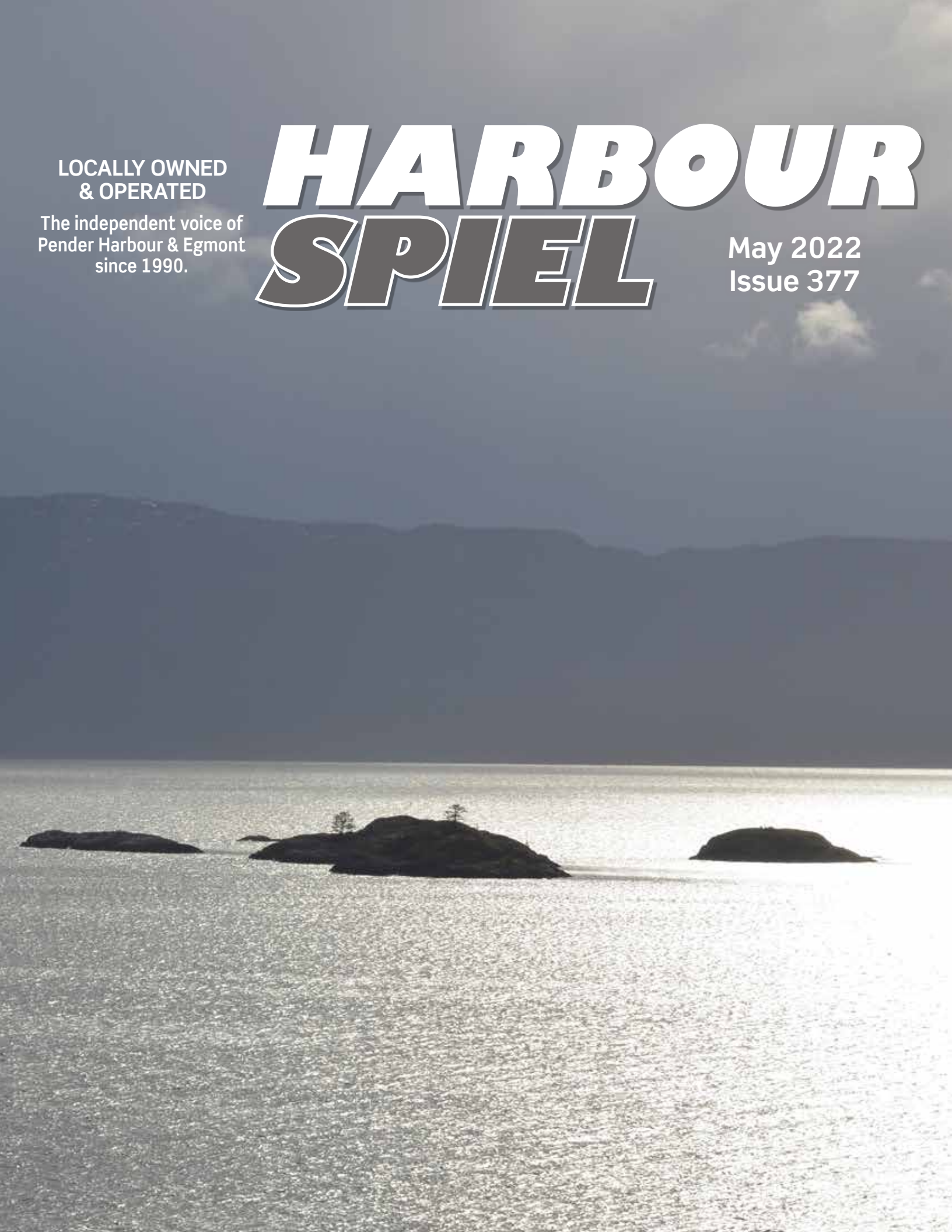


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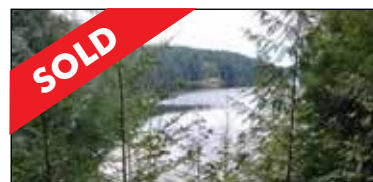
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editorial

Let us abandon this wasteland



Brian Lee

I guess I have to be the one to say it:

It's time to abandon Pender Harbour.

The place shows all the signs of being past its best-before date.

It's a shame — we're still BC's prettiest place and breed more attractive people than anywhere else.

At one time, though, you could buy a home here with a year's salary.

Now, you need 10 of them.

