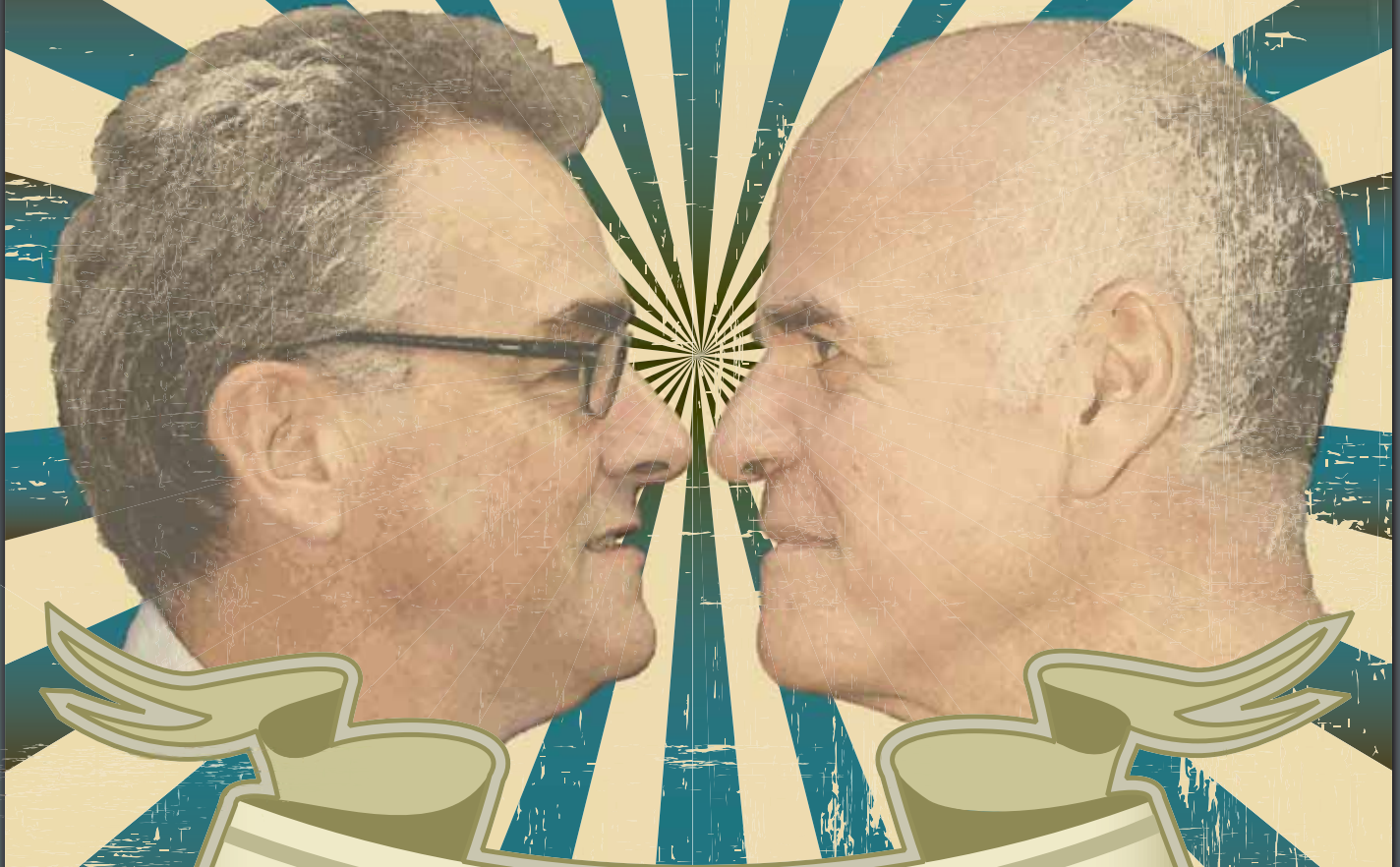


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EDITORIAL

A call for more arms

By Brian Lee



When I was kid I was taught about the important roles provincial and federal politics had in our lives.

That was fine.

But little time ever given to educating students on the finer points of municipal governance.

I graduated school without even an inkling about how civic politics worked. Now I see what a folly that is.

I don't think it's cynical or defeatist to say a typical Canadian is unlikely to carry much sway in the federal or provincial arena.

But we can have a direct impact on how our local government operates.

Some constituents and organizations understand this and use it to their advantage.

They're the ones who attend the odd board meeting, submit letters, make phone calls and generally lift their voices above the fray.

It's not a coincidence that they're also the ones who are often the most successful in swaying decisions in their favour. The problem is that "they" are sometimes a minority who don't really speak for the rest of us.

It's one reason why the upcoming municipal election is a fresh call to get involved with our local government.

We're extremely lucky to have two capable candidates vying for the position of Area A director.

Though both are well qualified, there will be an inevitable learning process as the winner acquaints himself with the SCRD machine.

But even when he does get up to speed, no matter how effective he is, he will rely on folks in the community to offer insight on issues and even tell him when he's screwing up.

The job of director is but one

small voice at a loud table and in order to be effective, that voice needs backing.

One shouldn't underestimate the effect a delegation has on board discussions by just being in the room.

And, if someone doesn't push to get an item on the agenda, it may not get discussed at all.

Directors are often forced to make tough decisions on our behalf but those decisions will only be as as informed as those he or she comes into contact with.

So I suggest we look at this election as a chance to regroup and renew efforts.

A chance to reassess what the issues are and take a fresh stab at solving them.

We sometimes overlook the considerable accomplishments that have taken place in the area during the past 10 years.

Much of that work was, and is, accomplished by locals working together, pushing forward — or pushing back.

And there are still many worthy projects calling out for help.

Your help.

Attend public meetings, sit in on board meetings or committee meetings (the agendas and minutes are all posted on the SCRD website) and assert some control in matters that concern our community.

Pose questions to the director and offer your respectful input (while accepting that it may be ignored).

Whichever candidate wins this election, he's going to need our help.

He shouldn't be seen as the captain of the ship but the rudder.

And as always, it's our responsibility to guide it.

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THIRD ANNUAL P. H. HALLOWEEN BLUES BASH - OCT. 29, 8 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Blues Society hosts the third annual Halloween Blues Bash at the P. H. Community Hall. Live music will be provided by Arsen Shomakhov. There are cash prizes for the best costume.

10TH ANNUAL P. H. ROTARY ART AUCTION - NOV. 5, 5:30 p.m.

What's better than waking up with a hangover? Waking up with a piece of art you don't remember buying. If you've never been, you should check it out. It's a lot of fun and there are some great deals on top quality artwork. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the silent auction starts at 6 p.m.

JUAN MARTIN AND THE FLAMENCO ENSEMBLE - NOV. 5, 8 p.m.

So now you have a quandary — go to the art auction or go to see one of the world's greatest guitarists playing authentic flamenco guitar? This show's at the Raven's Cry Theatre and begins at 8 p.m. Too close to call.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING (AREA A DIRECTOR) - NOV. 8, 7 p.m.

Just who are these two guys who think they have what it takes to travel down to Wilson Creek and speak on our behalf? Find out at the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

EGMONT SALOON NIGHT - NOV. 12, 7 p.m.

It's time to get out your boots and western gear! The Egmont Saloon will be open for one night only, Saturday, Nov. 12. There are prizes for best costumes and some new additions to the event this year. There's also a shuttle bus running from Sechelt, Madeira Park and the Petro Can for \$15 round trip.

MARINA PHARMACY LADIES NIGHT - NOV. 18, 6 p.m.

For the 12th year in a row, Marina Pharmacy puts this on just for the girls. Come for the deals, prizes and the reason why it's the one night of the year when "what happens at the Pharmacy, stays at the Pharmacy."

LOCAL ELECTIONS - NOV. 19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"You can't bitch if you don't vote." Last time out Area A had a 36 per cent voter turnout. Vote at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Garden Bay), P. H. Legion (Madeira Park) and the Egmont Community Hall.

Christmas Craft Fair

Sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital / Health Care Auxiliary (Pender Harbour)

Saturday Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crafts, raffle, baking, gift baskets and petit fours!

LIMITED TABLES available for rent: \$35 .
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Contact: Maureen at lilylake@telus.net or Patti at (604) 741-8413



RCMP still investigating MVA that damaged community garden

On Sept. 28, a single vehicle incident occurred in the 12900-block of Madeira Park Road after a truck spun out and hit a hydro pole.

RCMP arrived to find the vehicle with a deployed airbag but no sign of a driver or occupants.

BC Hydro was called out to deal with downed wires.

The vehicle came to rest on the Pender Harbour Community Club property causing extensive damage to the community garden.

Cpl. Steven Chubey of the Sunshine Coast RCMP says the file is still under investigation and no charges have yet been laid.

Chubey did say they have been in contact with the registered owner of the vehicle and have identified a suspect who is not the registered owner.



A truck, twisted metal and damaged tree and a power pole were all that RCMP found when they arrived at the scene of this crash site on Sept. 28. A suspect has been identified but no charges have yet been laid.

Election brings out two candidates for Area A

Area A will have two choices on the ballot for Area A director during the upcoming Nov. 19 municipal elections.

Mike Carson and Frank Mauro are both actively campaigning for the seat left vacant by outgoing director Eric Graham.

(See p. 16 for information on the two candidates.)

On the same day, voting will also be held for local school board trustees.

Unchallenged, incumbent Lori Pratt will maintain her position as trustee for Egmont, Pender Harbour and Halfmoon Bay.

At the SCRD board level, it's unlikely there will be much change in the other rural areas (B, D, E, F) but the same can't be said for the two municipalities, Sechelt and Gibsons.

Both Mayor Darren Inkster (Sechelt) and Mayor Barry Janyk

(Gibsons) face serious challenges and their respective councils could also see some new faces after voting closes.

Advance voting opportunities will be available on Nov. 9 and 16 with regular voting taking place on Nov. 19 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the following locations for Area A:

- Egmont Community Hall
- Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
- Royal Canadian Legion – Madeira Park

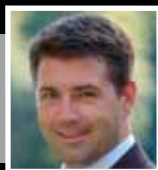
Residents in Area B (Halfmoon Bay) can cast their ballots at the Coopers Green Hall, also between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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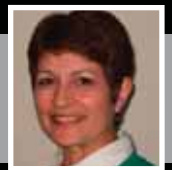
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Economist Pastrick speaks to Coast's future business environment

As the rest of the economy goes, so go the fortunes of the Sunshine Coast.

