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#### **EDITORIAL**

## The case of the three point probe



By Brian Lee

So there it was. There could never be a better moment to confirm the story.

It was at the book launch for The Doc's

Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor. Dr. Eric Paetkau's stack of stories about his past 50 years practising medicine on the Sunshine Coast.

Paetkau had just finished reliving some of the mishaps that occurred from mixing medicine with some of the personalities from the old Sunshine Coast.

I hadn't vet read the book but sat waiting for one story in particular.

It was a story told to me a long time ago and one that would have taken place before I was born.

I listened as Paetkau recounted tales about the very early days of the St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay.

Of logging camp accidents and of good times spent with fellow doctors.

> Of house calls and crazy people. But he didn't tell this story.

Afterwards, he asked his appreciative audience of friends and former patients if they had questions for him.

I felt like he was speaking directly to me — because I had a good one.

Someone once told me a yarn involving three well-known doctors: Dr. Paetkau, Dr. Walter Burtnick and Dr. Alan Swan.

It sounded plausible enough, but I had suspicions that it might be too clever to be true.

The three worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay and were good friends. But they were also each other's doctor and, as such, they would have to perform examinations on each other.

My version of the story goes that Dr. Swan was to receive a prostate examination from Dr. Burtnick.

Burtnick had Swan bent over a

table in an examination room, facing away from the door.

Though they were trusted friends, one can assume both must have been experiencing a little discomfort.

But, it's likely that Swan, lying prostrate with his pants at his ankles while considering the girth of the sasquatch-like Burtnick's finger, had the most to be nervous about.

As Dr. Burtnick was about to deliver his prostate exam, Dr. Paetkau quietly let himself in the room holding a shushing finger to his smiling lips.

Burtnick carried on without giving away a thing. With his right hand, he firmly grasped his patient's right shoulder to steady him while he performed the exam with his left.

While the patient was in midpalpation, Paetkau moved in quietly and placed his left hand on Swan's other shoulder.

One can't know what went through the mind of the deeply religious Swan as he nervously did the math but I guess he might have been confused, to say the least.

After all these years, I can't even be sure the names in this story land in the correct order — maybe it was Paetkau on the table?

But with Burtnick and Swan both now gone, only he remained to verify it's accuracy.

So, given the opportunity, you'd have thought I'd jump on him like a trampoline in a kangaroo daycare.

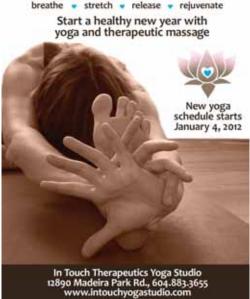
But I didn't.

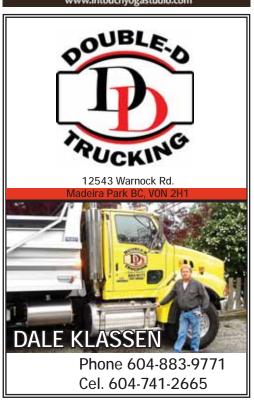
Maybe I feared offending his young grandchildren sitting in the front row of the audience.

Or maybe it was for my own selfish pleasure — I just didn't want to risk ruining a good story.

# It ain't real if it's not in the Spiel.







#### SPIEL PICKS

#### P. H. ROTARY PRESENTS "HOPSCOTCH" — JAN. 14, 7 P.M.

This is the fourth annual P. H. Rotary Club HopScotch fundraiser. Hop-Scotch will take place on Jan. 14 at the Pender Harbour Golf Course at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$90 and include an evening of great food, fine scotches and craft beer. Plus all proceeds go to support the great work the P. H. Rotary Club does in the community.

#### P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS THE SOJOURNERS — JAN. 15, 2 P.M.

When Canadian blues icon Jim Byrnes called Vancouver-based gospel singer Marcus Mosely on the phone a few years ago to ask if he could round up a couple of friends to record some backup vocals for a new album, no one could have guessed what would happen next.

From the moment Mosely and his pals stepped up to the microphone and began singing, they realized that they had something very special going on. When Byrnes dubbed the trio "The Sojourners," the name stuck and, as they say, the rest is history.

Marcus Mosely, Will Sanders and Khari McClelland spent their formative years singing in hometown churches of Ralls, Texas; Chicago, Ill. and Detroit, Mich., respectively. It is possibly what gives The Sojourners' sound the authentic edge that only comes with experience. This is real gospel - blessed with a soul that can't be faked.

Come out and hear them bring soul, spirit and gospel sound to the Pender Harbour Music Society stage on Jan. 15 for a special afternoon performance.

## **PHOTOJOURNAL**



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Joan Postnikoff, (I) chair of the Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary presents a cheque for \$20,000 to Pender Harbour Health Centre administrator, Rick MacDonald. Through its 2011 Bargain Barn operations, the auxiliary donated \$40,000 to the Health Centre.

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## New SCRD board members take oaths, get to work

The SCRD held its inaugural board meeting on Dec. 8 to welcome new directors and swear them in.

Frank Mauro, newly elected director for Area A, took his oath first.

About 30 people were on hand to watch the ceremony, including the new mayors of Gibsons and Sechelt.

Their respective towns are represented by the only other new faces at the board table this time around.

Coun. Alice Lutes will represent the District of Sechelt while Gerry Tretick was chosen to represent the Town of Gibsons.

The new SCRD board is as follows:

Director Area A: Frank Mauro Director Area B: Garry Nohr Director Area D: Donna Shugar Director Area E: Lorne Lewis Director Area F: Lee Turnbull Director SIGD: Jordan Louie Director DoS: Alice Lutes Director ToG: Gerry Tretick

Immediately after taking their oaths, the new board elected Garry Nohr as chair and Donna Shugar as vice-chair before breaking for a short reception, followed by a full day of meetings.



SCRD corporate officer, Angie Legault swears in Frank Mauro on Dec. 8 in the SCRD boardroom. Mauro later hinted it would likely be the last time we'd see him in a tie.





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#### **OBITUARY**

## Jean-Marie Baulne

Sept. 21, 1954 - Nov. 9, 2011

Jean-Marie passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 9, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by Frances, his wife of 34 years, and his children, Stacy (Alicia) and grandchildren Brooke and Katie, Tanya and Steven.

He is also survived by his mother Therese, sister Clemence (Guy), brothers Firmin, Yvan, Harold and Alain, and nieces and nephews, Elaine, Jessica, Dany and Denis.

Frances would like to thank the

Pender Harbour Health Centre for all their help and support to Jean-Marie during his illness.

In particular, thank you to Cathy, Brenda, Heather and Dr. Cairns.

A celebration of life was held for Jean-Marie on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Lions Park Hall.

The family greatly appreciates all the friends that came out to share their stories and friendship for Jean.

He will be sadly missed.

The Harbour Spiel maintains a policy of offering no-cost obituaries for people from the community. I consider it a responsibility and a matter of historical importance to mark the lives of those who pass on and urge families to submit their loved ones' stories.

~ *Ed*.

# **PHOTOJOURNAL**



photo submitted

The Pender Harbour Paddling Society and Team Dragontini raised over \$300 for the PH Food Bank at a recent bake sale. See here are (I-r): Eric Chell and Becky Udy presenting Fred Van Delft (P. H. food bank) with the cheque.

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### **PHOTOJOURNAL**



John Dafoe photo

Florence? Frieda? Fanny? After three years of moulting and hanging out on Flora Island, 'Floyd' (*Harbour Spiel*, Nov. 2011) has attracted a female elephant seal to his retreat. John Dafoe arrived in early December to check in on Floyd and and a demure face looked out from behind a log on the beach. Dafoe says Floyd was a bit down the beach and not looking too attentive but he could tell love was in the air.



# Robbie Burns night celebrates Scotland's roots — and branches

An annual tradition at the Pender Harbour Legion begs you to put on your kilt and "tak a right gude-willy waught."

Though Robert Burns Night is historically celebrated on the Scottish poet's birthday (Jan. 25), the P. H. Legion's celebration will take place on the preceding Saturday evening, Jan. 21.

The "poet's hour" begins at 5:30 p.m. with tribute speeches and stories of the famous bard before dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

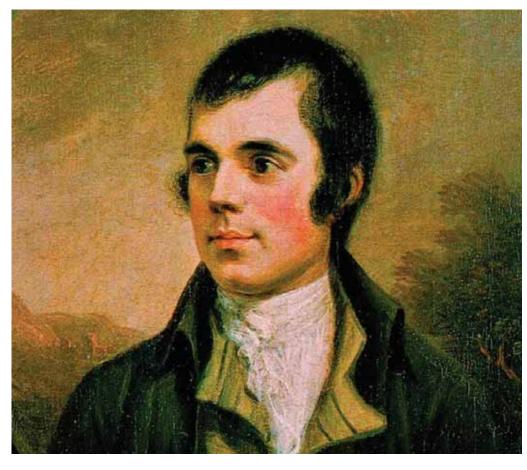
And though haggis will be served, roast beef will also be offered for those inclined to take a pass on the traditional sheep's heart, liver and lungs.