Pender Harbour once had five marine fuel docks and at least four automotive gas stations to choose from.

We used to have a hospital, a crewed highways works yard and industries other than serving townies.

Besides crowded swimming holes, recent summers have delivered food insecurity for locals unable to access Sunshine Burgers and other nutritional staples because Vince and Jill from Chilliwack ordered 20 to take back to their family's vacation rental.

Math that with our crumbling roads, failing ferry system and abundance of methamphetamine and it's clear Pender Harbour is a failed experiment.

While we contemplate bridges and the number of years it takes to pay off a million-dollar fixer-upper, we should accept it is time to move on.

But how do you leave a community you've grown fond of?

You take it with you.

And, lucky for us, I found a new home for Pender — Port Alice.

DISCLAIMER:

I have never been to Port Alice.

But, my research tells me the town is accessed by paved roads, straddles an inlet infested with cuddly sea otters and hides a string of recreation lakes behind it.

It gets a little more rain — 130

inches per year versus our 45 — but it's one of the mildest spots in BC and receives exceptionally little snow.

There's a K-10 school, the churches come in the usual flavours and the Legion even hosts fish and chips on Friday night, just like ours.

Also, the average age is much lower than the Coast — 48 versus 55 — so, when you're in a hurry, there's much less chance of getting stuck behind Martha driving 25 in a 50 zone.

By the way, Martha — you aren't invited.

The 2021 census found 739 people living in Port Alice.

That's important because the town is incorporated, so, if enough of us move there, we will easily unseat Mayor Kevin Cameron and send the rest of his council packing.

So long, suckers — Port Alice Day is now May Day, and the town's mascot is Black Bill.

And, seriously, how happy would the shishálh be to watch the tail lights of kalpalin's colonizers fade north up the highway for good?

But the best case for this mass relocation is that anyone who is employed can purchase a home in New Pender Harbour (formerly Port Alice).

Right now on the Port Alice real estate market is a one bedroom plus den, 737-square-foot apartment.

It's listed at \$92,000 (but I bet they'd take \$90,000).

For under \$400,000, you can purchase a detached three bedroom/two den, three bathroom home overlooking Neroutsos Inlet and the mountains beyond.

Also, on Saturdays, the town sponsors a Nerf gun battle in the gym:

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It sounds like a fun place.

We leave June 15.

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Join this self-guided tour of six unique gardens in support of the Pender Harbour Reading Centre. Tickets are \$25 at the Earthfair Store in Madeira Park or PenderHarbourLibrary.ca.

P. H. LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY AGM: Friday, May 13, 1 p.m.

Come out and find out what the heritage society has been up to. They're an important organization that contributes much to the culture of Pender Harbour and worthy of your attention. At the Sarah Wray Hall, 1 p.m.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE: Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.

The Pender Harbour School of Music's monthly Coffee House runs May 13. As always, the Coffee House takes place in Madeira Park's Pender Harbour School of Music. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

77th ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR MAY DAY: Saturday May 21, all day

It doesn't get any bigger than this (in our community). This one may be the biggest yet with float plane tours, a five-kilometre fun run, fishing derby (for kids 12 and under), two bouncy castles, face-painting, cotton candy, food trucks, dunk tank, the P. H. Lions' famous pancake breakfast, live music, petting zoo, plenty of food and vendors, a kids' dance, adults' dance, a beer garden and the kickoff event — the May Day parade at 11 a.m. Enter your float by May 15 and become part of history by taking part in the May Day parade. The theme for this year's May Day is "rainbows."

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Agamemnon Channel operation hopes to restore kelp vitality

What started as a science experiment in Agamemnon Channel has taken root.

Four years ago, Ted Woodard and Lee-Ann Ennis partnered up to see if they could grow sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*) and bull kelp (*Nereocystis luetkeana*) at Vital Oysters, Woodard's former oyster farm in Moon Bay, Agamemnon Channel.

Now, Vital Kelp aims to market their product for a variety of commercial purposes including habitat restoration, food and as a tool for capturing carbon.

"The problem with restoring kelp habitat is that sea urchins eat the kelp," Ennis told the *Harbour Spiel*.

"So, these seeded lines are horizontally suspended and Ted's dock infrastructure was perfect."

Another advantage of this method of cultivation is the kelp can be lowered when sea surface temperatures rise above 17 C.