That's a quick summary of a report on the future business environment for the Sunshine Coast prepared by the Central 1 Credit Union.

Central 1 chief economist Helmut Pastrick, presented the report to over 100 community members in an invitation only event sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Credit Union at West Sechelt's Holy Family Catholic Church on Oct. 18.

Central 1 Credit Union is the central financial facility and trade association for the B.C. and Ontario credit union systems.



Helmut Pastrick, chief economist at Central1 Credit union discusses 'the Sunshine Coast's current and future economy in context of the macro-economic setting, including regional forecasts for industry, demographics and housing.'

VITAL SIGNS 2011

Pastrick's presentation was preceded by a short review from Catharine Esson of the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation's recently published Vital Signs report for 2011.

Vital Signs is a snapshot of the

quality of life on Sunshine Coast offering information on key areas like education, the environment, housing and arts and culture, plucked from a variety of sources including local surveys.

The report takes a look at measurable results like housing data and demographics as well as surveying community members' level of satisfaction on a variety of areas that affect their quality of living.

A copy of the complete report can be found on the Sunshine Coast Community Foundations website at www.sccfoundation.com.

HELMUT PASTRICK/ CENTRAL CREDIT 1 REPORT

Helmut Pastrick's presentation on the other hand, relied on mostly hard data pulled from such sources as the Census of Canada, Statistics Canada, B.C. Stats, Landcor Data Corp and the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

The report did not include the most recent (2011) census data which is not yet available.

For the most part, Pastrick confirmed what most already understand — the Sunshine Coast is dependent on external economic pressures and the trend toward an aging demographic will continue.

But the report also provided a variety of tables taking a deeper look at what some of these trends mean to the Sunshine Coast.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Non-employment sources of income account for more than 40 per cent of total income, with pension income the largest source, reflecting the demographic makeup of the region.
- The large difference between employed by place of residence and employed by place of work suggests a substantial mobile or commuter segment.
- The private sector is generally populated by smaller enterprises with the majority of businesses in the SCRD having no employees; firms with employees are generally small.
- By far, the strongest gains in net business formation during the decade



ART AUCTION

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were in the construction industry.

- B.C.'s economic growth is moderate through to 2014 followed by a pickup to about 3.5 per cent annual growth between 2015 and 2018

- The SCRD's industry growth leaders in the next 10 years are construction, real estate, retail trade, and professional/technical services.

Below-average growth is forecast in logging, agriculture, aquaculture, health, education, and public administration.

- Migration will continue to be the main source of growth and will remain driven by demographics and the business and housing cycles.

- Total population is projected to top 36,000 in 2021, up 20 per cent from 2010.

The SCRD's high quality of life and proximity to Metro Vancouver's aging population will lift net migration along with growth in professionals able to work remotely.

Those aged 65 and up will account for 30 per cent of the population (or 11,000 persons) in 2021, up from 20 per cent and 5,800 persons in 2006.

- Between the 2001 and 2006 census, population growth was strongest in Electoral Area A (Egmont/Pender Harbour) which observed a 10.5 per cent gain in the population level. The District of Sechelt grew by 8.7 per cent.

- The median age in the SCRD is projected to reach a peak of 52.3 years of age in 2025, up from 50.4 in 2010.

- While B.C.'s population is projected to rise by 21 per cent between 2010 and 2025 (representing average annual growth of 1.3 per cent), the SCRD is projected to expand by 15 per cent over the same period.

- There is a large share of external ownership suggesting a large

contingent of recreation or second vacation homes.

By examining property records showing owners with a different address than the property itself, it can be estimated that roughly 54 per cent of homes on the Sunshine Coast were owned by non-local individuals in 2010. The vast majority of external

ownership can be traced to Metro Vancouver.

A copy of the report as well as video of Pastrick's presentation is available on the Sunshine Coast Credit Union's website at www.sunshineccu.com.

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Banana Peppers add some sizzle to local sports scene

The newly formed Pender Harbour Banana Peppers have eight games under their belt and though they've yet to notch a victory in their first season in the Sunshine Coast adult women's soccer league, they're getting very close.

On Oct. 16, the Peppers tied the league's second place team in a 2-2 battle.

That single point pulled them out of the basement and into sixth place in the seven-team league.

In their next game, the team went down 2-0 against the Mayhem, a team that routed them 8-1 in their first meeting earlier in the season.

The ages of the team members run from their teens to their 40s but it's the heavy proportion of younger athletes that should make the BPs a team to watch in the coming years.

The Banana Peppers' next home games take place on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the Pender Harbour Lions Field on Oct. 30 and Nov. 13.



Amber Kincaide deftly undressing her opponent.



Banana Peppers Robyn Kelly and Diana Rae are a mother/daughter duo who combine youth and skill with age and treachery.



Kelsey Nattall moves the ball upfield during an Oct. 2 home game against the Pigs.

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Tenth annual Pender Harbour Fall Faire results

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Lil' Milker: Julie Siebert

Intermediate: Jeremy

Medium: Cole Krahn

Adult: Niceto

PENDER PUMPKIN (GUESS THE WEIGHT):

Leila McLaren

STUDENT AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

1. Michelle Fielding

2. Joe Wilson

3. Ashlynn Bogert

ADULT AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

1. Chris Fitzgibbon

2. Donna Vere

3. Li Yang

4. Nonie McCuaig

5. Chris Fitzgibbon

6. Cary Campbell

COOKIE CONTEST WINNERS (INTERMEDIATE):

1. Jessica Cyr

2. Lillea Hohn

3. Jessica Linnmann

COOKIE CONTEST WINNERS (PRIMARY):

1. Keanna McLeod

2. Cooper Jones

3. Marshall Curtiss

HARVEST EXHIBITION HORTICULTURE TROPHY:

Evelyn McNee

HARVEST EXHIBITION HOME MAKER TROPHY:

Mary Cochet

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

1. Eric English

2. Diane Rouseau

3. Doug Davis



Ryan Campbell cranks up his 1936 Easthope engine. Campbell acquired it from Billy Griffith and had Jim Hawke rebuild it so it runs almost like it did 80 years ago.



Gourd art.



Loadin' up for another ride through Madeira.



As usual, the cookie contest had the most entries — and calories.

Franziska Elfriede Lajlar (neé Nager)

SEPTEMBER 29, 1931 – AUGUST 31, 2011

It is with deep sadness and sorrow that the Lajlar family announces the passing of Oma “Frances” on Aug. 31 at Shornecliffe.

Predeceased by husband Alfie in 1997 and siblings Manfred, Franz and Johanna of Austria.

Left behind to mourn are devoted son Alfred and grandson Wade.

She is fondly remembered and missed by brothers Horst (Erika), Waldema (Gusti) and Franz; sister Morena (Heinz) in Austria and loving sister Herma (John) of North Vancouver; sisters-in-law Trudy and Stephanie and many nieces and nephews who are left with so many memories.

Frances was born to Franz and Maria Nager of Kalsdorf, Austria. At the age of 22 she was convinced by big sister Herma to move to Vancou-

ver where Herma and her husband John were living.

One afternoon while out for a walk, Frances crossed paths with a young man, also from Kalsdorf, Alfie Lajlar.

From that moment on, the two were inseparable. After starting their new life together in Burnaby and a few years of preparing food for UBC faculty, young Alfred was born.

The following years would bring a move to the Sunshine Coast — buying property in Kleindale where they built their home and settled.

Frances enjoyed socializing, dancing, gardening, cooking, May Day celebrations, playing bingo at the community hall and travelling with Alfie to Mexico, Reno and Las Vegas.

Her dedication and devotion to

her family were foremost and honourable. Her home was open to many with a warm cup of coffee, goodies on the table, much humour, laughter and great conversations.

She had many friends and was known in the community for her warmth, kindness and affection to everyone around her.

But she was best known for her famous Frances Burgers, which she served up with that comforting smile we will all remember.

The Lajlar family would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to St. Mary’s Hospital and all the wonderful staff at Shornecliffe as well as family and friends who have been there for comfort and support.

A celebration of life was held on Sept. 8 on the property in Kleindale.

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Glow in the Dark

Fall back and join us on Saturday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the pool in the cover of darkness for games and fun. Everyone will receive a glow necklace

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If the chum's runnin' it must be gettin' close to election time



By Eric Graham,
Area A Director

LOCAL ELECTIONS: NOV. 19

Nominations for Area A Regional Director closed Oct. 14 and I think we are fortunate to have

two worthy candidates putting their names forward: Mike Carson and Frank Mauro.

I know both of them and have said since day one that I would not support any one candidate but encourage all who are willing to take on the job.

It is a lot of work but rewarding

and, at times, difficult.

I promise to do what I can to ease the successful candidate into the job.

The Pender Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring an all candidates forum at the Madeira Community Hall on Tuesday Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

I encourage all to come listen and learn about each candidate.



MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

Infrastructure Services Committee
November 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee
November 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
November 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee
November 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Infrastructure Services Committee
November 18 at 1:30 p.m.

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November 21 at 12:30 p.m.

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AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION INFORMATION

An election will be held to elect one Director for Electoral Area "A" - Egmont / Pender Harbour in the Sunshine Coast Regional District for a term of up to three years commencing in December 2011. The persons nominated as candidates and for whom the votes will be received are:

Surname	Usual name	Jurisdiction of Residence
CARSON	Mike	Electoral Area "A" - Egmont/Pender Harbour
MAURO	Frank	Electoral Area "A" - Egmont/Pender Harbour

Qualified electors of Electoral Area "A" may vote as follows:

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, November 9, 2011	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Madeira Park Legion
	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	SCRD office (1975 Field Rd)
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	8:00 am to 2:00 pm	Madeira Park Legion
	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	SCRD office (1975 Field Rd)

GENERAL VOTING DAY

Saturday, November 19th, 2011	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club 4947 Panorama Drive, Garden Bay
		Madeira Park Legion Hall 12829 Lillies Lake Road, Madeira Pk
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Egmont Community Hall, Egmont

Curbside voting will be available for those electors with physical disabilities.

For more information visit www.scrd.ca/General-Government. Statutory election notices will be published in the *Coast Reporter*.

In the last election, only 27 per cent of the population province-wide exercised their right to vote while in Area A it was 36 per cent.

