiths in Victoria and was told to come on the following Monday to have them installed.

He headed out with plenty of time to spare but had trouble with his generator so he stopped overnight in Sidney.

He charged up his batteries at the marina and phoned home before he left the following afternoon for Victoria, two hours away.

That was the last anyone heard from him.

Olive was expecting a call from him that he was coming home, so she phoned Smiths and found he had not showed up.

She contacted the RCMP in Sydney to report him missing and caught the next bus for Victoria.

Not long after, Doris and I arrived in Victoria and we took Olive to the Saanich police station.

The head man explained to us they had searched every tie-up place

for boats in the Victoria area and the sea route he would have taken.

They had even flown the route with a helicopter at night in the off chance that he had made it to shore and had a fire going as it was cold.

Not one of these searches turned up a bit of debris or even an oil slick.

They put out an all-points bulletin describing the boat with the name *Tarzan* in big letters on the bow and searched every float in the Lower Mainland.

A report came in from two off-duty policemen who were fishing near Spanish Banks that, on the day after he had departed, they observed a small grey troller with the name *Tarzan* plainly visible on the bow, heading into False Creek.

Possibly the last it was ever seen.

As soon as I could, I scoured all the major tie up places, even the Fraser River up to Pitt River, in the hope that the police had missed it but nothing turned up.

The boat didn't leak, so unless it sunk we would have found it.

One of the cops in Sydney told how smugglers were using small fish boats to get drugs into Vancouver because the drug enforcement cops were making it tough for them.

For a long time after Jim disappeared, we hoped he had suffered amnesia or had lost his way and one day he would come to himself and call us.

Maybe the cop was right.

Maybe he was hijacked and the boat was taken out to deep water and scuttled.

Either way, eventually we had to face the fact that he wasn't coming back — and we would likely never learn why.



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December events

Ham & Turkey Meat Draw
~ Dec. 17 ~

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~ Dec. 23 - Jan. 4 ~

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Fridays: 11 am - 7:30 pm
- Meat Draw**
Saturdays and Sundays
- Legion Closed** Thursday nights

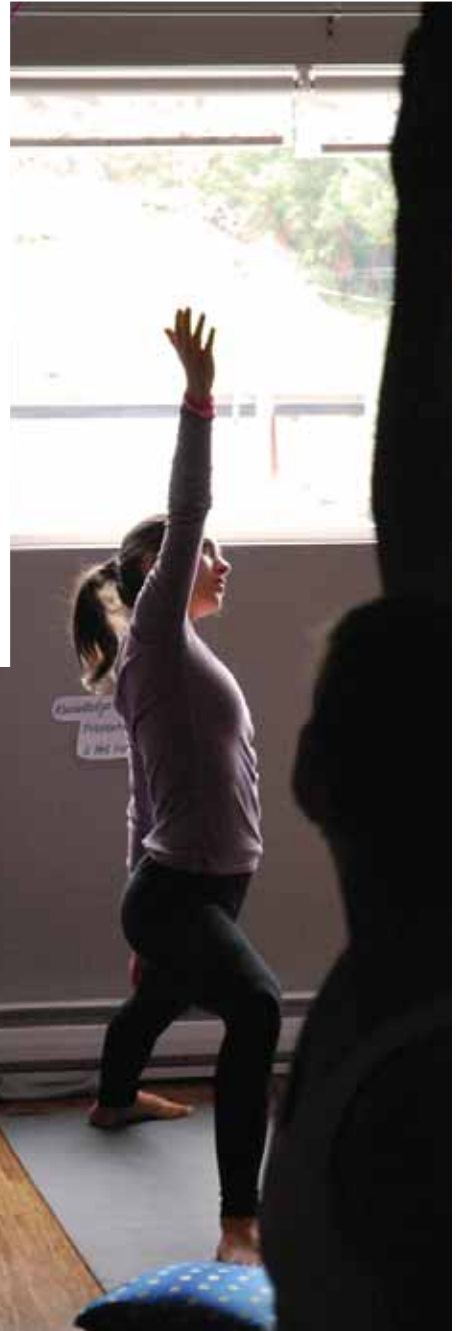
In Touch Therapeutics Yoga Studio 'I love boobies' fundraiser

In Touch Therapeutics Yoga Studio hosted what will likely be an annual fundraiser for breast cancer research on Oct. 29.