The evening will continue with entertainment provided by the Pender Harbour Pipe Band, the Coast String Fiddlers and a special appearance by the Coast String Fiddlers, Third Generation (wee ones).

#### **ROBERT BURNS**

Robert Burns was born on Jan. 25, 1759 in Alloway on Scotland's southwest coast.

Burns is considered the national poet of Scotland for his songs and poems, many of which were written in



Robert Burns (1759-1796)

the Scottish tongue.

As a child, Burns was an unlikely poet hero. His family were farmers and though he received a conventional education, much of his learning came from his father, a self-taught intellec-

Burns wasn't a remarkable student and his teacher John Murdoch later wrote:

"Robert's ear, in particular, was remarkably dull, and his voice untenable. It was long before I could get them to distinguish one tune from another."

But, like his father, Burns had a passion for reading and observation and soon began writing.

Burns' writing ranged from love poems inspired by the variety of women he fancied to songs about everyday life such as "To a Louse:"

Ye ugly, creepin, blastit wonner, Detested, shunn'd by saunt an' sinner, How daur ye set your fit upon her-Sae fine a lady?

Gae somewhere else and seek your dinner On some poor body.

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Besides the whimsy and wit, much of his work also carries strong nationalist sentiment, political criticism and dark undertones reflecting the hardships of the time he lived.

Burns published his first book of poetry in 1786, hoping to raise enough money from its sale to emigrate to Jamaica.

Only 612 copies of *Poems*, *Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* were printed but it was enough to impress the literary highbrows in Edinburgh.

The success of *Poems* forced him to drop his travel plans and Burns launched into work on a second book.

Set to the tune of a traditional folk song, "Auld Lang Syne" is undoubtedly Burns' most famous poem.

Translated as "old long since," Burns' ode to separation and reunion is heard throughout the world on Jan. 1 marking the turn of the new year:

#### **Auld Lang Syne**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne!

(Chorus)
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp! And surely I'll be mine! And we'll tak a cup o'kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

(Chorus)

We twa hae run about the braes, and pu'd the gowans fine; But we've wander'd mony a weary fit, sin auld lang syne.

Burns made a modest amount of money from the publication of his works and continued to enjoy growing popularity throughout Scotland until his death at age 32. Robert Burns died from heart disease on the morning of July 21, 1796.

Burns is, perhaps, most important as the unifying national symbol of Scotland and expatriates everywhere.

As Scottish settlers spread throughout the new world, they car-

ried Robert Burns' songs and poems with them.

It's created an enduring legacy that fuels nationalistic sentiment in many whose ancestors left Scotland generations ago.

Tickets for Robbie Burns Night will be available at the Pender Harbour Legion starting on Jan. 4.



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## 2011 HARBOUR SPIEL RETROSPECTIVE



photo submitted

Three brave women took part in the Polar Bear Swim at Millennium Park on Jan. 1.



Should'a stayed in school. The engineer holds the plans while other volunteers build the viewing platform at John Daly Park on July 23.



Over 400 riders took in the views from one of our many local mountain bike trails July 6.



This is what's left of Tom Barker's *BC Navigator* after a fire in the early hours of Nov. 22.



The Pender Harbour Seals Swim Club travelled to Sechelt for their first away swim meet on Feb. 13.



The 2011 graduating class from Pender Harbour Secondary School June 28.



Aerial acrobats aboard *La Loupiote* performed two shows for audiences at the Garden Bay Pub on July 17



A good crowd was on hand for the Area A all-candidates meeting on Nov. 8 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

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## 2011 HARBOUR SPIEL RETROSPECTIVE



The historic 'Teacherage' building in Madeira Park was demolished on March 21.



Volunteer efforts to provide local herring stocks with a spawning alternative to creosote pilings show promise March 25.



This 15-foot female sixgill shark died on the beach in Garden Bay, after giving birth to possibly 100-plus young. (June)



Vancouver's Kevin Reimer, moments after winning Attack of Danger Bay 10 on May 22.



Santa Lucia rocked the Grasshopper Pub for three shows during Jazz Fest weekend.



The Area A bus service ended Oct. 11.



Oct. 17. Thanks to committed volunteers, the P. H. Legion got a facelift over the summer/fall.



A new women's soccer team, the P. H. Banana Peppers, in action against Sechelt rival the Mayhem Oct. 16.

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#### Frank's first...



By Frank Mauro, Area A Director

Here we go at my first effort to report to all of you the issues at the SCRD board and the posi-

tions I am taking on your behalf.

Since the deadline for this article is a little early this month due to the holidays, you will have to excuse some generalities at this point.

I was sworn in on Dec. 8 and have only participated as a director in



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one committee meeting and one board meeting.

I have, however, been attending all committee meetings, board meetings and workshops since the election and have had informal discussions with some of the other directors.

I have also had extremely helpful conversations with three previous Area A directors and, even at this early stage, their insights have proven very useful.

#### **SCRD BUDGET**

The first major order of business for the new board will be setting the budget for the next year.

Presentations by the boards of pools, libraries and hospital are all scheduled for the week of Dec. 12-16 and the first budget three-day marathon is scheduled for after the holidays.

This is a critical process and I am committed to using all means available to ensure Area A receives services commensurate with the ratio of funding we supply through taxes currently over 16 per cent.

Areas which will require particular attention are:

- 1. Deciding which functions we participate in.
- 2. Ensuring the contribution we make to those functions reflects our residents' actual participation.
  - 3. Guarding against potential

escalating costs of initiatives that are not yet complete.

I will have more to report on the budget process next month.

#### PRIVATE MOORAGE

One current issue which affects Pender Harbour in particular is the provincial government's lifting of the "moratorium" on processing private moorage applications.

The Crown now expects the applicants to obtain "written confirmation from local government that the proposal complies with the existing zoning bylaws."

In other words, they are requesting a pre-application check that local zoning bylaws are being met.

Our APC considered three applications at the Nov. 30 meeting and recommended that they, "consider the water zoning with respect to the applications appropriate to the adjacent upland residential zoning."

As previously reported in the Harbour Spiel, Area A currently has no water zoning.

The Sechelt Indian Band has expressed concerns about the lifting of the moratorium.

We are not sure of other changes in the application process.

For these reasons, at the SCRD Planning and Development committee meeting on Dec. 10, it was decided to request further clarification of the

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entire application process from the Crown (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations) before the SCRD acts on the "preapplications."

I will certainly have more on this in my future reports.

#### **COMMUNITY BUS**

I have initiated discussion regarding the potential use for the community bus to run a Pender Harbour area shuttle service, basically from

the end of Francis Peninsula Road to Daniel Point.

In my discussions with residents there seems to be support for this type of service.

The goal is to get a staff report to review the options and an estimate of the cost to set up a pilot project for such a service.

Input from the community will be required to address route, frequency, potential ridership etc.

Once the report is in and the

estimated costs are known, we can decide if such a pilot project is worth pursuing.

# AREA A DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

I have set up an e-mail address and phone number, separate from our "overused" home accounts.

Please use the following to contact me:

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#### MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

**Infrastructure Services Committee** January 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Special Infrastructure Services Committee January 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee January 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board January 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee - Round 1 Budget Review January 16, 17 and 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee January 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee - Round 1 Budget Review January 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

January 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee January 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

# Sunshine Coast Regional District

#### AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday,
January 25 at 7:00 p.m.at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

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# A race car named Pender



By Alan Stewart

Sometimes looking at real estate statistics is about as exciting as watching

paint dry.

So to make it a bit more engaging, let's look at what's happened in the residential home sale market on the Sunshine Coat as a car race.

Let's call it the SC 500!

To extend the analogy further, let's look at this race as having 11 laps, the first of which will be 2001 and the last lap will be 2011.

To make sure it's fair, we'll only consider the data for January through November of each year and we'll consider the median price as the basis for determining the average speed of each car for each lap.

Remember, the median price is the price of a home that sells in the middle of a series that is sorted by price.

So, if 100 houses sell, it would be the 50th highest priced sale.

The Pender car, a small but powerful jet black beauty emblazoned with fluorescent sponsorship logos from around the Harbour, thunders to life and makes it way to its starting position at the back of the pack.

With a qualifying speed of 128 km/h (\$128,000 median selling price), the driver knows he'll need to have the race of his life to compete.