Let's bring the average even higher this year.

VITAL SIGNS

On Oct. 4 I attended a very informative meeting sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation (a independent volunteer-driven charitable organization).

The SCCF released their Vital Signs 2011 report.

This is like a report card for and about our areas on the Sunshine Coast.

It confirms we are losing good paying jobs (for the youth) and that we have one of the oldest working forces in B.C. (average job age about 50.4 years of age).

It goes into population per age group, the number of seniors and children in our communities, to the number of people of working age (18-64), the declining population of school age children, our gradual reduction in per capita rates of landfill disposal and water consumption, as well as many other important facts that you will find interesting.

I encourage you to pick up this document at any Credit Union on the Coast.

I congratulate the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation and their partners for the hard work to put this together.

JOHN DALY SCRD PARK, GARDEN BAY

I encourage one and all to go down to John Daly SCRD Park (just off Garden Bay Road before Roosen-

dal Farms).

The Rotary supplied the materials and built a wheelchair accessible viewing platform on the side of Anderson Creek and kindly donated it to the SCRD.

In the past two weeks I have walked into the park and watched the salmon fighting their way up Anderson Creek in order to lay their eggs.

It is something to see and I encourage all to take in this marvellous sight and discover what your support of the Rotary projects does for your area.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Early on in 2010, I was concerned that the taxpayers of Area A weren't getting a good bang for their buck regarding courses that the Pender Harbour Community School were delivering.

The society made a bold move and closed down all of their programs and laid off their staff temporarily in order to reorganize their structure and programs.

They started up again on Jan.1, 2011 and have just released statistics for their accomplishments from then to June 20, 2011.

There has been \$27,300 of your tax dollars spent in the first six months and 280 local students and residents

participated in 13 courses with a total of 5,125.5 hours in the class room, generating \$6,181 in fees collected.

This is just the start of the new action plan and, though it took some time to get up and running, I can see things will only improve with time.

I have to congratulate the board, instructors and especially Jodie Miles, Deb Cole, Diana Rae and the newest lead member, Paola Stewart for getting it launched.

Check out their programs — this is how we all make this a better place to live.



PENDER HARBOUR
LEGION

November events

**Remembrance
Day Service:
Friday, Nov. 11
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- **Fish & Chips**
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On the hotseat: Area A Director candidates Mike Carson and Frank

Candidates for the position of Area A director, Mike Carson and Frank Mauro, were provided with an identical list of written questions. The following are their written responses.

1. Why did you enter the race for Area A director?

MIKE CARSON: I care about my community.

I know I can do a good job at representing the issues of the taxpayers of Pender Harbour and Egmont, and promoting sustainable development.

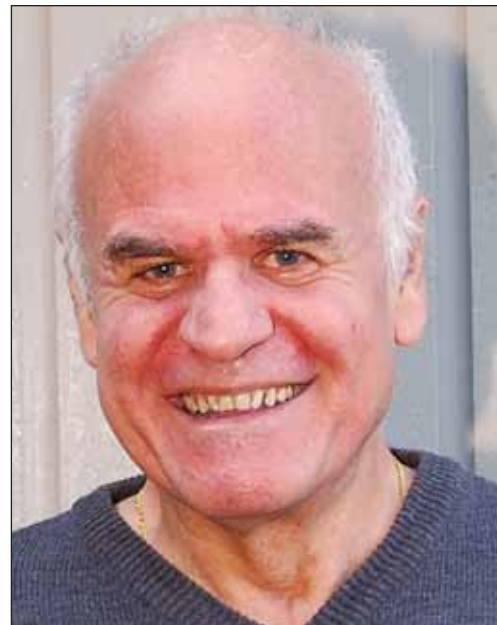
I'm an active listener and can communicate effectively with the public, other board members and SCRD staff.

It's a very demanding role and I look forward to the challenge.

FRANK MAURO: I want to preserve the lifestyle and heritage of this area while encouraging compatible economic development to guarantee our future.



Mike Carson



Frank Mauro

I would like to ensure facilities are provided and enhanced which retain the uniqueness that attracted me and, I am sure, many others to the area.

As a director I would support the many volunteer groups who form the character and backbone of the community.

I see running for director as an extension of the volunteer work I have done for the benefit of the area.

2. As Area A director, what will be your top priority?

MIKE CARSON: Getting good value for our tax dollar is my top priority.

There are so many individual issues, but they all come down to how much infrastructure servicing and funding can be allocated to each.

My first term will be spent finishing the valuable work already started, and planning and prioritizing for future projects.

FRANK MAURO: The top priority is to review the Official Community

Plan and ensure that its provisions are followed and maintained.

One example would be to ensure that water access, a primary attraction to the area, is maintained for all residents.

This is only one item recommended in the current revision of the plan, a good comprehensive document.

It has been accepted by the SCRD board. However, some of its provisions have been left to gather dust like this one.

3. Who will stand as your alternate director and why have you chosen him/her?

MIKE CARSON: Barrie Wilbee has agreed, and I am thankful to have him on board.

He is very community minded and involved with so many worthwhile enterprises that will help our area.

He is a steadfast promoter of Pender Harbour, and has a lot of experience accessing governments on all

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Mauro face off

levels.

FRANK MAURO: Leonard Lee has agreed to stand as my alternate. He was chosen for many reasons including his business background, community involvement and interest in helping to ensure the Sunshine Coast and Area A are great places to visit, live and work.

We have similar opinions on many issues and we work well together.

He has been associated with Pender Harbour his whole life and therefore has a wealth of knowledge on the history and issues of the area.

4. What do you see as the three most pressing issues threatening Area A?

MIKE CARSON:

1. The declining economy is hurting small businesses, but we can counter that by doing more to promote the area for tourism, recreation, arts and entertainment.

2. Water and infrastructure are top of mind now, as we look forward to the South Pender treatment plant coming online, and planning for future expenditures on repairs and upgrades.

3. Affordable housing, particularly for seniors and young people.

Some solutions for seniors are in the works, but more research into options for young people needs to be done.

FRANK MAURO: From my current perspective the three most pressing problems are:

1. Water quality, particularly in south Pender Harbour

2. Improving the business climate to promote job creation

(cont. on next page)



TALE OF THE TAPE

Mike Carson	Name	Frank Mauro
53	Age	62
Middlepoint	Residence	Garden Bay
14	Years in Area A	5 full-time and 3 part-time
Commercial Pilot (airplane, floatplane, helicopter)	Education	• Technical Diploma (BCIT) • Business Administration/Leadership, (U of Calgary) • Various computer (systems design/programming)
• Advertising/promotion co-ordinator (Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company), • Self-employed (business owner, contractor, Realtor)	Career	• 30+ years: mining, ore processing and bulk materials handling facilities. (25 years in senior management)
• SPCA • S. C. Botanical Garden • Hospital Aux. fundraiser • Airport Advisory Committee	Community Involvement	• Five years as director of the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour (three as President/Chairman)
• Wife (Lori Pickering) • Dog (Ginger)	Family	• Wife (Joanne Mauro) • Three children
Galileo's Daughter (Dana Soebel)	Last book read	Spy Line (Len Deighton)
Sailing, motorcycles, mountain biking, hiking, carpentry	Hobbies	Boating/fishing, reading, gardening, volunteering, building/renovating

Carson/Mauro (cont.)

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3. Taxpayers getting full value for taxes paid

I hope to hear from residents during this campaign to verify that, in fact, these are their priorities.

5. Where do you stand on the topic of incorporation with regards to Area A?

MIKE CARSON: I’m personally not in favour of more layers of government, and I believe we have missed the economic window of opportunity for incorporation as the costs of running a municipality are rising.

That being said, if there was unanimous support to request a Restructure Planning Grant (Phase One study on the viability of incorporation) from the Province, I would certainly initiate that request.

FRANK MAURO: As stated on the

Meet the Candidates for Director of Area A:

FRANK MAURO

MIKE CARSON

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7 p.m.

November 8

Pender Harbour Community Hall

Mediator: Michael Ross

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BC Government website, the incorporation process can be initiated by any group or individual, and then is governed by the ministry and the citizens.

I have heard both sides of the incorporation discussion but remain unconvinced as to which option would be best for the residents.

If elected director, I would provide any public information available to me to help residents come to a decision.

I do not believe it would be appropriate for an elected director to lead such a campaign.

6. Assuming Area A can be divided into 6 distinct geographical “nodes” — Egmont, the Lakes (Ruby and Sakinaw), Kleindale, Garden Bay, Madeira Park and Midlepoint — what are some issues you see that might be considered divisive within Area A itself?

MIKE CARSON: I think bringing all those areas together under a Volunteer Advisory Association that discussed each area’s individualities, priorities and special needs, would be the first step in keeping the misunderstandings about possibly divisive issues to a minimum.

More communication between areas is the key to splitting the pot equally.

FRANK MAURO: What is described here is a phenomenon that occurs with multiple “neighbourhoods” within any area, city or town.

The main issue is that complaints are generally that some “nodes” feel that they are being neglected and others favoured.

The duty of the director is to ensure that all specific issues are addressed in a fair and equitable way.

7. An SCRD director must often wear two hats — one to represent his or her area and another to push ahead agenda items that concern the entire Sunshine Coast. Put your Sunshine Coast hat on for a second and explain what challenges face the SCRD in general during the next three years.

MIKE CARSON: The SCRD faces challenges in keeping a high quality of service delivered at a reasonable cost.

A lot of people’s property assessments went down last year, but their taxes went up, in order to keep the same level of service budgeted for.

In the future, this may mean looking harder at reductions in municipal spending instead of raising taxes.

FRANK MAURO: The main challenge will be fiscal restraint and a slow economy creating general financial hardship on the Sunshine Coast.

One opportunity that must be taken advantage of is that the Sunshine Coast is a desirable place to live and a low cost alternative when compared to our outrageously priced neighbour Vancouver.

And we must direct our “marketing” to attract the appropriate small businesses.

A business anywhere on the coast benefits us all.

8. What do you see that holds the greatest promise for improving the economy of the Sunshine Coast?

MIKE CARSON: Our location is so close to Vancouver and is the typical “Super Natural BC.”

This will attract both tourists and retirees looking for clean air, recreational opportunities, safe affordable



neighbourhoods, and healthy life-styles.

The SCRD must be proactive in embracing this demographic trend and planning our development infrastructure and facilities accordingly.