Thirty people packed the Madeira Park yoga studio raising \$1,175.

Of that, \$720 will go to the Canadian Cancer Society and \$455 to the "I Love Boobies" Keep-a-Breast charity campaign.

The event featured an all-levels class followed by a presentation by naturopath Dr. Loreen Dawson about prevention of breast and other cancers.



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The continuing story of Wei Hsu, the first non-native resident of



Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was a Chinese man who operated a fish saltery in Irvines Landing.

Before Charlie Irvine landed here and lent his name to the stretch of beach at the western entrance to Pender Harbour, a family named Hsu had settled there years before in 1873.

The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.

By Anne Crocker

Part XVII: (Continued from November 2011)

As far as Qwuní could tell, that early winter of 1875 was the coldest he'd ever experienced. Neither he nor Smqáma could remember snow landing before the big leaves. Luckily they'd pretty much finished preparing the season's stockpile of fish and they had plenty of food stored. But it just kept getting colder.

Their homes on what are now called the Skardon Islands had considerable advantages, especially in the summer, but the winter made life hard. When it was bitterly cold, Inix would paddle across to stay with Wei Hsu and Lucy.

Their home was a little better insulated and was also better protected from the winds that buffeted the Harbour entrance. But the Hsus' cabin was small and she could only stay for short periods as a respite from the cold — and loneliness — of winter on the island.

Despite what was a very busy fishing season, Smqáma had still found time to work on their home before the winter hit. He and Qwuní had fallen three big cedar trees on the south shore of the harbour and towed them to the small nook that separated the two main islands. After hauling them up on the beach during a series of high tides, the two laboured for days to saw them into lumber.

With a rusty old crosscut saw that Wei Hsu had picked up from a passing handlogger, the two milled a variety of rough boards to beef up

the exterior of their homes.

As winter set in early, the two rushed to further brace their homes against what looked to be an uncomfortable winter. By early December, ice had already closed off some of the bays fed by freshwater streams.

For two weeks, the weather grew bitterly cold and the ice threatened to cover the entire harbour. Wherever the ice met the shore, huge chunks thrust out of the flat surface, early victims of the tide. As the temperature continued to drop, even the salty tide had no effect on the formation of ice over it.

The ice had won and the Harbour had frozen up.

Mary Hsu turned 11 on Dec. 20, 1875.

To attend her birthday party, Qwuní, Smqáma and Inix had to chip a passage out through the ice from the point nearest the harbour entrance in order to escape. They managed to escape the Harbour and beach on the shore just around the point from Hsu's bay.

But by the New Year, even that was impossible as ice up to four inches thick extended past the Harbour entrance where it would simply break off in the swells of the outer Harbour.

It posed a serious problem for the island inhabitants. They had to get to shore everyday for water but the ice was too soft to walk, yet far too thick to push a boat through. They were trapped.

Pender Harbour



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives

This piece of art by Mary Hsu depicts Pender Harbour (and Mt. Daniel) during that frigid winter of winter of 1875 when the few inhabitants could move freely around on the Harbour's icy surface. The two men in the foreground are purported to be Hsu family friends, Qwuní and Smqáma. By their dress and the dogs, it's likely the two were either going on or returning from a hunting trip.

Smqáma saw it coming and had stored enough water for a week or so. By the time that supply had dwindled down to nothing, the ice had built up just enough so he could get across the ice by pushing a small punt Wei Hsu owned to tow gear or fish behind his row boat. It was small and had a flat bottom to distribute weight evenly over the ice and by using it, they were able to shuffle back and forth across the ice safely.

In another week it didn't matter — they could walk across freely.

The frigid days and very little wind or snow had conspired to achieve what was, as far as they knew, the first time that the entire harbour

had frozen enough to allow safe walking passage right out to its mouth.

In 1875, winter in Pender's Harbour was a quiet time. It was about survival — ensuring there was enough firewood or water and food. The cold, windy days didn't encourage boat travel so many of the 15 or so inhabitants stayed close to home. But, suddenly, moving around was made easy with the novelty of the ice and people were out all day long enjoying the ease of walking around Pender's Harbour and visiting their neighbours.

Never since has Pender Harbour frozen as completely as it did at the end of 1875.