Six weeks after seeding microscopic kelp gametophytes onto spools of twine, the spools are taken from the controlled environment of an aquarium and strung in the cold water of Agamemnon Channel.

Three months later, you get mature kelp.

With her science and conservation background, Ennis is most interested in the potential for restoring kelp ecosystems.

So, she was overjoyed to discover thousands of clusters of eggs left by tube snouts (*Aulorhynchus flavidus*), a fish related to the stickleback.

Ennis said the two are now in the process of exploring grant funding related to food processing and habitat restoration as well as studying the long-term viability of using kelp for carbon sequestration.



Ted Woodard

Lee-Ann Ennis and Ted Woodard show off the fruits of their labour at Woodard's former oyster farm in Agamemnon Channel. Pictured here is sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*), raised up out of the water to tend and thin.

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Brian Lee

'Tis the season. Tree trimmers were kept busy last month beating back the local landscape. Multiple crews could be heard working simultaneously throughout Pender Harbour. Here a sneaky photographer caught one faller in action in central Garden Bay on March 23.



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Backyard burning ended April 15 for Egmont

Fire chiefs from the Sunshine Coast Regional District's four volunteer fire departments are reminding residents that as of April 15, backyard burning is not allowed within the fire protection areas of Egmont, Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone and West Howe Sound.

In addition, backyard burning is not permitted in any portion of electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay) or Electoral Area D (Roberts Creek) outside of the fire protection areas.

SCRD bylaws do not apply to the Sechelt and Pender Harbour fire protection districts which follow the lead of the province's Coastal Fire Centre.

At press time, the PHFPD had yet to announce seasonal burning re-

strictions for the Pender Harbour area.

Regardless of restrictions, all burning must comply with local fire protection and smoke control bylaws.

Residents are encouraged to contact their local fire department for additional restrictions or clarifications.

In the SCRD managed fire protection areas, campfires (0.5 x 0.5 metres maximum) are still allowed, unless banned by local fire departments during high-risk periods.

Residents can self-haul and drop off green waste at no charge at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station at 5545 Garden Bay Road or Salish Soils at 5646 schetxwen Road, Sechelt.

Further information is available at www.scrd.ca/fire_rescue.

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BREAK & ENTER

Between Dec. 2021 and March 30, 2022, a suspect gained entry to a seasonal residence in the 15200 block of Hallowell Road, Ruby Lake, by cutting off a lock on the access gate.

The suspect pried open a door to an outbuilding and stole a number of items including a grey Honda long-leg outboard motor and two Cabela brand trail cameras.

THEFT

Overnight on March 29, a suspect smashed a window to gain entry to a vehicle in the parking lot of the Sakinaw Lake boat launch near Sakinaw Lake Road and stole a blanket and phone charger.

THEFT

Overnight on March 31, a suspect stole an uninsured vehicle from an address in the 4900 block of Francis Peninsula Road, Madeira Park.

Police identified a possible suspect and located her inside the stolen vehicle in Gibsons.

The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property and released on an undertaking to appear in court.

The file is under investigation.

ONLINE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM

The online crime reporting system is available for incidents that have occurred on the Sunshine Coast where you have lost, had stolen, or sustained property or vehicle damage that costs less than \$5,000 to replace or repair.

The OCR system is also appropriate for driving complaints that are not in progress.

For complete details, please visit www.ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/sunshinecoast/en or enter "online crime reporting Sunshine Coast" in your search engine.

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1. What year did construction begin on Garden Bay's Sinclair Bay Road?

- ☐ a. 1939
- ☐ b. 1949
- ☐ c. 1959
- ☐ d. 1969

2. Which of the following is a native species to British Columbia?

- ☐ a. Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)
- ☐ b. Saskatoon berry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- ☐ c. Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- ☐ d. Black slug (*Arion rufus*)

3. Where's "Hardscratch?"

- ☐ a. Egmont
- ☐ b. Garden Bay
- ☐ c. Kleindale
- ☐ d. Beaver Island

4. Which type of whale was recently discovered dead in the Francis Point Ecological Reserve?

- ☐ a. Right whale
- ☐ b. Humpback whale
- ☐ c. Killer whale
- ☐ d. Fin whale

5. What was the name of the hamburger stand in Madeira Park during the 1980s and 1990s?

- ☐ a. Taffy's
- ☐ b. Frances's
- ☐ c. LaVerne's
- ☐ d. Cindy's

6. Which describes Sakinaw Lake?

- ☐ a. meromictic
- ☐ b. monomictic
- ☐ c. polymictic
- ☐ d. holomictic

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

SCRD changes up summer water conservation regulations

On March 24, the Sunshine Coast Regional District board adopted changes to their drought response plan (bylaw 422) intended to minimize “impacts to water supplies caused by summer drought or unforeseen short-age situations such as emergencies or other major service disruptions.”