**FRANK MAURO:** Small business and light industry hold the greatest promise, not just primary resource industries and tourism, although they are important.

I refer you to the answer to the previous question as to a possible solution.

## 9. On what issue do the interests of Area A conflict with those of the other areas?

**MIKE CARSON:** We face the toughest geographical challenges of all areas in attempting to deliver services such as water, due to bedrock, winding roads and the sheer enormity of our area.

But, in my mind there are no conflicts that cannot be negotiated to provide solutions that are fair for all areas.

After all, what's good for Pender Harbour should be good for the rest of the Sunshine Coast.

**FRANK MAURO:** The main issue of conflict is Area A's unfair regional district tax burden.

One of the mandates of regional districts is: "Regional districts are required to match the benefits and costs of its services to the people that benefit from the services" (direct quote from BC government website).

It is the duty of the area director to ensure that residents get full value for their tax dollar.

## 10. Why do you think you could do

## a better job than your opponent?

**MIKE CARSON:** My campaign is about the issues, and I am confident that my ability to grasp the key issues, and my willingness to listen to the public is what will win this election.

My energetic and enthusiastic approach to promoting economic initiatives is what Area A needs for it to prosper in the coming years.

I want to look back in three years' time and say "We're on the right track."

**FRANK MAURO:** I feel I offer a set of skills and experience suited to the office.

As a volunteer chairman of the Harbour Authority, I have been instrumental in obtaining substantial grants to expand Hospital Bay docks and upgrade Whiskey Slough and Madeira Park docks.

Also, I was heavily involved in the re-establishment of public moorage at Irvine's Landing.

My track record of working for the community speaks for itself and I hope to continue that as director for Area A.

Voting will take place on Nov. 19 from 8 a.m to 8 p.m at the Egmont Community Hall, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Garden Bay) and the Royal Canadian Legion (Madeira Park).

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## Toddler tidbits



By John Wade

Hi John,

I need guidance in reference to correcting an interaction between my one-and-a-half year old daughter and our Maltese.

I'm trying to teach my daughter how to interact with our Maltese by modelling asking for a paw, then petting him after he does it.

She tends to be a bit more aggressive at times with him and in turn, he retaliates by snapping at her.

She finds this fun and so continues again with the same "attacking" arm swat.

Would it be correct to bring my daughter close (so the dog sees she is part of the pack), then call him over, ask for a paw, then pet him (to model the behavior for her, again)?

We have been doing this, and it works off and on. I would appreciate any feedback or advice.

~ C.D.



Dear C.D.

We've had decades of child safety around dogs programs and they haven't made one whit of difference. On all accounts the number of children being bitten by dogs is on the rise.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control tells us that one out of two children are being bitten by a dog before they reach the age of 12.

The technical term they use is "epidemic."

It seems to me we might want to consider that child safety around dogs programs aren't working.

As far as I can tell, after 20 years of assessing aggressive dogs, they never will.

The reason for this is pretty simple and how it eludes those creating or hosting these programs is beyond me.

The truth is, as any parent, grandparent, teacher, child psychiatrist will tell you, no matter how well educated; children can't stop being children.

Eight-year-old boys are statistically the most likely dog bite victims. Not because they are deaf or rebellious but because they are eight.

Tell an eight-year-old boy that he shouldn't poke the dog and he'll look right at you and say, "Okay."

Leave the room and the boy begins to wonder to himself, "Hmm, I wonder why?" and pokes the dog to find out.

Even if you have a child that can completely grasp the concept and logic of being gentle around a dog, they can still do something like fall on or near the dog.

If you are successful as some people are and the dog decides the



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child is part of the pack you're not out of the water unless your child is never going to have visiting friends in her age group.

It's time for North Americans to realize that we have to start training our dogs to behave around children and if they can't be trained, then it's time for them to move on down the road before they bite a child and their options are all gone.

Don't get me wrong, we do need to take ownership of dogs seriously.

Their lives are important but our serious responsibility to them does not absolve us of our responsibility to our children and neighbours.

Most of the calls I get are about aggressive puppies that are causing the kids in the house to sit on the couch with their feet tucked under

them so the dog can't bite at their feet. The pups are just rumbustious.

They're testing out who's going to be running the show.

With a little training they quickly learn how to inhibit the use of their mouths and keep four on the floor.

However, a dog that doesn't like or isn't comfortable around children is never going to be.

One of the most significant factors affecting this is the amount and type of exposure they received from children before 12 weeks of age.

If there's lots of positive, they generally do well.

None or negative and the likelihood of trouble around children ahead is significantly higher.

That doesn't mean that they can't be taught to behave around children

but, in my view, liking a child and putting up with a child is a fine distinction.

Get yourself a good dog trainer and meet with them with your child, ideally in your own home.

You need someone with a lot of experience under their belt and that has worked with a lot of biters.

You want someone that likes dogs, but loves kids.

Ask for a risk assessment and if it makes sense to do so assistance in training the dog.

I hope it works out.

Pawsitively yours,  
John Wade

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# Taking out the trash a surefire prescription for feeling better about



By Alan Stewart

Do you ever feel like you just can't stay on top of it all?

The yard, the garden, the weeds, the driveway, the pathway, the siding, the windows, the chimney, the roof — and we haven't even stepped into the house yet.

I admit it — I've been letting a lot of regular maintenance "chores" pile up to the point where I'm simply not feeling very good about my home.

But this weekend, I had one of those Tony Robbins moments.

You know, those moments where you pop out of bed with a smile on your face, ready to take on the world?

And I got started.

The first of my kids' soccer games didn't start until 11 a.m. on Saturday morning which meant I actually had time to make it to the landfill before heading down the Coast to scream words of encouragement (at least that's what I hope they heard coming from me) at my girls and their teammates.

A quick shower, a bowl of Raisin Bran and soy milk (life at 44 just ain't what it used to be), and my wife and I headed out the door to hook up our rickety old trailer, still full of crap from spring cleaning.



After tying down the load, Paola remembered we had a "free dump" coupon from the SCRCD so we thought we better do a sweep of the property to see what else we could get rid of.

On top of the already precarious pile, we hurled a workout bench and three bicycles.

More straps and tie downs were applied and off we went.

Is there a better feeling than unloading old junk into the large waste and recycling bins at the landfill?

It's very satisfying.

Dumbbells may be the best. As they tumbled into the metal recycling bin I could only hope no one was watching as I flipped them the bird for the years of torment they've put me through by just sitting there unused.

"Aren't you going to put that in the share shed?" Paola asks as I lift the work out bench above my head.

"Are you kidding? I refuse to curse anyone else with this godfor-

saken thing." I say, heaving it on top of the dumbbells.

"Don White stuck me with this thing four years ago and I haven't used it since."

Good riddance.

We head back to the house to collect the kids and a strange thing happens.

I feel good pulling into the driveway again and I'm actually excited about getting more done.

Now that the trailer is empty, I can finally rid the garage of the dry-wall scraps the contractors left behind a month or so ago.

And that means I can get my old car into the garage where it belongs.

Cool.

Early on Sunday morning I shuttle our eldest daughter to Roberts Creek where she'll get a ride into Vancouver for her soccer game (no screaming today) and on the drive back to the Harbour I make a mental

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## your home

list of all the things I can get done after church. This feels good.

I fire up the lawn tractor, hook up the trailer, load it with tools and get busy. I feel like a man.

I've changed into my ripped jeans, old boots and two-dollar thrift store Mac jacket and I'm ready for action.

First item on the list — the burn pile.

The burn pile has been waiting for me for over a month now and it's good and soaked.

Nothing my Tiger Torch and a rusty old propane tank can't handle.

Once it's burning I hunt down every stick of lumber on the property that's less than 4-foot in length and load it into the inferno.

This even beats the dumbbells.

Birdhouses, old fence posts, cabinet doors, siding, toys — you name it — if it started life as a tree, it's fair game.

As the flames rise, so too does my energy level.

Since I've got the lawn tractor out, I may as well give the grass a late season touch up and gather the lawn furniture from down at the pond.

"Hey Paola! Can you give me a hand?"

Without missing a beat, my good wife helps me load the 200-pound picnic table onto the tiny orange lawn tractor trailer with its pathetic 6-inch wheels.

She even agrees to walk behind it while I drive it up the hill to our house. What's the worst that could happen?

I'm blind to the potential disaster on the horizon, but on this wonderful September day, we make it up the hill without even breaking a sweat.

I'm in the zone. The sun is shin-

ing, the cool, late fall air tingles the inside of my nose, and I'm happy.

So, I encourage you to stop procrastinating and just get at it.

If you're reading this by the fire and the sun has gone down... go clean off your tool bench. If you're reading it with your morning coffee in hand...

get out there and get started.

Pull a couple weeds. Mend a fence. You'll be amazed at how much power there is in just getting going.

Momentum is a wonderful thing!

*Please send any suggestions for future columns to [alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com](mailto:alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com)*

## Fear and phobia

**B**efore the advent of modern dentistry, people commonly suffered toothache and tooth loss from their youth on.

Many were disfigured by dark, crooked, or missing teeth.

Toothless senior citizens suffered malnutrition because they weren't able to chew properly.

Today, most dental patients can be free of toothache, keep their teeth throughout their life, and have a pleasing smile.

How do modern dentists achieve these feats?

Preventive dentistry, emphasizing education and regular checkups, has been a key factor in avoiding toothache and tooth loss.

Nevertheless, many people avoid the dentist.

Some neglect dental treatment out of indifference, others are deterred by the expense, still others are afraid.

Whatever your circumstance, it is worth asking: what can the dentist do for me?

Today's dentists can restore your ability to chew or make your smile more attractive by fitting a denture

to replace missing teeth, or provide a fixed bridge that caps a tooth at each side of the gap and holds one to replace missing teeth.

An increasingly popular option is an implant.

A titanium anchor is inserted into the jawbone where the tooth used to be, and when the bone and gum have grown back into place, the dentist attaches an artificial tooth to the anchor.

Crooked teeth can be embarrassing and hard to clean, making them prone to disease.

If teeth do not come together properly, they may be painful and make chewing difficult.

These problems can usually be corrected with braces.

If visiting a dentist makes you especially anxious, your dentist will want to help you to cope with your fear, so tell him how you feel.

Most dentists have an interest in speaking kindly to their clients.