(Continued next month)

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of November 20)

1. **Whitewater Cooks with Friends** by Shelley Adams
2. **Here's Mike** by Mike McCardell
3. **Eating Dirt** by Charlotte Gill
4. **Beyond the Home Ranch** by Diana Phillips
5. **Empire of the Beetle** by Andrew Nikiforuk
6. **Raincoast Chronicles 21** by Rick James
7. **The Sacred Headwaters** by Wade Davis
8. **Fred Herzog** by Claudia Gochmann et al.
9. **Whoever Gives Us Bread** by Lynne Bowen
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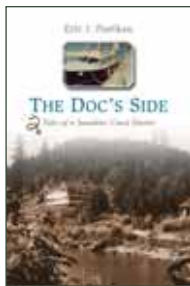
By Theresa Kishkan

Like firewood and its legendary ability to warm three times (in the cutting, splitting, and stacking...), books are gifts with the capacity to satisfy many readers in different ways. I spent several hours recently in Talewind Books in Sechelt and Bluewaters Books in Madeira Park and would be very happy to see piles of the new titles under my Christmas tree this year. The best thing about these two stores is that they're owned locally and run by people who love what they're selling.

Whatever your interests, there's a book for you. For those who love to see their own community reflected in a book, there's a beautiful new edition of Howard White's *The Sunshine Coast* (Harbour Publishing).



Updated and filled with ravishing photographs by Dean van't Schip and others, this is both an introduction to the Coast and a love song to its particular riches.



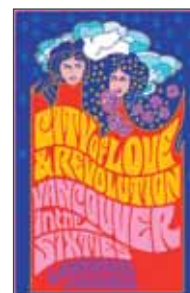
Dr. Eric Paetkau's *The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor* (Harbour Publishing) is a delightful and personable account of a popular doctor's career in an area which has seen more than its share of changes, both medically and socially.

I was in the Rockies earlier in the fall and enjoyed a glass of sparkling wine at the Chateau Lake Louise,

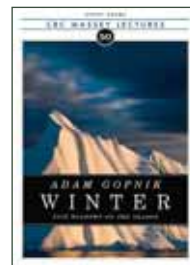
looking out to azure water while the life of the hotel carried on around me. Piles of luggage, conversations in languages I couldn't quite place, women in furs and men in suits... So *The Suite Life: The Magic and Mystery of Hotel Living* (Dundurn), by Christopher Heard, caught my eye. The author provides profiles of hotels, the various celebrities that called them home, and the history that has taken place within those walls.



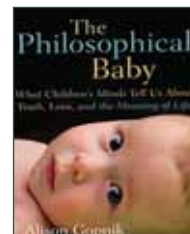
For the aging hippie, what about Lawrence Aronson's *City of Love and Revolution: Vancouver in the Sixties* (New Star Books)? Or the former tree-planter, who might recognize him or herself in Charlotte Gill's *Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber, and Life with the Tree-planting Tribe* (Greystone Books)?



This year's Massey Lectures were delivered by Adam Gopnik in the form of *Winter: Five Windows of the Season* (Anansi) and have a lot to say about this country's signature weather.



Adam's sister Alison Gopnik is an acclaimed psychologist and philosopher. Her new book, *The Philosophical Baby: What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love, and the Meaning of Life* (Picador), encourages us



to rethink our old notions about child development.



There's a beautiful crop of children's books this year. I loved Maurice Sendak's *Bumble-Ardy* (Harper

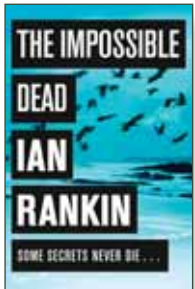
Collins), which begins with an illustration of the young pig clutching his birth certificate. The caption: "Did you know that Bumble-Ardy missed eight birthdays in a row?" Prepare for an emotional journey into the life of an orphan...

Andrea Spalding and Pascal Milelli's *Seal Song* (Orca) is a gorgeous picture book.



And Cybèle Young's *Ten Birds* (Kids Can Press) is a counting book with a difference. Ten endearing birds, with difference skills and approaches, find a way to

cross a river, their progress shown in extraordinary monochromatic detail. (This book is the winner of the 2011 Governor General's Award for Illustration.)