In front of the Pender car is Sechelt's dark metallic green car with an average speed of 163 km/h, the bright yellow Sunshine Coast car, representing all the communities on the coast with an average speed of 169 km/h and the champion, a fluorescent red Gibsons car, with a top qualifying



speed of 169.9 km/h.

The crowd goes crazy as the race official drops his green flag to signal the start of the race and the rubber tires melt into clouds of toxic smoke.

It's an incredible start for the Pender car and by the second lap, the little black speedball has reached an average lap speed of 180 km/h, improving on his qualifying speed by 140 per cent.

But the competition presses to keep up.

The Sunshine Coast car maintains a slim lead with an average speed of 183 kph, fuelled by sales in Roberts Creek and Halfmoon Bay, but the Gibsons and Sechelt cars struggle to keep up, posting average speeds of 179 and 174 respectively.

By the end of lap 5 (2005), the race has turned into a dogfight with different cars jockeying for the lead but with an average speed over the

five laps of 224 km/h, the Gibsons car is out in front with the Sunshine Coast car drafting in second position.

The Pender Harbour fans scream with excitement after an unbelievable fifth lap where their little car made up so much ground that it has moved unexpectedly into third spot with an average speed of 215 km/h.

The Sechelt car is slowly falling behind, posting an average speed of 208 km/h.

The Sechelt driver beats his head against the steering wheel:

"How can I be falling behind when I'm going 165 per cent faster than my qualifying speed?"

In only five laps, the little Pender car has improved its speed by 285 per cent and has become a contender.

From its humble qualifying speed, it has far outperformed its competitors and by lap six the black

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bullet from the Harbour has increased its average speed by 325 per cent to an incredible 415 km/h.

It would continue to fly around the track at over 300 per cent of its speed all the way through lap 10, a feat that none of the other cars come close to accomplishing.

The Gibsons and Sunshine Coast cars have only improved by a little over 230 per cent and the Sechelt car has lost ground at only 215 per cent of its qualifying speed.

In the eleventh and final lap, the Gibsons car blows through the finish line with an average speed for the final lap of 405 km/h with the yellow Sunshine Coast car close on its heels at 394 km/h.

And despite its poor starting position and all the obstacles it had to overcome, the Pender car crosses the finish line in a photo-finish, third-place tie with Sechelt, posting an average lap speed of 366 km/h.

On reviewing the race, the Pender racing team was surprised to see that while its impressive start had launched it into a great position to finish strong, the final five laps determined its fate.

While the Gibsons, Sunshine Coast and Sechelt cars all improved their average speeds from the sixth lap to the 11th lap by approximately 107 per cent, the little Pender car succumbed to the larger engines.

Despite all the driver's skill and the car's incredible performance over the entire race, the "little car that could" slipped off its sixth lap average speed each and every lap until the finish, with a final lap average speed of 88 per cent of that incredible sixth lap.

For fans of the Pender car, they will always be impressed with its

monumental rush from the starting line

They also won't soon forget the effort of the famous sixth lap when Pender broke through all kinds of barriers and secured its place in everyone's mind.

And while it didn't cross the finish line in first place, it proved itself a

contender and racing fans everywhere await the next big race, where Pender Harbour will start not in a distant fourth position, but in the pack where it belongs.

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

# To implant or not?

Implants have been used in dentistry since 1965.

Over the last 20 years, implants have become part of standard dental care and have offered new treatment planning options.

Teeth that have been removed due to advanced decay or breaking can now have the missing root replaced with metal screw-like structures that are permanently embedded into the jawbone.

The bone regrows around this screw to form a solid immovable unit that can then have a crown attached to the base completing the implant. Implants do not decay and do not need root canal treatment.

As a result, implant restorations have a higher long-term survival rate and have the highest success rate of all the prosthetic options available today.

Implant dentistry is becoming the primary method for replacing missing teeth, rather than a last resort.

This exciting treatment offers patients a permanent solution to replacing missing teeth, from a single tooth to the whole dentition of a person now using dentures.

Implants supported dentures are far superior to dentures that rely on adhesives to keep them in place.

Your general dentist knows your teeth best, they see you on a regular basis and can evaluate your need for treatment.

A general dentist has under gone an advanced, extended supervised training program to qualify to place implants.

The Sunshine Coast Dental Group, Dr. Robert Hynd and Dr. Lisa Virkela are pleased to announce that our dental office is now able to offer patients the opportunity to have implant treatment done here at our office in the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

Please feel free to drop by or call for more information if you are interested in dental implants.

As always we welcome new patients and our helpful friendly staff is on hand Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to book your appointment with one of our dentists or hygienists. Our phone number is 604-883-2997.

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# Beating the winter blues with snowshoes . . . at Dakota Ridge

Submitted

Thanks to the Dakota Ridge Recreation Area, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing have become two of the fastest growing winter activities on the Sunshine Coast.

Last winter, twice as many people visited Dakota Ridge as the season before, indicating the word is finally getting out about one of the Coast's outdoor areas.

Snowshoers, skiiers, hikers and tobogganers are all welcome at the SCRD managed recreation area that includes trails, a warming hut and washrooms.

#### **SNOWSHOEING**

Snowshoeing's popularity has long suffered because snowshoes were once made with hardwood frames and rawhide lacings.

The heavier materials made walking difficult and exhausted the snow-shoer within a few hours.

Since then, snowshoe technology has undergone a revolution, reinventing the sport and making it accessible to just about anyone.

Modern snowshoes are far lighter, more manageable and high-tech, allowing outdoor enthusiasts to explore a variety of terrain with new-found freedom.

Whether you are a family seeking a fresh air activity, an adventurer



SCRD photo

It's a different world up here. The Dakota Ridge Recreation Area beckons with 13 kilometres of cross country skiing trails and eight kilometres of snowshoeing trails.

looking for a cardio workout or an outdoors lover desiring some snowmuffled silence, snowshoeing can be enjoyed by almost everyone.

With a little bit of practice and some decent snowshoes you can turn a bleak rainy day at sea level into a magical snowy day in one of the Sunshine Coast's best-kept winter paradises.

The Dakota Ridge Winter Recreation Area is an ideal place for snow-

shoers of all ages and abilities.

Dakota Ridge offers visitors more than eight kilometres of immaculate snowshoe trails that wind through old growth forests and open areas in a serene subalpine setting.

Gentle hills and wide ridges entice an increasing number of locals and visitors to explore.

From the parking area you can snowshoe to a number of viewpoints with outstanding vistas of Georgia Straight, Vancouver Island and Mount Baker.

#### **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**

Along with trails for snowshoeing, Dakota Ridge has 13 kilometres of trails groomed specifically for either classic or skate cross-country skiing.

Although it may not be as popular as downhill skiing, in terms of all-around aerobic benefits, it's no contest.

Using muscles in the shoulders, back, chest, abdomen, buttocks, and legs, cross-country skiers can burn as many as 600 to 900 calories per hour.

The kick and glide technique, combined with the poling motion to propel you along, can provide a more complete workout than running or cycling, both of which emphasize lower body muscles.

The classic style is often used on prepared trails with pairs of parallel grooves (tracks) cut into the snow.

On flat terrain, the classic style imitates a running action with parallel skis, kicking and gliding with each stride.

Skate skiing is practised on a smooth, groomed service with a decisive weight transfer between skis.

The push off and glide to the opposite ski resembles that of a skater.

#### **ACCESS**

It costs an adult \$12 to ski for the day or \$6 to snowshoe but kids 12 and under are free.

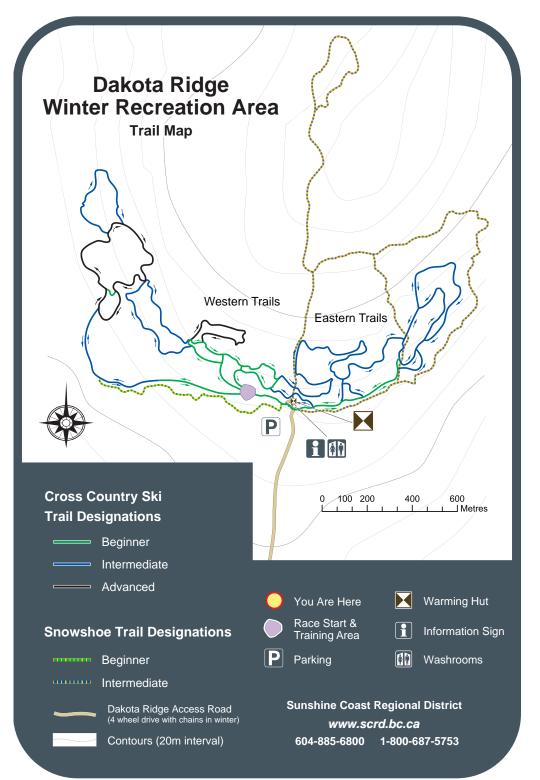
A flat fee of \$5 per vehicle is also levied for those who are not purchasing skiing or snowshoeing tickets (sledding etc.) for costs associated with road maintenance.