If the expense of dental treatment is your biggest fear, having a regular checkup and cleaning now may help you avoid problems and expensive treatment later.



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### P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Come to Women's Connection on Tuesday, Nov. 8, to learn how to have a wonderful vacation exchanging your home in a house swap. Janet Falk and Maureen Wright will give you the inside scoop on how you can go about vacationing this way.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22 there will be an informal gathering where Maureen Luck and Sancia Kershaw will host a baking and Christmas recipe exchange. Please bring a baked item to be sampled with its recipe to be shared.

Both gatherings are held at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the gathering is from 10 a.m. until noon. Members, non-members, and drop-ins are always welcome.

### P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Everyone is welcome to hear about a fascinating new study on the species and habitat of the flora and fauna of the Sunshine Coast.

Cynthia Bendickson is the new biodiversity project co-ordinator for the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society and she will be giving the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society a talk about her work on the Sunshine Coast Biodiversity Strategy at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Cynthia is originally from the BC coast, but spent the last five years working in the U.K. developing and carrying out biodiversity strategies. The word biodiversity generally describes the variety of life on earth, but as the project is a local initiative, the strategy will focus on conserving and enhancing the species and habitats of the Sunshine Coast. Bendickson's presentation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School. There's no charge and refreshments will be served.

### P.H. AQUATIC SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Aquatic Society is an administrative board that manages the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre in conjunction with the SCRD on behalf of Area A tax payers. This volunteer board has recently completed the process of refitting the aquatic centre and are in need of new members to help make a quorum and to build on the success of the past 30 years.

Members of the aquatic society and anyone interested in joining is urged to attend the annual general meeting in the PHSS library on Thursday Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

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## Golf course prepares for the rounds of winter



By Jan Watson

The golf season is winding down and visitors are departing.

After a dreadful start to the summer's weather, the last three

months have seen mostly ideal days for golf.

The course is still in wonderful condition thanks to superintendent Jason Haines and his greens crew.

Thanks to donations, work is progressing to beautify the ponds in front of the clubhouse and we will be happy to accept any more contributions.

### NOTICE

The pro shop will be closed for the winter months, starting on Oct. 31.

The golf course will be open for play all winter as long as weather permits.

Also a reminder to please keep carts on the cart paths.

### MEN'S CLUB

On Sept. 24 the Art Bishop Memorial Tournament was held with Art's grandson Gerry travelling from Courtenay to play in the event.

The low net tournament was won by Rusty Ellis with 62 and the runner up was Blair Priebe with 65.

KP on No. 3 was Ron Needham and on No. 6 it was Blake Priebe.

On Sept. 27, the men played a "hidden partners" match and the winning duo were John Cameron and John Forward with combined low net of 142.

Runners-up were Gerry Reiter and Bob Alexander with 143.

KP on No. 3 was John Forward and on No. 6, Lorne Campbell.

Oct. 4 saw stroke play with two

flights.

Low gross (for 0 to 18 handicap) winner was Lorne Campbell with 77.

Low gross (19-plus handicap) Ron Needham with 91.

Overall low net winner was Brian Disney with 69. KP on No. 3 was Lorne Campbell and on No. 6 it was Ian Grant.

Oct. 11 saw stroke play for low net and the winner was Lorne Campbell with 67 with Brian Disney shooting a 69 to take runner up.

KP on No. 3 was Alex Thomson and on No. 6 it was Jamie Tufford.

### LADIES' CLUB

On Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 the ladies shot in the annual Turkey Shoot.

This two-day event is an eclectic tournament where each person can improve their score on any hole from the previous week.

The first prize (a turkey) went to Wendy Haddock with a net score of 57.

Second prize of a pumpkin pie went to Kathy Needham for her 61.

On Oct. 13, the final day of the season, a 9-hole "greenskeeper's revenge" event was held where the holes were cut in some very strange places.

It was a fun event and the low net winner was Heather "Crusher" Cranston with 32, followed by Wendy Haddock with 35.

Following the game, the ladies held their annual meeting with reports read and prizes awarded.

Officers were elected for the next year and after the meeting the ladies enjoyed a tasty buffet lunch prepared by Heather Brown and her staff.

### HUSBAND & WIFE TOURNAMENT

After a wet morning on Oct. 1,

the sun came out for the Husband and Wife Tournament.

This is a low net tournament and the winners were Lorne Campbell and Cathy McEachern who shot a combined 135.

Second place went to Don and Janine Matheson with 150.

In keeping with tradition there was also an Odd Couple event and the winners were Brian Orr and Shelley Stunell who shot 130.

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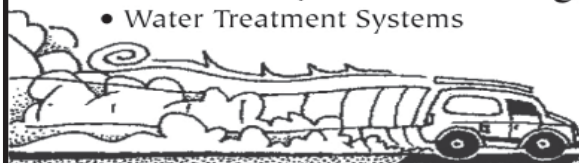
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## For change: The Stewarts go to Africa

By Alan Stewart

*The Stewart family – Alan, Paola, Mackenzie, Samantha and Hannah – recently spent six weeks in Kenya and Rwanda taking part in the locally based Kids for Kids program.*

*Kids for Kids is a grassroots organization with an aim to advance the educational opportunities for children and farmers living in poor areas of Kenya and Rwanda.*

*(Continued from Oct. 2011)*

We arrived at the guest house in Kigeme — our home for the next three weeks — around lunch and we were greeted by a dozen or so people, who would soon become our friends.

As we piled out of the bus people escorted us into the guest house and started grabbing our suitcases.

Still concerned about our safety



and security, I stood by the van doors ensuring that our luggage was all going to the right place.

After learning that our baggage carriers were volunteers and elders from the local church, I was a bit ashamed of my behaviour.

These folks had given of their time on a Sunday afternoon to come and greet us and I watched over them suspicious of their motives.

While our time in Kenya was filled with school-related activities, our time in Rwanda would be focused more on Rachel Spence's "The Udder Project," an initiative sparked by the efforts of Kids-4-Kids to increase milk production in Rwandan cattle.

These African cows typically produce four to seven litres of milk per day as compared to Canadian cows which produce in the range of 30 litres per day.

We spent days making presentations on the bovine digestive system to hundreds of eager to learn Rwandan farmers, many of whom had only received their cows over the previous few years.

Along with touring countless farms and villages, we had the good

fortune of participating in a three-day youth leadership camp where approximately 120 high school-age sponsored students from 33 different schools came together to figure out a way to "pay it forward," or to give back to their communities in recognition of what had been given to them by their Canadian sponsors.

It was a privilege to be involved.

In the mornings we would listen to presenters before the students would break into small groups for informal discussions and planning.

Along with completing a hands-on activity of terracing and clearing a lot for the construction of a school-house, the group of students, who named themselves "Kigeme Channels of Blessing" would prepare and present a manifesto of how they would organize to be blessings to people in their communities.

With the conference having been paid for in part by the Kids-4-Kids organization, they also asked for continued support so they could make it an annual event.

The bishop, a quiet but powerful leader in the community, was there that night for the presentation and he



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was asked to reply to what he had seen and heard.

I was surprised by his response, which was translated to us as he spoke in his native Kinyarwanda language.

While it's a long way from a direct quote, in essence, Bishop Augustine applauded the youth for their efforts and vision.

He applauded their hard work at the school and in preparing goals to work towards.

And he chastised them, gently, for looking outside of Rwanda for support.

"Don't you think there are rich people right here in Rwanda?" he said.

"People who need to hear about what you are doing and who would willingly support you? Don't look to foreigners for money to fund a Rwandan project — look to your own people to help you in working towards change."

We felt mildly concerned that the bishop was telling the room that he didn't appreciate the organizations' significant financial support, but that wasn't his message.

What he was saying was important — while the generosity of foreigners and their programs is critical to the country's recovery, for Rwanda's leaders to put their hands out like beggars is self-defeating.

What is needed is proud, confident internal leadership working in conjunction with philanthropic foreigners who are able to provide the education, training and resources the country so desperately needs.

We met three missionary farmers from Ontario who had also spent time in Haiti.

They said, smiling, that while Rwanda was still struggling to get



Alan Stewart photo

A group of kids we met at a farm, about an hour and a half — and a sweaty hike — from the highway

out of poverty there was a feeling of hope, a hope that was sorely lacking in Haiti.

For them, the work they did in Haiti felt like putting a spoonful of food in the mouth of a needy child; while it met an immediate need, the need would be back the second you departed.

Our experience in Rwanda was the opposite.

We knew that the relationships we formed and the lessons we shared in delivering had already led to positive change ... in all of our lives.

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Neale Smith

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Lee and Ken Walters

Harbour seals of approval to the **IGA's Troy, Jack and Deb**. We couldn't do it with out your support.

Carol, Sue, Cindy, and the rest of our team at the P. H. Fall Faire

A Harbour Seal of Approval to our guys who put up tents, took them down and generally took orders: **Glenn, John, Rick** — we couldn't do it without you.

Sue McDonald  
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Harbour Seals to the **local gardeners** for the fresh fruit and veggies that have been donated to the food bank and also to the **P. H. Aquatic Society**.

Thomas Stibbs  
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A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to the **12 jerk teenagers (and one adult)** who broke in to the community hall and stole our personally labelled wine the night before the wedding. Not even a single apology from one person.

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Harbour Seals to **Heather Brown, Silke and Ralph of the Sunshine Coast Resort, Mary Cochet** for helping to make our wedding day perfect.

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John West's float in Egmont circa 1940. John West is in the foreground but it's unknown who the other two men are.

*Correction: Last month's photo of the 1996 Teen Night at the P. H. Community Hall was incorrectly attributed to Wendy Phillips. The photo credit should have read, "Harbour Spiel archives."*



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# Shingles facts and treatment

*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health  
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### WHAT IS SHINGLES?

Shingles is a skin rash caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

After a person has chickenpox, the virus lives dormant in the nervous system and is never fully cleared from the body.

Under certain circumstances, such as stress, or when your immune system is suppressed, the virus reactivates and causes shingles.

Anyone who has had chickenpox is at risk for developing shingles, although it occurs mostly in those over 60 years of age.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF SHINGLES AND HOW LONG DO THEY LAST?

Even when there is no rash, the pain of shingles may be apparent.

Before the rash appears the patient may notice several days to a week of burning and sensitive skin.

Shingles starts as small blisters on a red base, with new blisters continuing to form for three to five days.