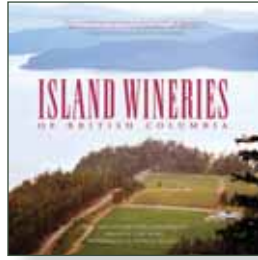
I'm sure mystery fans are wondering if there's life after Rebus and indeed Ian Rankin is proving that there is with *The Impossible Dead* (Orion).

Kate Atkinson's *Started Early, Took*

My Dog (Anchor Canada) is the most recent in this author's quirky series featuring private investigator Jackson Brodie.

The latest Whitewater cookbook (by Shelley Adams, published by Ali-

con Holdings) is on the shelves.



I also thought *Island Wineries of British Columbia* (TouchWood Editions), edited by Gary Hynes, with photographs

by Rebecca Wellman, looked terrific. And I was fascinated by Jon Chonko's *Scanwiches* (Power House Books), a hymn to the versatility of a meal between slices of bread. The photographs are extraordinary – images of a cross-section of the most



beautiful sandwiches suspended in black space.

"Q: Why don't Canadians have group sex? A: Too many thank-you notes to write after." This is from Scott McNeely's

Ultimate Book of Jokes (Chronicle Books), a hilarious compendium of jokes from around the world. There's



even a brief interesting social history of jokes which is worth the price of the book.

Broadcaster JJ Lee's *The Measure of A Man* (McClelland and Stewart) is a mov-

ing memoir in which a son examines paternal legacy by renovating his late father's suit.



Perhaps you might consider Scott Forbes' *A Natural History of Families* (Princeton University Press), the latest information from behavioural ecologists about family dynamics, as a

companion.

For all those in hopeful pursuit of matsutakes and chanterelles, there's

Mycophilia: Revelations From the Weird World of Mushrooms (Rodale) by Eugenia Bone and the newest in Harbour Publishing's ingenious pocket guides: *A Field Guide to Edible Mushrooms*

of the Pacific Northwest, by Daniel Winkler.

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The year that was last year that was 2011

By Shane McCune



Gleaned from the headlines of 2011, these questions will separate those who were paying attention from those who threw up their hands in apathetic disgust.

1. A fire Feb. 28 destroyed the Lorne Hotel in Comox on Vancouver Island. Its chief claim to fame was:

- a) It was the oldest licensed hotel in B.C.
- b) The only beer it sold was Lucky Lager.
- c) Sir John A. Macdonald slept one off there in 1890.
- d) It was the last pub on the Island that still served the publisher of the Harbour Spiel.

2. Which of the following terms is not barred from text messages sent to mobile phones in China?

- a) Democracy
- b) Human rights
- c) Corruption
- d) China's Got Talent

3. What song was not banned from Chinese download sites in September?

- a) "China Girl" by David Bowie
- b) "Marry the Night" by Lady Gaga
- c) "Last Friday Night" by Katy Perry
- d) "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys



4. In November B.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Bauman ruled the law banning polygamy:

- a) Applies only when a bride is underage.
- b) Does not violate the Charter and Freedoms, so it may remain in force.
- c) Violates the Charter so it must be struck down.
- d) Violates the Charter, but may remain in force anyway.

5. Who was the president of Ivory Coast arrested in April after refusing to admit defeat in national elections?

- a) Laurent Gbagbo
- b) Gnarl Gbarkley
- c) Ghadhafi Gduck
- d) Gbilbo Gbagbins



6. Islamic morality police in Malaysia arrested more than 80 people in February:

- a) To stop them from celebrating Valentine's Day.
- b) After they cheered at a Nickelback concert.
- c) For flashing their ankles.
- d) For kissing in public.



7. Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter, the two most successful contestants in the history of the quiz show Jeopardy!, were defeated by:

- a) Host Alex Trebek, who was promptly disqualified for looking at the answers.
- b) The 14-year-old winner of the 2010 Teen Tournament.
- c) Lisa Simpson.
- d) Watson, an IBM computer.



8. Canadian rock group Arcade Fire won which music award in 2011?

- a) Grammy for Album of the Year
- b) Juno for Album of the Year
- c) Brit Award for Best International Album
- d) All of the above

9. Who are the Margravine of Baden, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, Davina Duckworth-Chad, and Torquil Montague-Johnstone?

- a) Protagonists in the video game Grand Theft Auto.
- b) Members of the hip-hop collective Wu-Tang Clan.
- c) Finalists: 2011 Upper Class Twit of the Year pageant.
- d) Guests at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.