Dakota Ridge is accessed by driving on gravel and snow-covered

roads and four-wheel drive and chains are highly recommended for safe winter travel.

From the top of Field Road in Wilson Creek, turn right and follow the signs to reach the parking area (14 kilometres farther).

For information on passes, to learn more about snow and road conditions, or for driving directions, visit the Sunshine Coast Regional District's website at www.scrd.ca (Dakota Ridge) or call 604-885-6802.



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#### LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

After having a nice break, Women's Connection will start again on Tuesday, Jan. 10. This gathering will be a potluck lunch and get-together.

The second gathering of the month will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Please remember to bring any items you may have collected for the Comfort Bags. Lists of the items needed to fill the bags are available at the gatherings.

Both of these gatherings will be held at the School of Music in Madeira Park, doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting is from 10 a.m until noon. Members, non-members and drop-ins are always welcome.

#### P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society will ring in the new year with a slide show presentation by Tom Sheldon. Sheldon is a photographer and naturalist par excellence who lives in Gibsons and spends his summers exploring and photographing the historic sites and the wildlife of the B.C. coast. His show will include coastal images taken both above and below the water. Everyone is welcome to attend the event on Jan. 17, at Pender Harbour High School at 7:30 p.m. No charge. The society will meet following the slide show and refreshments.

#### S. C. BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden upcoming events:

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## Year end wrap up at the P. H. Golf Course



By Jan Watson

In between windstorms we have had some very nice weather for playing golf and quite a few of us have been out on

the course.

The course is in good shape, a few wet spots but the greens are excellent.

We would remind everyone to please repair their ball marks on the greens and that golf carts must stay on the cart paths.

Walking on the grass when it's frosty can do a lot of damage, so on these sunny frosty days, please call the golf course at (604) 883-9542 to ask about tee-off delays.

Reduced rates are in effect during winter and the driving range is open daily.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Memberships are available so contact the club for more information.

At the same time I would remind you all that Pender Harbour is a public course, run by the Pender Harbour Golf Club, which is a non-profit society.

Everyone is welcome to come out and play and to use all the facilities including the restaurant.

The Pro Shop is closed but the Clubhouse Restaurant is open and green fees, power carts and any other inquiries are available through the restaurant at (604) 883-9542.

#### THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

As always, it is impossible to name all the wonderful people, members and non-members, who dedicate many hours helping to keep the golf course, driving range and buildings in good shape.

Sincere thanks go out to all those people who, over the last 25 years, have worked hard to help make the facility a great asset to the community.

Our pond project is progressing and it will be a huge improvement to the appearance of the golf course, especially looking down toward the first tee from the clubhouse.

We thank several of our local businesses and the members who have contributed towards this project.

When finished there will be a plaque naming all the donors.

#### A BIT OF HISTORY

Why do golfers shout "fore" when they hit an errant shot?

The word fore is Scottish in origin, and is a shortened version of the word before or afore.

The old Scottish warning, essentially meaning "look out ahead," probably originated in military circles,

where artillery men used the call as a warning to troops in forward positions.

Golfers as early as the 18th century adopted this warning cry for use on the golf course.

#### FROM THE 19TH HOLE?

The owner of a golf course in Texas was confused about paying an invoice minus his early payment discount, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Texas and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000 minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought for a moment, then replied, "Everything but my earrings!"



Eggs Benny – All Day Sunday Prime Rib Night – Friday

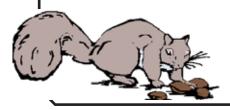
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Maureen Lee P. H. Branch of St. Mary's Hospital/Health Care Auxiliary Harbour Hugs to Christ The Redeemer, St. Mary's Ladies Auxilliary and friends for gifts, cards and prayers after the loss of our son, brother and uncle.

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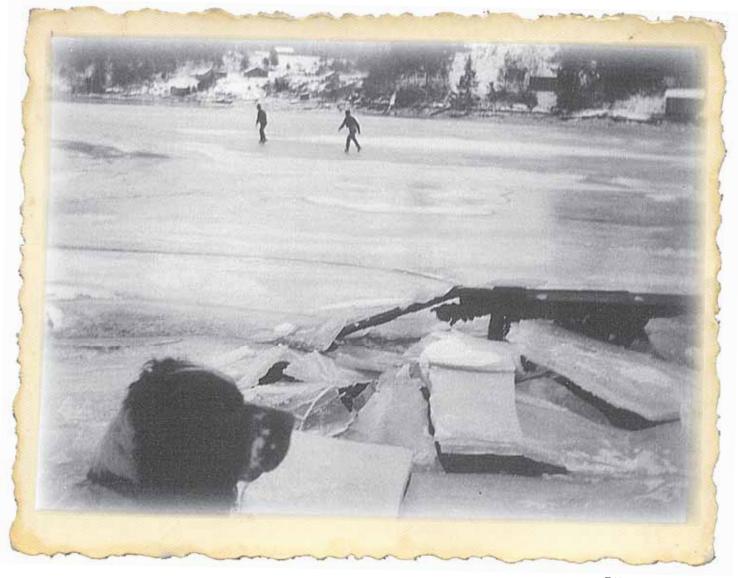
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Whiskey Slough Dec. 1952. Ed Wray sent this photo a few years ago along with two others (below) that appeared in the Jan. 2009 issue.





PET TALK

**Curing doorbell ding-a-lings** 



By John Wade

Hi John,

We have two dogs: one a golden retriever and the other a Bassett

hound.

Whenever guests come to the door or they hear the doorbell they go nuts jumping all over them.

We have taken to hooking them up with a leash at a distance back from the door to at least allow our guests to get in the door.

We do not unhook them until they calm down.

I have also tried working with a friend to come in several times in a row in order to practise gaining space at the door.

It's not working.

I am becoming a dog yeller, not a dog whisperer.

That upsets my wife and she has less control over them than I do.

All suggestions gratefully accepted.

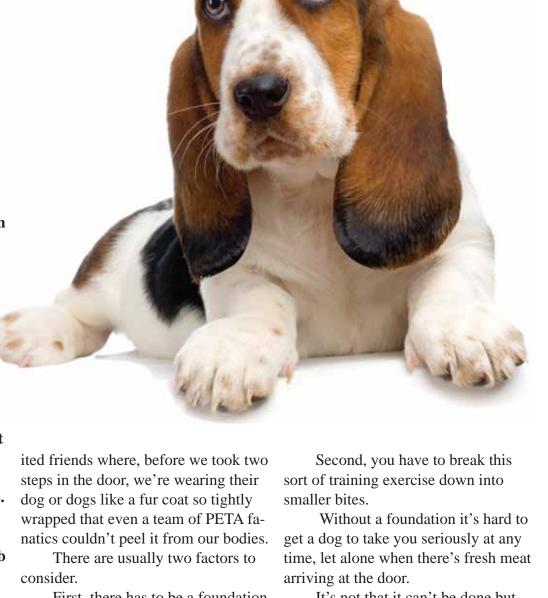
- Bob

Dear Bob,

You're not alone. We've all vis-

First, there has to be a foundation relationship where the dogs see you as the teacher.

It's not that it can't be done but it's on par with trying to get a kid to focus on math at the gates of Disney





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#### PET TALK

World.

I'd suggest first teaching the dogs to go to a mat whenever you are in the kitchen and to a similar place near the door whenever you are taking them out and after they return from an outing (even if it's only to relieve themselves).

They need dress rehearsals.

If they get wound at the mere sound of the doorbell, invest in a wireless system with the buttons strategically placed in the house.

Pavlov conditioned dogs to salivate at the sound of a bell.

Yours are conditioned for an adrenalin rush at the sound of the bell.

Now you're going to condition them to go to a mat.

They also need to learn how to keep "four on the floor" at all times and that's best done by leaving their leashes on them when you're together and setting them up.

I don't wait for them to jump.

Every television commercial can be used to do things they might see as an excuse to jump.

After a week or two, when no one in the family can get them to jump no matter how silly they behave then I get friends to try, just as you have done recently (but, I think, prematurely).

As mentioned, this is a common problem and the above is only part of the program I recommend.

I really suggest that anyone with this sort of issue contact a balanced trainer for an in-home appointment.

I doubt it would take more then an investment of a couple of hours and the trainer will be able to advise in a way tailored to the personalities of your dogs and the handling abilities of everyone in your home.