The blisters follow the path of individual nerves that come out of the spinal cord and appear in a band like pattern on an area of the skin.

Generally only one nerve is involved.

The duration of the outbreak may take three to four weeks from start to finish.

On occasion, the pain will be present but the blisters may never appear.

### IS SHINGLES CONTAGIOUS?

Yes, shingles is contagious.

Shingles can spread from an affected person to babies, children or

adults who have not had chickenpox.

These people instead of getting shingles will get chickenpox.

If you've had chickenpox, you cannot catch shingles from someone else.

Once infected, people have the potential to develop shingles later in life.

Shingles is contagious to people who have not previously had chickenpox as long as there are new blisters forming and old blisters healing.

Similar to chickenpox, the time prior to healing or crusting of the blisters is the contagious stage.

### WHAT CAN I DO IF I GET SHINGLES?

If you are suspicious that you have the signs and symptoms of shingles you need to get to a doctor ASAP.

It is crucial for you to get diagnosed and started on antiviral medication within 48 hours of the start of your symptoms.

Your doctor may also order steroids to reduce your symptoms.

### IS THERE A VACCINE TO PREVENT SHINGLES?

Yes.

The vaccine for prevention of shingles is called Zostavax.

Presently it is not available on

the Coast as this drug needs to be kept at regulated temperatures and few pharmacies carry it.

It is available in North Vancouver at Travel Medicine for a cost of approximately \$200.

The number you could call for this is 1-888-288-8682.

This can be given to anyone over the age of 50 who is not HIV-positive or undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

If you have never had chickenpox then you don't qualify for the vaccine.

## FLU VACCINES

Flu vaccines will be available on Nov. 3 and 17 at the P. H. Legion from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m.

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Nov. 3 ~ **Charlene Cote, Sue Rayment  
and Trevor Ross.**

Nov. 4 ~ **Sandy Boyd and Brennan Ben-  
nett.**

Nov. 5 ~ **Diana Degraaf, Colton Ed-  
wardson, Terry McLean and Tanis  
Zayshley,**

Nov. 6 ~ **Kathie Atherfold and Max  
Scoular.**

Nov. 7 ~ **Joni Mitchell.**

Nov. 8 ~ **Eleanor Reid, Ryan Boyd and  
Gerry Matheson.**

Nov. 9 ~ **Candace Cruikshank and Mat-  
thew McKimm.**

Nov. 10 ~ **Tom Duncan and Nicole Mac-  
Donald.**

Nov. 11 ~ **Marge Campbell and Loretta  
McDonald.**

Nov. 12 ~ **Roger Duncan, Dwayne  
Knock and Cooper Pantages.**

Nov. 13 ~ **Hunter Edwardson, Tanya  
Cummings, Paul Jones, Darrin Jordi-  
son and John Maveety.**

Nov. 14 ~ **Mary Dumaresq and Amber  
Kincaide.**

Nov. 15 ~ **Josey Bennett.**

Nov. 16 ~ **Ray Hansen and Renée  
Peters-Gray.**

Nov. 17 ~ **Biada Priest, Rodney Kam-  
merle, Bev MacDonald and Barb Watt.**

Nov. 18 ~ **Amanda Ross.**

Nov. 19 ~ **Cheryl Jensen and Dennis  
Levasseur.**

Nov. 20 ~ **Umeyo Kishimoto, Jill Wag-  
ner.**

Nov. 21 ~ **Keray Farrell**

Nov. 22 ~ **Jennifer Girard, Alysa Eng-  
lish, Brooke Fraser and Anne Fraser.**

Nov. 23 ~ **Dodie Edwardson, May Sil-  
vey, Dave Daiken and Wayne Griffith.**

Nov. 24 ~ **Maggi Guzzi and Chase  
Campbell.**

Nov. 25 ~ **Neil Remmem, Paul Gaudet  
and Leah Pockrant .**

Nov. 26 ~ **Gary Griffith.**

Nov. 27 ~ **Betty Sladey and Natasha  
Landry.**

Nov. 28 ~ **Twins Paige & Lexi Pauls.**

Nov. 29 ~ **Marie Coombes, Pete Han-  
nah, John McDonald, Myrna Pickering  
and Kaila Silvey.**

Nov. 30 ~ **Les Fowler and Brayden  
Zayshley.**

## NOVEMBER WEATHER

Our November average daily high temperature is 8.8 C and our average low is 5.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 7 C. The highest November temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985).

November averages 55.8 hours of bright sunshine and 19 days with precipitation. November's average monthly rainfall is 148.5 mm; snowfall is 2.5 cm. The highest November daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island is 50 mm (Nov. 3, 1989); snowfall is 9.6 cm (Nov. 25, 1985).

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Dysentery is a disease involving the inflammation of the lining of the large intestines. The inflammation causes stomach pains and diarrhea with some cases involving vomiting and fever. Dysentery results from viral or bacterial infestations, typically reaching the large intestine after entering orally through ingestion of contaminated food and water or oral contact with contaminated objects or hands. The diarrhea causes victims to lose important salts and fluids which can be fatal if the body dehydrates.

In WWI, dysentery was rampant in the trenches lacking proper sanitation. Latrines were often pits four to five feet deep. When they were within one foot from overflowing, they were supposed to be filled in and the soldiers had the job of digging a new one. Sometimes there was not time for this and men used a nearby shell-hole.

Dysentery caused by contaminated water was especially a problem in the early stages of the war before regular supplies of water to the trenches could be organized. Soldiers were supplied with water bottles that could be refilled when they returned to reserve lines but the water-bottle supply was rarely enough for their needs, requiring soldiers in the trenches to depend on impure water collected from shell-holes or other cavities.

~ article compiled from: wikipedia.com and Spartacus Educational

NOVEMBER ASTROLOGY

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Physically, you feel good and your energy is flowing smoothly and your interactions with others seem feisty and spirited — you fight Corporatism with Corporatism.

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 someone out that you want to be closer to. (Use digression if married — especially if spouse is Leo or Scorpio.)

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~ November ~

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| Nov. 3  | 12:08 pm +XL             |
| Nov. 4  | 12:57 pm +XL             |
| Nov. 5  | 1:41 pm +L               |
| Nov. 6  | 7:32 am -M, 1:20 pm +L   |
| Nov. 7  | 8:35 am -M, 1:52 pm +L   |
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| Nov. 9  | 10:08 am -M, 2:52 pm +M  |
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| Nov. 16 | 8:41 am +XL, 3:14 pm -M  |
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| Nov. 21 | 12:11 pm +L              |
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| Nov. 26 | 11:52 am -M, 4:17 pm +M  |
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### Juan Martin and Flamenco Dance Ensemble: Nov. 5

*Submitted*

He's back.

Fiery, passionate, thrilling.

The Pender Harbour Music Society is bringing Flamenco guitar legend Juan Martín back to the Coast for an evening concert on Nov. 5.

But, in order to accommodate the two dancers, singer and three musicians in his troupe, this performance will be held at the Raven's Cry Theatre in Sechelt.

The show starts at 8 p.m.

Martin is a celebrated virtuoso of the flamenco guitar who has been voted into the top three guitarists in the world by U.S. magazine *Guitar Player*.

Martín is a native of Andalucía, in southern Spain, where he still has a home in Málaga.

He spends much time on tour and in London where he has formed an international company, *Flamencovision*, for the promotion of high quality flamenco.

He has recorded 14 albums, mostly as a composer and presently has four videos distributed by Warner Brothers which, despite their purity, are always amongst their best sellers.

In the "Seen & Heard U.K. Concert Review," Glyn Pursglove states:

"His musical CV incorporates sessions with such jazz greats as Herbie Hancock and Miles Davis.

"He has recorded as a soloist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; one of his most intriguing recordings, *Musica Alhambra* (Flamenco Vision FV 04), finds him exploring the Moorish roots of flamenco, taking in Indian gypsy idioms and Sephardic song along the way, and includes a duet improvisation with the oud player Abdul Salam Kheir.



photo submitted

Juan Martin, voted one of the top three guitarists in the world by *Guitar Player* magazine, will carry a show at the Raven's Cry Theatre on Nov. 5.

"So, grounded as he is in the tradition he knows so well and which he obviously loves and respects, he is also a constant innovator, ever ready to stretch the boundaries of contemporary flamenco."

This is as real as flamenco gets, in the traditional Andalusian style.

The last visit was standing room only, so get your tickets early.

For more information visit:  
[www.penderharbourmusic.ca](http://www.penderharbourmusic.ca)



### Dafoe finds friendly fellow Floyd on Flores



John Dafoe photo

John Dafoe snapped this photo of Floyd, a northern elephant seal he has spotted a couple of times on Flores Island near Hornby Island.

*By John Dafoe*

I call him Floyd.

The elephant seal has been hanging out alone for some time on Flores Island, an outlying island of Hornby Island.

I saw Floyd with a large number of Steller sea lions in the same spot on Dec. 30 last year but it was too cold to stop for pictures.

This year, on Aug. 15, I stopped once again and, sure enough, he was there.

I made a couple of close drift-by passes and he seemed relatively unconcerned.

I then landed the boat and spent an hour or so communing and shooting pictures.

He eyed me, looked a bit uncomfortable so I backed off.

Gradually, I moved back closer.

As I did, he slowly relaxed and, at one time, even rolled onto his side.

Eventually he slipped into the water and drifted off.

I did a bit of research and these are the second largest seals on the planet and are able to go almost anywhere in the ocean. They spend much of their lives at sea.

Elephant seals can dive to more than 2,000 metres (7,500 feet) and can regularly dive to 300 to 600 metres (2,000 feet).

Males dive for a duration of an hour or more.

Adult males may grow to over four metres (13 feet) in length and weigh up to 2,000 kilograms (4,500 pounds).

The females are much smaller at three metres (10 feet) in length and 600 kg (1,500 pounds).

They haul out to moult and

breed.

The insulating layers of blubber are blood supplied at the time of moulting to regenerate new skin.

Floyd's skin looked new, so perhaps he has just been moulting.

There is a known breeding colony on Race Rocks in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

This is the usual northern range of breeding for northern elephant seals.

Pender Harbour Aquatic Society  
Annual General Meeting

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Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011

7 p.m.