10. Vatican officials hauled out Pope John Paul II's coffin from St. Peter's Basilica because:

- a) It needed dusting.
- b) It made a really cool Halloween prop.
- c) One of the cardinals swore he heard knocking.
- d) They were preparing him for beatification.

11. U.S. President Barack Obama marked Sunday, May 1 by:

- a) Joining a traditional May Day labour parade.
- b) Attending John Paul II's beatification ceremony in Rome.
- c) Attending Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day ceremonies in Jerusalem.
- d) Authorizing the assassination of Osama Bin Laden.

12. The B.C. Supreme Court ruled that sperm and egg donors cannot be:

- a) Gingers
- b) Egmonsters
- c) Scientologists
- d) Anonymous

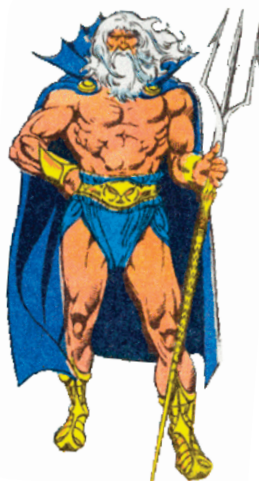


13. Which was not among the demands posted on Occupy Vancouver's website?

- a) Free drugs, including cocaine and heroin.
- b) Return of the long-form census.
- c) An independent investigation into 9-11.
- d) The addition of "none of the above" to all election ballots.

14. On July 14 Neptune completed its orbit of the sun, the first since:

- a) Jan. 22
- b) 2001
- c) 1957
- d) Its discovery in 1846.



Answers: 1. (a), 2. (d), 3. (a), 4. (d), 5. (a), 6. (a), 7. (d), 8. (d), 9. (d), 10. (d), 11. (d), 12. (d), 13. (a), 14. (d).

December 2011

OUR FRIENDS TO THE SOUTH:

1. Which is a quote from potential U.S. president Herman Cain?

- a) "And when they ask me, 'Who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan?' I'm going to say you know, 'I don't know. Do you know?'"
- b) [On China] "They've indicated that they're trying to develop nuclear capability."
- c) Both of the above.

2. Which is a quote from potential U.S. president Rick Perry?

- a) "I would do away with Education. The, uh, Commerce. And . . . let's see . . . I can't. The third one, I can't. Oops."
- b) [On evolution] "It's a theory that's out there. It's got some gaps in it. In Texas we teach both creationism and evolution."
- c) Both of the above.

3. Which is a quote from potential U.S. president Mitt Romney?

- a) "I respect and will protect a woman's right to choose."
- b) "I never really called myself pro-choice."
- c) Both of the above.

4. Which is a quote from potential crazy cat lady Michele Bachmann?

- a) "There's a woman who came up crying to me tonight after the debate. She said her daughter was given that [HPV] vaccine. She told me her daughter suffered mental retardation as a result."
- b) "Carbon dioxide is portrayed as harmful. But there isn't even one study that can be produced that shows that carbon dioxide is a harmful gas."
- c) Both of the above.



Answers: For all four questions the answer is (c).

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

DECEMBER

- Sat. Dec. 3.....Rip Curl Saturday Fun Night - P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre, 6-9 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 4.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 5.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Sat. Dec. 10.....P. H. Community Club Christmas Market and bake sale - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Dec. 10.....Book launch: Howard White's *The Sunshine Coast (2nd ed.)* - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 11....."Tasty Treats for Wild Birds" workshop - Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre, 11 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 11....."Deck the Halls with boughs of... Oregon Grape!" workshop - Iris Griffith Centre, 12:45 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 11.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 15.....Author Event: Eric J. Paetkau reading from *The Doc's Side* - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 16.....Pender Harbour Carol Ship Cruise - Millennium Wharf start, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Dec. 17.....Harbour Gallery Christmas Sale - Harbour Gallery, 11a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat. Dec. 17.....Ham and Turkey Meat Draw - P. H. Legion
- Sun. Dec. 18.....Breakfast with Santa - P. H. Golf Club, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 18.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 19.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Sat. Dec. 31.....New Year's at the Grasshopper featuring Altered - Grasshopper Pub, 'til 2012 (and beyond)
- Sat. Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve Party - P. H. Legion, till 2012 (and beyond)



FERRY DEPARTURES

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