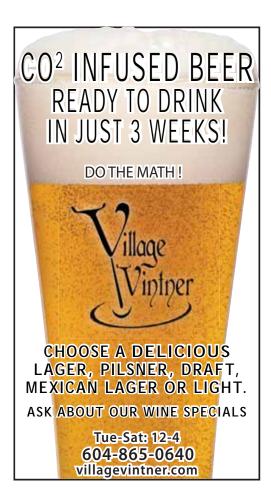
A balanced trainer will be able to help you lay that foundation I mentioned earlier.

They'll also be able to show you how to say, "No!" in a way that the dogs connect with their unwanted behaviour.

Not having met you and your dogs, I can't be specific on how to fairly send that critical message to your dogs.

Pawsitively yours, John Wade

e-mail John at: johnwade@johnwade.ca or visit his website at www. johnwade.ca



A heartfelt thank-you to Irene Boyd on her retirement as secretary of the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour.



The Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour wishes Irene Boyd all the best in her retirement as their recording secretary. Irene has been the secretary since the inception of the authority in 1991. She has performed her work in the most diligent manner and has helped all boards immeasurably.

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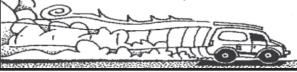
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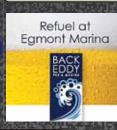
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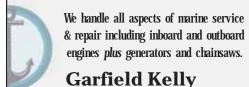
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Jan. 31 ~ Mary Jordison.

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# JANUARY WEATHER

#### **TEMPERATURES**

January is normally our coldest month, with an average daily high temperature of 6 C and low of 2.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.3 C.The highest January temperature recorded at Merry Is. is 13.2 C (Jan. 30, 1989); the lowest is -7.2 C (Jan. 29, 1969).

#### **PRECIPITATION**

We have an average of 46.2 hours of bright sunshine, 17 days with rain, and three days with snow in January. Our average monthly rainfall is 116.3 mm; snowfall, 11.2 cm. The record daily rainfall recorded at the Merry Island Weather Station is 78.2 mm (Jan. 18, 1968).



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## **OF JANUARY**

# QUILL AND QUIRE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

#### **FICTION**

- Half-Blood Blues by Esi Edugyan (Thomas Allen Publishers)
- The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje (McClelland & Stewart)
- The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt (House of Anansi Press)
- The Water Rat of Wanchai by Ian Hamilton (Spiderline/House of Anansi Press)
- Bride of New France by Suzanne Desrochers (Penguin Canada)

#### **NON-FICTION**

- Nation Maker: Sir John A. Macdonald: His Life, Our Times, Volume Two: 1867–1891 by Richard Gwyn (Random House Canada)
- Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber, and Life With the Tree-Planting Tribe by Charlotte Gill (Greystone Books)
- Hark! A Vagrant by Kate Beaton (Drawn & Quarterly)
- The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary: A Canadian Story of Resilience and Recovery by Andrew Westoll (HarperCollins Canada)
- Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter by Carmen Aguirre (Douglas & McIntyre)

~ Quill and Quire magazine

#### JANUARY ASTROLOGY

CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

You could be driven more by instinct than by reason now. Your compulsive urges take many forms, but a particularly strong one is the need to rid yourself of limitations, restrictions and obstacles in a close relationship. Be wary of alcohol until you witness a crow chasing an eagle, which should indicate a return to powers of reason.

#### AQUARIUS: JAN. 21 - FEB. 18

Relaxation, enjoyment, and pleasure are emphasized for you now. This is not a time to push yourself or be involved in activities that require intense energy. Co-operative, harmonious relationships are more important to you at this time. You feel like socializing and being friendly. Just not as quite friendly as you were at your company Christmas party... because that got a little weird.



DATE/TIME - SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large), EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

Jan. 1 9:17 am +M, 5:22 pm -M

Jan. 2 9:52 am +M

Jan. 3 10:35 am +M

Jan. 4 11:24 am +M

Jan. 5 12:19 pm +S

Jan. 6 9:33 am -S, 1:15 pm +S

Jan. 7 10:25 am -S, 2:09 pm +S

Jan. 8 11:09 am -S, 3:02 pm +S

Jan. 9 11:49 am -S, 3:52 pm +M

Jan. 10 12:27 pm -M, 4:41 pm +M

Jan. 11 1:03 pm -M

Jan. 12 1:39 pm -M

Jan. 13 2:15 pm -M

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## 2012 challenge: 12 ways to win health with benefits

Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
Centre nursing staff



Complete the questionnaire and return it to the health centre by Feb. 1.

Earn
one ticket per
affirmative
answer and then
enter the tickets in
the draw for great

prizes — there are 12 chances to win and to get a great start for the New Year.

#### 1. SMOKING:

I am a non-smoker. \_\_\_\_\_ If not, I have a plan in place to quit this month.

(The government of BC provides free smoking cessation products. For more information go to www.health.gov.bc.ca/ pharmacare/stop-smoking or contact your pharmacist.)

#### 2. BLOOD PRESSURE:

I have had my blood pressure checked in the last six months.

If not, I will go to my doctor, pharmacy or health centre and have it checked this month.

#### 3. WOMEN:

I have had a mammogram in the last two years. \_\_\_\_\_

If not, I will make an appointment this month.

(Screening mammogram number is 1-800-663-9203.)

#### 4. PAP SMEAR:

I have had a pap smear within the last two years.\_\_\_\_

If not I, will make an appointment this month to see my doctor or make an appointment at the health centre. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. MEN:

I have discussed prostate concerns with my doctor and/or have had a prostate exam in the last year.

If not, I have made an appointment to see my doctor. \_\_\_\_\_

(Fact: In your lifetime 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Over 90 per cent of prostate cancer is curable if detected in its earliest stages. Prostate cancer is now being seen in men as young as 49 years old.)

#### 6. DENTAL:

I have had my teeth cleaned and examined within the last 12 months.

If not, I have made an appointment to do so.

#### 7. NUTRITION:

I buy low sodium items where available.

If not, I will buy at least three low sodium items this month.

I eat some fruit and vegetables every day. \_\_\_\_\_

If I have problems with eating a healthy diet or any food concerns, I will make an appointment to see the dietitian at the health centre.

#### 8. ACTIVITY:

I participate in regular activity (i.e. walking, yoga, exercise class) three times a week. \_\_\_\_\_

If not, I will sign up and participate in at least three classes of my choice this month. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 9. LEISURE:

I stay current with news and local concerns. \_\_\_\_\_

If not, I will take time to read the newspaper this month. \_\_\_\_

#### 10. RELATIONAL:

I keep in close communication with family and friends. \_\_\_\_\_

If not, I will write a letter, make a phone call or visit family or friends that I haven't heard from in awhile.

#### 11. CULTURAL:

I regularly visit my local library or art gallery. \_\_\_\_\_

If not: I will take out a library membership and/or visit an art gallery this month. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 12. CREATIVE:

I engage in art, music, drama or dance activities.

If not: I will take an art class, join a choir or theatre group, or take a dance class.

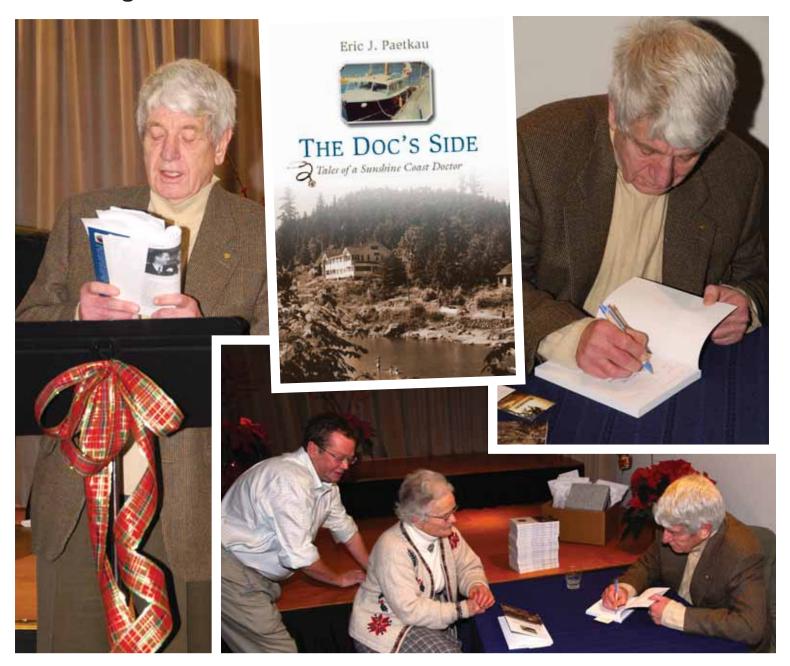
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# Launching Dr. Eric Petkau's new book: The Doc's Side: Tales of a



Eric Paetkau reading and signing copies at the launch of his book *The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor.* (Bottom right): Paetkau signs a copy for Garden Bay resident Anne Clemence who worked with him as a nurse in the early 1960s.