PH High School Library





Candle light season started early this year with most areas losing power for a day after a windstorm struck on Sept. 26. This tree blocking Francis Peninsula Road looks like it could have been taken down by a house fan.



photo submitted

Sharon Halford (l), Bargain Barn chair presents a cheque for \$2,100.00 to Heather Reagh, treasurer of the Pender Harbour St. Mary's Hospital Auxillary, for the building fund for the expansion of the hospital.

L o r d y ,  
L o r d y .



Look who's forty.

NOV. 23



photo submitted

You couldn't be faulted for staring when the Sechelt Red Baronesses Hats descended on Crossroads Grill on Sept. 29. The group was formed in 1999 with two rules — they 'are fun raisers not fund raisers' and everyone must 'wear a red hat with some purple on it.'



## Third annual Sunshine Coast Mushroom Festival



Chefs David Cox (seated right) and Mark Wilkes (standing) offered cooking demonstrations to an intent crowd on Saturday Oct. 15 at the community hall.



Fairon Funk sits at a table covered with her husband Landyn's mushroom-inspired art.



'The Indiana Jones of Mushroom Hunters,' Larry Evans presides over the species identification table. The founder of the Western Montana Mycological Association, Evans has chased mushrooms all over the world.

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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 XVI: (Continued from October 2011)

At first startled by the two men who unexpectedly appeared at the top of their hill, Lucy quickly made polite introductions in Chinook before she and Mary started back down the trail. She wasn't used to meeting strangers alone in the forests and the appearance of the two men, though quite friendly, made her uncomfortable.

Back at their home, she found Inix where she had left her — filleting chum salmon and hanging them to dry on the rack inside the smoking chamber. She mentioned the appearance of the two men at the top of the hill and the two shared a laugh at Mary's expense on Lucy's retelling of how she was woken by Mary's high-pitched shriek.

An hour later, the two men came rowing around the point into Pender Harbour and nudged the dock below where they sat.

"Kla-how'-ya!"

Wei Hsu and Qwuní were still fishing at the head of the harbour but Smqáma paddled over in his canoe to find out who the visitors were.

The two men explained they had travelled from Gas-town scouting for pre-emptable land.

Both were bearded and well-dressed but the one who spoke most did so with a tobacco pipe in his mouth that he puffed continuously.

Not long after, Hsu and Qwuní arrived back with their boat loaded with chum salmon. While the women unloaded the boat and set to work cleaning the fish, Hsu invited the men up to the house.

Hsu immediately noted their British accents and guessed by their dress that the two must have recently arrived on the BC Coast.

The pipe smoker introduced himself as Charles and seemed surprised to hear that Hsu owned the land adjacent to the bay.

He explained how he been told there had been no pre-emptions granted nearby and was led to understand there could be considerable tracts of land available for pre-emption nearby.

Hsu and the other residents of Pender Harbour couldn't have known that, at the time, the question of how to divide up parcels of land while making equitable arrangements with the local Indian bands was becoming a hotly debated issue. By 1875, BC had only recently become part of Canada and the provincial government of the day often rejected Ottawa's interpretation of the federal Indian act when it came to allocating reserves. Two years

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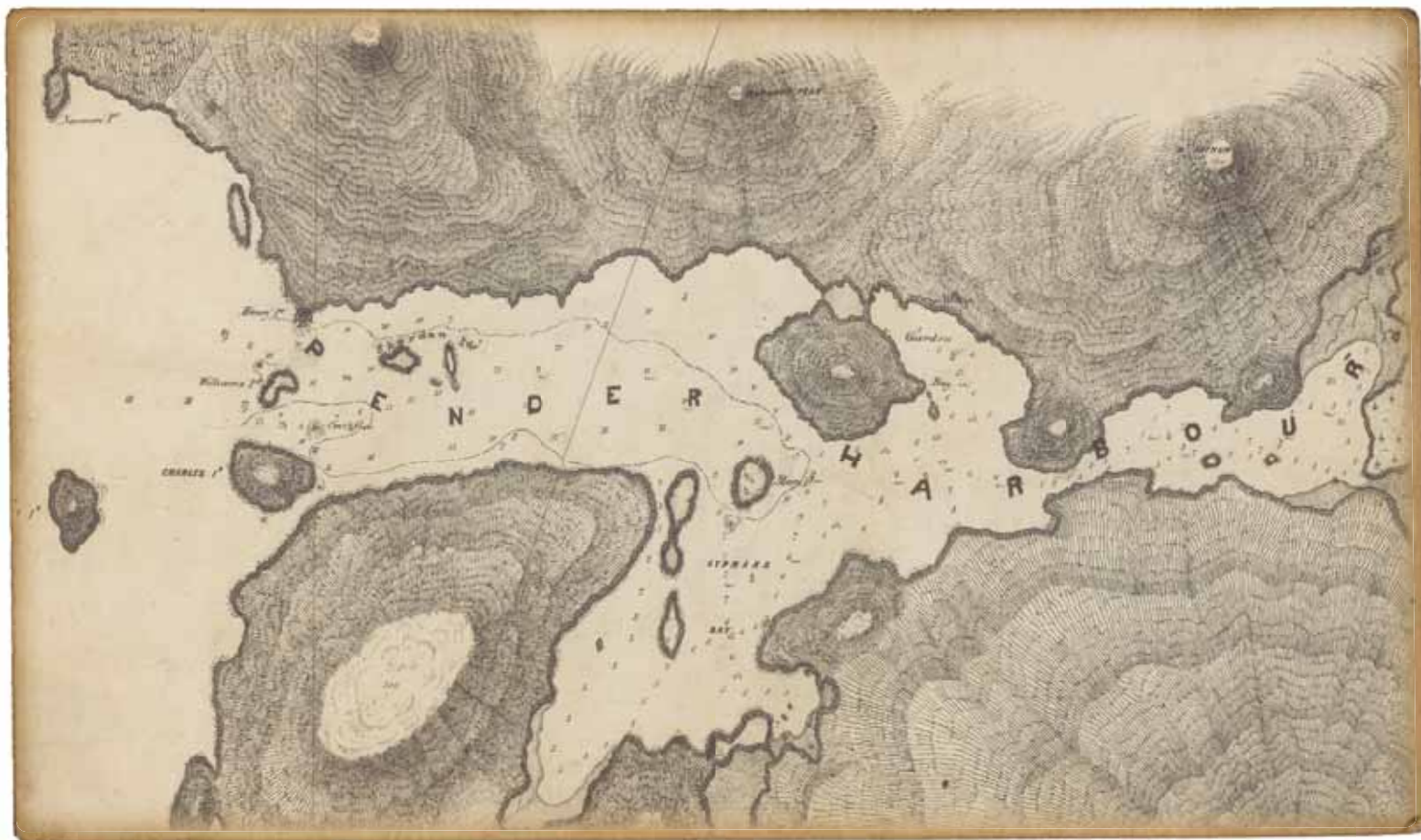
We would like to thank the Lions Club and Robin Millar for the use of their tents and the Maritime Heritage, Pender Harbour Fire Department, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 112, all the non-profit groups and the countless community members who support us, as well as all the volunteers that participate.

**Without you this special day would not be possible.**

**Thank  
You!**



## Pender Harbour



Gary Little map collection

This portion of an 1860 chart by Capt. George Henry Richards of the *H.M.S. Plumper* shows there was still much still surveying left to be done in Pender Harbour.

before Ottawa had demanded that BC adopt the 80-acre-per-family standard that was allocated to reserves throughout the rest of the new country. BC refused and agreed instead to 20-acres per family.

Throughout this debate, the Royal Engineers of New Westminster had travelled extensively through the area, mapping out lands nearby and often reserving large tracts for themselves or others with little regard for the Sechelts.

By 1874, the Sechelts and their chief, a man named Schelle, were becoming increasingly upset at the encroachment by miners and loggers in their territory.

Father Durieu sent a letter on behalf of the Sechelts to the Mainland

Guardian in New Westminster in June of 1875 stating that,

“...if the white men are coming one after the other before the reserves have been marked out, they will take the best of the land and encroach on the Indians until they have not sufficient land left them on which to produce food for the people.”

Clearly there was much interest in the areas of what would later become the Sunshine Coast. But despite the conflicts raging in the centres of population, little news reached Pender Harbour.

Wei Hsu understood that he owned his 160-acres while believing that the other inhabitants who lived there when he had first arrived in 1873 had rights to the lands they tradition-

ally occupied.

There was very little cause for concern when the bearded man showed Hsu a map that seemed to indicate there were existing no land pre-emptions in the area.

Hsu offered his own paperwork indicating his allotted acreage and the man named Charles seemed to accept that he must have received some false information.

Hsu offered dinner and a place to camp for the night. The next day the two set off exploring the area and stopped in two days later to ask a few questions before bidding farewell.

The two bearded Englishmen sailed back south ahead of one of the first gales of the season.

(Continued next month)

## BOOKS

### *The Sunshine Coast: From Gibsons to Powell*

By Howard White

*The following is an excerpt from the new edition of Howard White's classic and unparalleled introduction to the area: The Sunshine Coast.*

Pender Harbour duplicates the drowned landscape complexity of the coves on a yet larger scale.

The main harbour is only a mile and a half in length, but taking all the wrinkles into account, it has 103 miles of total shoreline.

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It takes ninety seconds to go from Pope Landing to Irvines Landing on the other side of the harbour in a slow kicker boat, or half an hour to drive by fast car, which is why for the first half-century Pender people did everything by boat—shop, visit, go to school, go to church.

With dozens of little kickers crisscrossing the lagoons and bays at all times of the day and night, and a dock in front of every home, the comparison to Venice was obvious, but nowadays most people find it somehow more convenient to make the half-hour drive.

The community is still laid out around the harbour, however, and it is only when toured by water that it really makes sense.

Negotiating the twists and turns by auto, it can take years before new residents can honestly say they know just where they are at any given time, and few long-term Harbourites could draw the place accurately without checking a map.

Such crenellated geography has worked its influence on the nature of the community.

In aboriginal times the villages were separated from each other, as if compartmentalized by the landscape. People in the main village of Sawquamain in Garden Bay had limited con-

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This photo from *The Sunshine Coast* presents a different angle of Pender Harbour from the typical tourist shots usually taken from Mt. Daniel or Pender Hill. Perhaps the book will unravel the mystery of where the photographer stood to capture it.