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#### Sunshine Coast Doctor

By Brian Lee

Dr. Eric Paetkau arrived in Garden Bay on Sept. 13, 1959.

Having recently completed his surgical internship in San Diego, all he knew was that he wanted to be a GP/surgeon "somewhere in rural Canada."

When he landed in Vancouver, he presented his papers to "Florence," the registrar at the College of Physicians Surgeons.

Presented with a list of over 50 remote towns in BC that needed a GP/surgeon, Paetkau says he asked Florence where he should go.

"Pender Harbour," she said.

"It sounds like just the place for you."

Listening to him speak on Dec. 15 at the launch of his memoir, *The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor*, you can tell it was.

The event at the Pender Harbour School of Music was co-hosted by Harbour Publishing and Bluewaters Books.

A friendly audience of about 30 people listened intently as Paetkau trotted out stories gleaned from almost half a century of practising medicine on the Sunshine Coast.

The book pulls together journal entries and stories from a time when a doctor needed to be flexible in his job.

Stories about the wide variety of personalities encountered while making house calls during the early days of Sunshine Coast medicine make it a gem of local history as much as it is a humorous romp.

Paetkau spent most of his career on the Sunshine Coast, working first in Garden Bay and then Sechelt after the new hospital was opened in 1964.

Throughout his chat — and the

book itself — he speaks warmly of the patients and colleagues he's met along the way.

Familiar names of friends and colleagues like Dr. Walter Burtnick, Dr. Alan Swan or Garden Bay receptionist Lewella Duncan fill its pages with fascinating glimpses of what local medicine was like a generation or so ago.

Paetkau recounts one story about "a lovely Indian woman named Jennie" who lived in Roberts Creek.

"One dark, rainy November night, she called to say that there was a sick man at her house and since she had no vehicle, she could not bring him to the hospital.

"She met me at the door and promptly led me through the kitchen, the living room and finally into her bedroom where she easily pushed her bed aside to reveal a trap door.

"Leads to the root cellar,' she said and, opening the trap door, she shone her flashlight into the dark interior, lighting the face of the craziest-looking, white-haired, white-bearded man that I had ever seen. He had the wildest eyes and kept smacking his lips, almost like he was drooling.

"Jennie turned to me and said calmly, 'There he is.'

"'I'm not going down in that hole,' I exclaimed and quickly closed the trap door.

"She grinned.

"'You're smart, Doctor,"

"She went on to explain that while she was sitting at the table eating her supper, this man had appeared at her door. She had let him in and then, realizing that he was crazy, had managed to entice him into the root cellar. Once he was safely away, she telephoned me."

But not all of Paetkau's stories are funny — some are touching.

"After I removed a parotid tumour from a forty-year-old man, the doctors at the B.C. Cancer Clinic told him the operation for this type of cancer was not curative and that chemo or radiation therapy would be ineffective. In short, he was sent home to die.

"In my office we discussed his options. 'What would you do?' he asked.

"After a few moments of reflection, I said, 'I would sell my business and spend all my money travelling around the world.'

"The man nodded, thanked me and left the office. I heard a few months later that he had sold his motel business and he and his wife disappeared.

"Some twenty five years later a man in his sixties sat in my office grinning at me. I didn't recognize him until he showed me the scar near his ear.

"'How could this be?' I asked, scarcely able to believe what I was seeing.

"'Well, I followed your advice, Doctor," he said and then related how he had spent all of his money travelling with his wife. After five years he was broke but still alive and had gone back to work. Now he was on welfare but still hanging in there.

"I remarked that I had obviously given him bad advice, but he shook his head.

"'On the contrary,' he said.

"'It was the best advice in the world. I just dropped in to thank you.'"

The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor is available at Bluewaters Books in Madeira Park and Talewind Books in Sechelt.



# 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 XVIII: (Continued from December 2011)

Though the residents of Pender's Harbour thoroughly relished moving freely around the frozen surface of the Harbour by foot, it wasn't without an ominous distraction.

Even before people would attempt the ice, they'd wake every morning to find fresh cougar tracks crisscrossing its white surface.

The threat posed by the "hyas pusspuss" (Chinook for cougar or big cat) had always been in people's minds in Pender's Harbour — Wei Hsu had been forced to shoot two since he and his family arrived.

The first time was soon after they'd moved into their cabin. An old cat had been hanging around the property stalking his daughter Mary. He didn't own a gun then but he borrowed one from Qwuní and didn't have to wait long before he got his chance to finish it.

Soon after that he purchased a gun from a passing logger and kept it loaded behind the door. In the spring of 1875, Hsu shot the other cat after being awakened in the middle of the night by a cougar trying to get at a deer carcass hanging inside the shed.

After that there hadn't even been any sign of cougars reported — until the Harbour froze over.

The iced-up surface of the Harbour seemed to encourage the cats to come out of hiding and with the severity of the weather and sudden ease of movement, they became bolder too.

Used to the relative safety of the islands, Qwuni, Inix and Smqama's weren't accustomed to protecting their property from bears or cats. But as soon as the Harbour froze over, they were awakened during the night by the startled barking of Inix and Smqáma's two hunting dogs. The dogs were tied up to prevent them from going out on the dangerous ice, allowing the cougar to make off with the hind quarter of a deer.

After that evening, visits occurred nightly but they weren't all by the same cougar. Tracks led from the south side of the Harbour as well as from the north side and they were left by decidedly different cats. Qwuní believed that the nighttime visitor from the south shore was a smaller cougar, maybe even a juvenile.

The cougar that seemed to live on Wei Hsu's side of the Harbour was larger but dragged one of its front paws. That meant it was likely injured, making it even more dangerous and unpredictable.

At first, the cougars seemed to only venture out at night until one afternoon Inix spotted one stalking the island about 500 yards from her home. Her husband and Qwuní were off hunting but had left her with a gun. Not knowing who else might be out on the ice, she let off one shot in the air and the cat took off back towards the south shore.

That evening, Smqáma and Qwuní arrived home with a deer. Even while they were hanging it in Qwuní's smokehouse, they could make out the silhouette of one of the cougars, exposed by the moonlight, a ways out from their islands. They watched quietly as it paced back and forth across the ice, seemingly waiting for an opportunity.

Smqáma took a couple of shots at the animal to scare it off and, as a precaution, he moved his dogs in for the night.

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#### IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED..

#### **Pender Harbour**



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives

Proving there's always been cross-Harbour rivalries, Mary Hsu's painting shows two cougars — one from the north shore, the other from the south shore — fighting over territory on the frozen surface near near the Skardon Islands. The meeting of the two was likely made possible for the first time by the Harbour freeze-up of 1875/76.

The next afternoon, Lucy and Mary were visiting with Inix. By then, Mary wasn't allowed to go anywhere on her own but still insisted on the novelty of being able to go exploring on the ice. Lucy would accompany her daughter on any excursions, armed with a rifle and a wary eye.

With all three men away once again, the three women were sitting inside Inix's house sipping tea when they were startled by what was described in Mary's journal entries as "a terrifying and blood curdling screech."

Rushing to the window, the three looked out to see the two cougars circling one another, hissing and growling like nothing the women had heard before. Before Inix could find her gun, the two launched at each other, writhing on the ice in a blur of limbs and tail. The three stood watching the spectacle in awe. The fight likely only lasted a minute and when it was over, the younger cat limped away, obviously hurt.

The older cat stayed, believing he won the territory to do with as he pleased. As he, left the ice and padded deftly up the snow covered rock towards Qwuni's smokeshed, Inix caught him behind the ear with a shot from her rifle.

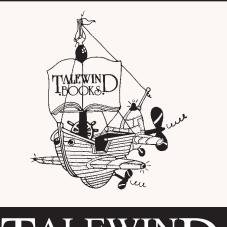
The cat dropped to the beach, dead.

(Continued next month)

## **BC Bestsellers:**

(For the week of Dec. 11, 2011)

- 1. The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver by Chuck Davis
- 2. Whitewater Cooks with Friends by Shelley Adams
- 3. Here's Mike by Mike McCardell
- 4. Raincoast Chronicles 21 by Rick James
- 5. Eating Dirt by Charlotte Gill
- 6. *Fred Herzog* by Claudia Gochmann et al.
- 7. *Beyond the Home Ranch* by Diana Phillips
- 8. *Empire of the Beetle* by Andrew Nikiforuk
- 9. *A Thrilling Ride* edited by Paul Chapman & Bev Wake
- 10. *Texada Tapestry* by Heather Harbord
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By Theresa Kishkan

Sometimes new books are a wonderful enticement to spend a cold afternoon by the fire. But some-

times too it's the old books that call. Luckily two of my favourite British Columbia works of non-fiction have recently been reissued in handsome new editions. They speak of coastal British Columbia as pungently as smoked salmon or preserves made from salal berries.

M. Wylie Blanchet's *The Curve* of *Time* (Whitecap Books, 2011) belongs on every bookshelf. It's a book about time, about memory, about the coast as it was in the 1930s. Capi

Blanchet was widowed in 1927 when her five children were still young. Before her husband's death, the couple had bought a boat, the 25-foot *Caprice*. For many summers, the enterprising Capi took her children off on the *Caprice*:

"Our world then was both wide and narrow wide in the immensity of sea and mountain; narrow in that the boat was very small, and we lived and camped, explored and swam in a little realm of our own making."

From their home on the southern tip of Vancouver Island to the entrance to Queen Charlotte Strait, this intrepid family shadowed the voyages of earlier explorers and made discoveries of their own. Their world was enchanted.

"Morning revealed a white-shell beach in Tuesday Cove. My crew were already swimming when I woke – their little naked, brown bodies glistening against the shimmering white shell."

It was not all smooth sailing. Encounters with rough weather, coping with engine trouble and grizzly bears:

"We smelt bears," offered John,

"And we banged out tins at them and they were all as afraid as anything."

And the same crisp and imaginative language enlivens the daily work of cooking:

"We made a big fire on top of the rock... and cooked our supper on the little campfire... A big corned-beef hash with tomatoes and onions — our biggest pot full of huckleberry dumplings."

In a profile of Capi Blanchet, first published in *Raincoast Chronicles No*.

8 and included in *The Strangers Next Door* (Harbour Publishing, 1991), Edith Iglauer provides some of the Blanchet children's memories of those summers. Elisabeth admitted that, "I loved the summer journeys but I doubt if any of us appreciated quite how unusual our childhood was...[Capi] used to get a bit

tense if we were taking green water over the bow or wallowing about in a following sea or running the Yuculta Rapids. Otherwise she took everything in her stride — whether crossing the Straits of Georgia at 4 a.m. to beat the sou'wester or exploring new territory."

This is a beautiful edition, produced to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *The Curve of Time's* first publication, its cover graced with Harry Heine's painting of the *Caprice* and its crew.

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My late father was a great fan of Roderick Haig-Brown's fly-fishing books. We had lots of them in our house and sometimes I'd dip in. I liked the clarity of Haig-Brown's prose but I didn't fish; it wasn't until about 30 years ago that I read some of his other books, the ones about the importance of rivers and conservation issues.

My favourite was *Measure of* the *Year*, first published in 1950. It is

Haig-Brown's lyrical and detailed account of one year at Above Tide, his home on the banks of Campbell River.

Measure of the Year: Reflections on Home, Family, and a Life Fully Lived was reissued in 2011 by Touch-Wood Editions. It includes a thoughtful foreword by Brian Brett (poet and author of

Trauma Farm) who spent five months living at Above Tide as a writer-in-residence (it was Haig-Brown's wish that his house be used by writers and conservationists after his death).

The book is organized around the calendar year, beginning in March.

"Perhaps there is not much sense in watching for signs," he says, after noting that spring was late in arriving.

"But to watch the signs ... is a rite among men and it has meaning; strongest meaning for those who are closest to the soil and the weather, but strong meaning for all men, even those who live most determinedly in the cities and shield themselves most closely from the rigours of winter and the caprices of spring. Even today, in the most modern of cities, man has not been able to make himself altogether independent of the weather, and perhaps that is a good thing."

The reader becomes acquainted

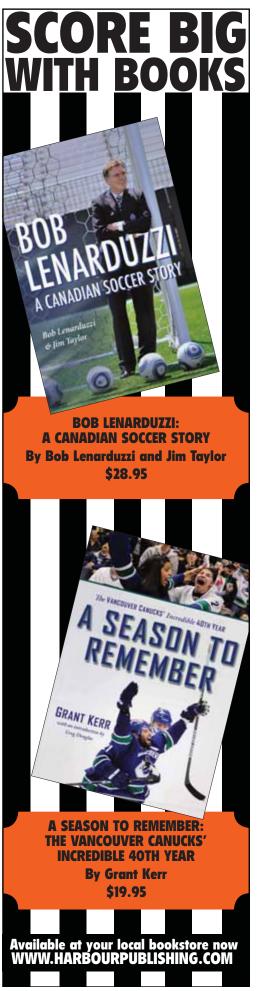
with the author's wife Ann and the couple's four children. In these pages, there is also a milk cow, a host of wild birds, a bear who regularly visits the apple trees, and friends with fierce opinions on firewood. They're in good company. A magistrate himself, Haig-Brown didn't shy away from politics or

the stupidity of book banning. It's the measured tone of his pronouncements that make them so interesting.

"Law and government should be simply a convenience to enable people to live in groups without upsetting each other too much..."

These two books make perfect book-ends to January, each alive with the natural world, the place of families and the notion of home, firmly with it.





# And the newsmaker of the year is...



By Shane McCune

Of course we all make mistakes — but they're not as funny as other people's.

Here are some hapless headlines and punchdrunk prose from 2011, courtesy of the ink- and pixel-stained wretches of the fourth estate.

# WE KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT, WE THINK

Female appointments dip under Tories

— cbc.ca, Jan. 8.

Teacher sex trial ends in hung jury

— cbc.ca, Feb. 23

Hang the Queen by end of week, Tories tell embassies

The Harper government, a staunch defender of the monarchy, has ordered all Canadian embassies and foreign missions to display a portrait of the Queen by end of week.

— Globe and Mail, Sept. 7.

Comox Valley RCMP are seeking the public's assistance to identify a man who approached two boys not wearing pants on a wooded trail near Bill Moore Park in Courtenay.

— Comox Valley Record, May 27.

Girls think tank has emerged as key voice for human rights
— San Diego Union-Tribune

Bishops agree sex abuse rules

— Sunday Business Post (Dublin)

# WTF?

Meatball sandwich horseplay leads to two deaths, family betrayal, two trials

— cincinatti.com, Jan 14.

'Zombie' attacks guard in nudist resort scuffle, deputies say

— Sun-Sentinel (Fla.) online, Nov. 1

# STANLEY CUP LAFF RIOT

Never once in their fervent efforts at personal vilification, blanket criminalization and attempted recuperation did they ever explain the festive appeal of a riot which entails an overflowing of the ramparts of bourgeois morality that mirrors the appeal of the transgressive physicality evident in the game of hockey itself without the trappings of a national religion that have allowed the sport to be linked by broadcasters and politicians alike to the patriotic frenzy surrounding the 2010 Vancouver Olympics or the Canadian role in the Afghanistan war.

— "Guest editorial" by Ron Sakolsky on the Yippies In Love Facebook page, July 9.

# BARKEEP, MIX ME A METAPHOR

MPI is swimming against the grain
— Winnipeg Free Press, Feb. 9.

# **DUMB AND NUMBER**

All the hot dog recipes were truly delicious, but there could be only one winner — 73-year-old grandmother Charlotte Jack and her granddaughter, Jamie, from Winnipeg.

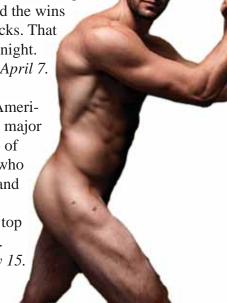
— Toronto Sun, Aug. 30.

The goals had not been coming for Ryan Kesler. Neither had the wins for the Vancouver Canucks. That both changed Thursday night.

—cbc.ca, April 7.

For all the talk of Americans' recent struggles in major championship [sic], two of them — Lucas Glover, who has a share of the lead, and Chad Campbell, who is one back — occupy the top three spots in Sandwich.

— pgatour.com, July 15.



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# **GRAMMAR? SHE DIED YEARS AGO**

Is social media changing museums?

— nytimes.com, April 4.

Notes: There was a moment of silence before the game and the U.S. anthem was sang to remember the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11.

—CP story on BC Lions' victory over Argos, Globe & Mail, Sept. 10.

# YOU WANTS TO HIRE THIS LAWYERS?

One of Langley's most established law firms has merged with one of the largest independent law companies in the Lower Mainland. Cherrington Easingwood Kearl joined forces on Feb. 1 with Lindsey Kenney, making the Vancouver based law firm the only one with an office in the Lower Mainland.

Despite the merger "it will be business as usual for the foreseeable future," John Cherrington said.

Cherrington and Robert Kearl are the only two remaining lawyers in a business that was established almost 40 years ago in Fort Langley. It now has five lawyers.