Harbour Spiel



## BOOKS

### **River (second edition)**

tact with those at the Sallahus village in Madeira Park, whom they considered without status. Present-day Garden Bay residents have at times been suspected of feeling the same way about Madeira Parkers, and vice versa.

When I first came to the Harbour in 1950, its small population was partitioned into resolutely separate communities at Irvines Landing, Pope Landing, Donley Landing, Garden Bay, Kleindale and Madeira Park. Each place had its own school, store and community hall and tried to have as little as possible to do with the others.

Turf wars over such matters as where to locate a new high school or credit union office were savage. Life was complicated further by a social structure based on big families, each firmly rooted in its own territory.

The Lees held sway at Irvines, the Reids in Garden Bay, the Kleins at Kleindale, the Warnocks in Bargain Harbour, the Camerons and MacKays in Whiskey Slough.

Before the Second World War, when they were interned on two hours' notice, there had been another quite separate group made up of Japanese families—the Ikedas, Kawasakis and

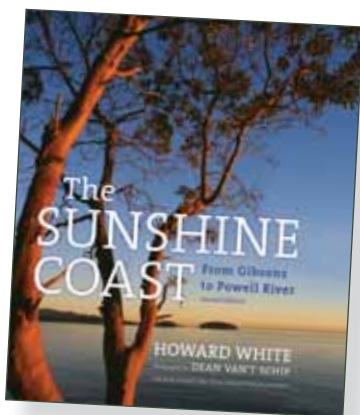
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When the Anglican minister Rev. Alan Greene of the Columbia Coast Mission began trying to organize Harbourites to construct the central Sunshine Coast hospital at Garden Bay in the late 1920s, he had the damndest time trying to get people to put aside their native animosities, and his daughter Barbara told me he was bedevilled by the community's irascible nature all the years he ran the hospital.

The poet Patrick Lane, a sometime Middlepoint resident who moved back to the Coast in the 1990s after living fifteen years on the prairies, remarked that the people of the coast in general were strikingly in-turned compared to the prairie types, who are much more open and sociable.

The difference was so marked and so general he couldn't help thinking the wide-open geography of the prairie and the closed, compartmentalized geography of the coast were somehow reflected in the personalities of the people.

In this sense Pender Harbour is like the Coast in general, just a little more so.



*Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. (Groucho Marx)*

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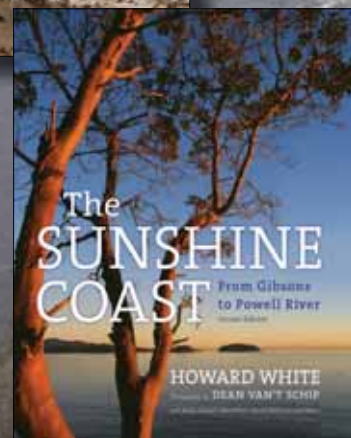
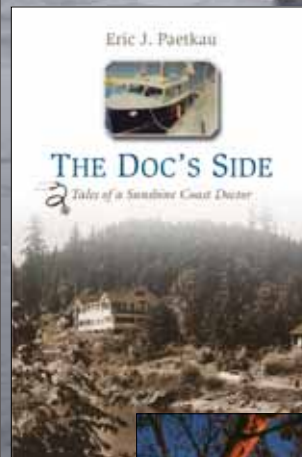
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### A few minutes with... another cranky geezer

By Shane McCune



*Have you noticed how more and more wine bottles have screw tops on them instead of corks? Cork must be getting scarce, because a few years ago I started finding plastic corks in wine bottles. Now even those are disappearing, and the waiter at my favourite restaurant says it's because screw tops are better at keeping the wine from spoiling.*

*I have a couple of problems with this trend. First of all, I don't know much about wine, and the easiest way for me to tell a high-class wine from an ordinary one was that classy wines came with corks.*

*Second, I have a fancy corkscrew that somebody gave me for Christmas. Maybe you've seen one. It's supposed to look like a rabbit, although mine looks more like a donkey's head with most of the nose missing. These things cost about 50 bucks and uncork a bottle in three easy motions. My old corkscrew cost about \$2.50 and requires just two motions, turning and pulling, but sometimes the cork would come apart. Then again, the fancy corkscrews sometimes break down, too. The point is, screw tops are bad news for people who make corkscrews and people who like to sniff corks in restaurants.*

*Maybe I'll just stick with beer.*

Anything familiar about that passage? No? Then imagine it being read aloud by a cranky old guy with eye-

brows like tumbleweeds.

I'm talking about Andy Rooney, who for years delivered a three-minute rumination at the end of 60 Minutes, usually on how crummy new stuff is and how much better things were before useless gew-gaws like iPods and coloured margarine and the telegraph.

Rooney finally packed it in a month ago, and I'm hoping to be hired as his replacement. The Harbour Spiel editor says this column is already almost as curmudgeonly as Rooney's essays. Before we settled on "And another thing" as its title, he was leaning toward "Get off my lawn!"

Well the joke will be on him if I land this gig, because I expect I'll be getting more simoleans (ask your grandfather) for every weekly mini-rant than the Spiel pulls in each month. I already have a list of great topics:

- How come the rubber eraser on the end of my pencil is as hard as a rock?
- Why is it so hard to find a really good bowl of tapioca?
- I wish they'd bring back the DeSoto.
- Which goes on first, the belt or the suspenders?
- Where did all these coloured people come from?

People are divided on Rooney. Some think he's a sly genius, wrapping sharp commentary on modern life in a folksy, homespun coating. Others think there's nothing brilliant about talking about your favourite necktie for three minutes. And some say he stopped being funny years ago and is now embarrassingly out of touch. I'm inclined toward the latter point of view. See Exhibit A, his essay on modern music.





Still, as one who can't meet a monthly deadline, I have to admire a 92-year-old who has produced an original item, however fusty and slight, almost every week.

David Letterman's Top 10 list of reasons why Andy Rooney is retiring started with, "Needs break from grueling three-minute-a-week schedule."

That gem probably came from one of Letterman's dozen or more writers. He's been on TV five times a week with very few vacations for, what, 30 years? "A few minutes with Andy Rooney" started in 1978; he has written and performed 1,097 monologues.

And of course, he has been making his living as a writer since before the Second World War.

But it must be said the material has run very thin for a long time now. I have managed to obtain what could be Rooney's notes and false starts for essays that never made it to air:

*A lot of people ask me about my eyebrows, why they're so big, why don't I trim them, how long I've had them, that sort of thing. As a matter of fact, I do trim them regularly. I take the trimmings to a nice lady in my neighbourhood, who made this tie from them.*

*Sometimes I wonder why I begin so many essays with "sometimes I wonder." I guess it's just a habit, or maybe I really like those words.*

*Some people begin essays with "I often wonder," but I sometimes wonder if they really wonder often, or only occasionally. That's the beauty of saying "sometimes" — it could be often or very seldom.*

*When I was a reporter with The Stars and Stripes during World War Two, I knew a fella who would begin his essays with "Parfois je me demande." That's French for "sometimes I wonder." He was French, so I guess that's OK.*

*I've had a lot of dogs in my lifetime, and hardly any of them tasted like chicken.*

Somebody tell Morley Safer not to swipe any stuff from Rooney's office. I'm going to need all the material I can get.

### Exhibit A

It may be what everyone thinks of themselves as, but I consider myself to be an absolutely dead-centre, normal, average American. You'd think my experience — growing up, going to school, serving in the army, getting married, having kids, buying a home — would make me perfect if Hollywood was looking around for an average American male. The things I write and read on television are for regular, normal, average everyday Americans. I mean like myself, or so I think.

My question then is this: If I'm so average American, how come that I've never heard of most of the musical groups that millions of other Americans apparently are listening to? I've heard of Sting and the Rolling Stones, but someone sent me Billboard magazine and I looked at a list of the top 200 performers and nobody I know is on that bestseller list. The singers I know have been replaced by performers like Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Usher. I mean, who? They're selling millions of songs by singers that I've never heard of and that must mean that I'm out of the American mainstream and definitely not average.

I know age is the obvious divider, but age doesn't separate Americans in other areas. We all like comfort, beauty, ice cream, a sunny day and a win for our favourite team. Why should our tastes suddenly diverge when it comes to the sound of music?

I think of myself as a musical ignoramus who doesn't hear or like the nuances of sound that other people hear and do like. I don't know who Lady Gaga is and kids today probably don't know who Ella Fitzgerald was. Maybe we should call it even.

~ Andy Rooney

Here's a recent Andy Rooney essay. Is he a sage observer of the evolution of popular music or just another geezer who thinks kids these days listen to garbage?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to [editor@harbourspiel.com](mailto:editor@harbourspiel.com) by the 15th of the month.

NOVEMBER

- Fri. Oct. 28.....P. H. Rotary presents District Governor Hans Doge - Garden Bay Pub, noon

Fri. Oct. 28.....P. H. Chamber of Commerce AGM - P. H. Legion, noon

Sat. Oct. 29.....S. C. Blues Society Halloween Howl - P. H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 30.....Third annual Breast Cancer Candle Life Lighting Ceremony - P. H. Community Church, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 31.....P. H. Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks - Seafarer's Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 5.....Tenth annual P. H. Rotary Art Auction - Garden Bay Pub, 5:30 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 5.....Juan Martin and the Flamenco Ensemble - Raven's Cry Theatre, 8 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 6.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 7.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon

Tues. Nov. 8.....All candidates meeting (director, Area A) - P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 8.....Launch: Theresa Kishkan's book *Mnemonic: A Book of Trees* - Sunshine Coast Arts Centre, 7 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 9.....Paint from Plants, an illustrated talk by Marianne Webb, S. C. Botanical Gardens, 7 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 11.....Remembrance Day services - P. H. Legion #112, 11 a.m. (parade starts @ 10:30 a.m.)

Sat. Nov. 12.....Egmont Saloon Night - Egmont Community Hall, 7 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 13.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 17.....P. H. Aquatic Society AGM - PHSS, 7 p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 17.....MPES PAC Shopping Night - Madeira Park Elementary, 5 to 8:30 pm.

Fri. Nov. 18.....Marina Pharmacy Ladies Night - Marina Pharmacy, 6 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 19.....Local election voting day - various locations, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 19.....St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (P. H.) Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 20.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 21.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon

Thurs. Nov. 24.....Madeira Park Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair - MPES, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 26.....Serendipity Child Care Centre Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 27.....Sunday Jam with Mike Evans and the Straight Lines - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.



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