... "Once anyone comes to our office in Fort Langley, the historic birthplace of British Columbia, they never leave, but if they do, they always come back," he added.

- Langley Times, Feb. 24.

# D'OH!

A British man accused of faking his own death as part of a life insurance scam was arrested in Australia after a six-year hunt by authorities, police said Thursday.

Hugo Sanchez, who also went by the first name Alfredo, was arrested in Sydney on Wednesday, a spokeswoman for the Australian Federal Police said.

(His wife) began claiming on the life insurance policie — but suspicions arose when Mr. Sanchez's own fingerprints were found on his death certificate, the prosecution service said.

— AP, Nov. 3.

Asked whether flood water was about to swamp the heart of the capital, (Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra)
January 2012

said: "It depends on whether more water will be entering Bangkok."

— The Nation, Bangkok, Nov. 4.

# WEINER'S THE NAME, WEINER'S MY GAME

The career meltdown of New York Rep. Anthony Weiner over suggestive texts to several women was catnip to headline writers — thanks to the congressman's unfortunate name. The ever-tasteful New York Post was arguably the principal benefactor of the scandal, concocting these gems:

WEINER'S RISE AND FALL
WEINER FINALLY YANKS HIMSELF
OBAMA BEATS WEINER
WEINER PULLS OUT
FALL ON YOUR SWORD, WEINER
WEINER: I'LL STICK IT OUT
HIDE THE WEINER

Other news organs were equally gleeful, if not as clever:

Weiner's Hard Stance Goes Limp As More Pictures Come Out.

Weiner cocks it up

Weiner, Weiner, pants on fire

Weiner Exposed

Weiner's Pickle

Battle of the Bulge: Weiner hung out to dry

The Weiner Mystery: A Tough News Package To Handle
Mounting Pressure On Weiner

Special honours to foxnews.com for . . . Congressman Wants Weiner Probe

... and at the end, to the New York Daily News for .

STICK A FORK IN WEINER

# THIS YEAR'S HIGH-AND LOW-BROW WINNER

Calgary's autopsy staff sliced to bone

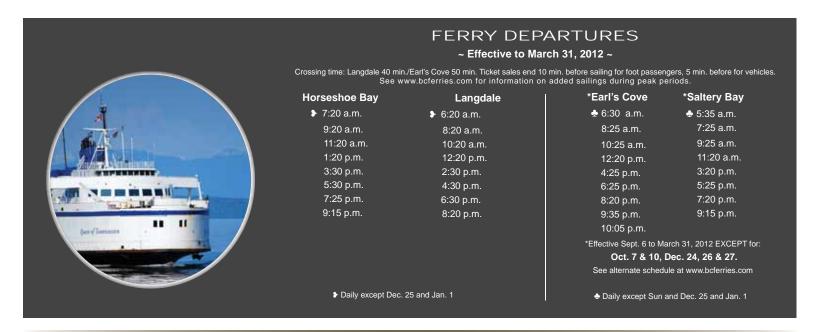
— torontosun.ca and canoe.ca, March 5, 2011

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

# **JANUARY**

Sat. Dec. 31New Year's at the Grasshopper featuring Altered - Grasshopper Pub, till 2012 (and beyond)
Sat. Dec. 31New Year's Eve Party - P. H. Legion, till 2012 (and beyond)
Sun. Jan. 1Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Wed. Jan 4In Touch Therapeutics 2012 yoga schedule begins
Thurs. Jan 5IGA Madeira Park Customer Appreciation Day - IGA Madeira Park, all day
Sun. Jan. 8Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 9First week of swimming lessons - PHAFC
Sat. Jan. 14S. C. Botanical Garden presents Armchair Travel - Sparling Pavilion, 2 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 14The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour presents Hopscotch - P. H. Golf Course, 7 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 15Sunday Jam with Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Sun. Jan 15P. H. Music Society presents The Sojourners - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 21Teddy Bear Swim - P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 21P. H. Legion presents Robbie Burns Night - P. H. Legion, 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 22Sunday Jam - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 28S. C. Botanical Garden Gala and Dinner - Sechelt Seniors Centre, 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 29Sunday Jam - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.



"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

- Bill Vaughn

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF PENDER HARBOUR

WHEN:

FEBRUARY 20, 2012

WHERE:

P. H. SCHOOL OF MUSIC (MADEIRA PARK)

TIME: 7 PM

Anyone interested in joining the board of directors is urged to contact the Harbour Managers at:

(604) 883-2234

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# TOTAL HEALTH FOR LIFE

#### START ME UP

This four-week beginner level fitness class is designed to get you started and feeling confident. The two sessions are held on Tuesdays from January 10 to 31 and from February 7 to 28, 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

#### WALK/RUN TRAINING CLUB

Have you always wanted to start a running program and train for a race like the Vancouver Sun Run? This ten-week program is offered on Wednesdays from February 1 to April 4, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and designed for walkers and runners of all fitness levels. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$75. Enjoy a relaxing swim, hot tub or sauna at no extra charge. Also included in the package is attendance at one of the water running classes held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

#### **DANCE FIT**

A fusion of dance moves and classic aerobic patterns is sure to get your heart pumping, body moving and put a smile on your face. Fitness and dance instructor Amy Perry will lead participants in this four-week program on Thursdays from January 26 to February 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

#### WONDER WHEELS AND SWIM

On Tuesdays, beginning January 10, enjoy one hour of story, song and play time in the Wonder Wheels Strong Start bus, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by a swim and/or swim lesson in the pool, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For ages 5 years and under.

#### **TEDDY BEAR SWIM**

On Saturday, January 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. bring your favourite Teddy bear to the pool and be eligible to win prizes for smallest, oldest and best dressed bears. After the swim, join us in the lobby for some hot chocolate and snacks. Special family admission is \$8.

#### SPELL AND SWIM

From January 23 to 28, join us at the pool for some underwater spelling fun and games to celebrate Literacy Week.

Winter 2012 registration is on now.

Swimming lessons begin week of January 9, 2012.



604-885-6866.



Pizza.



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Home

Time 5 p.m. (Sportsnet) 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) 10 a.m. (Sportsnet)

4:30 p.m. (Sportsnet) 4:30 p.m. (Sportsnet) 5 p.m. (Sportsnet) 6 p.m. (Sportsnet) 7 p.m. (Sportsnet)

1 p.m. (Sportsnet) 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) 7 p.m. (TSN)

# Harbour Pizza 883-2543

Oak Tree Market 883-2411



# Winter Specials

FRIDAYS: **MEAT DRAWS** 

(Proceeds to P. H. Blues Society)

**SATURDAYS: PRIME RIB - \$15.99** 

SUNDAYS: **EGGS BENNY** 

## Friday Night Meat Draw Special:

**Steak Sandwich** \$ \$9.99 Cod and chips **Burger and Fries** 

# Live Music Sundays @ 2 pm JAN. 1: Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters

JAN. 8: Joe Stanton

JAN. 15: Gaetan and the French Connection

JAN. 22 Altered

JAN. 29 Mike Evans and the Straight Lines

with Karen Graves

Specials for all Canucks games!

Dr. Terry Dickson, a chiropractor and registered ART®(Active Release Technique) provider, is excited about joining the practitioners at the Pender Harbour Health Centre!

Available every second and fourth weekend (Saturday & Monday) from 1 to 5 pm:

Jan. 14/16 & 28/30 • Feb. 11/13 & 25/27 • March 10/12 & 24/26 • April 7/9 & 21/23 • May 12/14 & 26/28

What is Active Release Technique or ART®?

ART is a patented, state of the art soft tissue system/movement based massage technique that treats problems with muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia and nerves. Headaches, back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, shin splints, shoulder pain, sciatica, plantar fasciitis, knee problems and tennis elbow are just a few of the many conditions that can be resolved quickly and permanently with ART. These conditions all have one important thing in common: they are often a result of overused muscles which leads to the production of tough, dense scar tissue in the affected area. As scar tissue builds up, muscles become shorter and weaker, tension on tendons causes tendonitis, and nerves can become trapped. This can cause reduced range of motion, loss of strength, and pain. If a nerve is trapped you may also feel tingling, numbness, and weakness.



Dr. Dickson is the owner/director of a multi-disciplinary health clinic in North Vancouver where he has a busy practice treating a wide variety of patients. Ranging in age from children to the elderly, Dr. Dickson treats a full spectrum of patients with success in improving their health and quality of life.

Recognizing the lack of any ART providers on the Sunshine Coast, and that he visits family in Pender Harbour twice per month, he wanted to offer this amazing healing technique to those wanting to heal stubborn injuries or for those simply wanting to feel great and optimize their health!

Learn more about Dr. Dickson at www.nswellness.ca





To book an appointment, call the Pender Harbour Health Centre:

(604) 883-2764