The SCRD’s drought response plan is reviewed regularly to adapt to changing conditions, promote efficient water use, and improve clarity.

“The areas considered for review and change were based on staff experiences and observations through the summer months,” said Remko Rosenboom, general manager of infrastructure services, in a statement.

“These include community

interactions and feedback, water meter data, and neighbourhood staff patrols.”

Approved board changes include:

- Permits for watering new lawns are no longer available.

These permits allowed for watering beyond authorized times and resulted in higher water use.

New lawns should be established in early spring prior to possible summer droughts.

There is no lawn watering in stage 2 and above;

- Hand-watering and drip-irrigation at stages 2 and 3 are limited to mornings and evenings to reduce evaporation and the significant amount of water use that occurs when

no limits are in place;

- A new definition for “drip-irrigation system” was added to exclude less efficient technologies like micro-irrigation.

Micro-irrigation systems with spray emitters operate at higher water pressures compared to drip irrigation systems and use more water;

- A two-week exemption for farms paying a metered rate for water at the start of stage 4 (severe).

All other outdoor water use is prohibited in stage 4.

Stage 1 water conservation regulations will begin on May 1.

For more information on water conservation regulations visit www.scrd.ca/sprinkling-regulations.

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Body of Thomas Hines recovered from Waugh Lake

The body of Thomas Hines, a 26 year old man reported missing while canoeing on Waugh Lake in June 2019, has been recovered.

Sunshine Coast RCMP said they have “closed the file” on Hines after his body was located with the help of two volunteer search recovery specialists on April 4.

Hines, who was originally from Nova Scotia, was reported missing and believed to have drowned after his canoe was found floating on Waugh Lake.

At the time, RCMP had exhausted all available avenues, including an aerial search of the lake by helicopter, the interior by the RCMP dive team, and the shore and forested area beyond by Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue, with negative results.

Mike Clement of SAVI Marine assisted RCMP with initial recovery efforts and suggested to the RCMP to consider enlisting the services of Gene and Sandy Ralston, a U.S. couple known for donating their time and expertise as underwater search and recovery specialists.

In early April, after border restrictions were lifted, the Ralstons drove their RV and sonar-equipped boat from Boise, Idaho, to the Sunshine Coast for one more attempt to locate Hines.

The Ralstons, who are both in their 70s, surveyed the area and craned their boat onto Waugh Lake to begin the work on April 4.

With one of the original investigators, Sunshine Coast RCMP Const. Cole Vander Helm, aboard, the Ralstons towed their sonar back and forth through the water in slow, overlapping strips.

According to RCMP, within 90 minutes, they spotted something on



Sunshine Coast RCMP

Divers work to recover the body of Thomas Hines (inset) who went missing while canoeing on Waugh Lake on June 17, 2019.

the lake bottom that they believed could be Hines.

The Ralstons then deployed their submersible remote operated underwater vehicle and confirmed it was a human body.

The RCMP underwater dive and recovery team was notified and, on April 6, divers brought Hines, the Ralstons' 126th recovery, to the surface.

After using dental records to confirm his identity, Hines' family in Nova Scotia was contacted.

“I am relieved that with the help of the Ralstons, we were able to bring some peace and closure to Tom's family and friends,” said Vander Helm.

“Tom's parents were very thankful for everyone who assisted in locating their son.”

A round up of SCRD topics



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

PARKS OPERATOR ANNOUNCED

Swens Contracting has been awarded a five-year parks operator contract for Katherine Lake Campground, Dan Bosch Park and Ruby Lake boat launch.

The Sechelt company, which operates Skookumchuck, Smuggler Cove, Sargeant Bay, and Porpoise Bay parks, plans to initiate online Katherine Lake campsite bookings and strengthen Dan Bosch Park management.

CUTTING YOUR TREES

The SCRD has had a steady rise

in land alterations done without permits and damaging sensitive ecosystems (we have 37 active files).

Although the SCRD allows some cutting of native tree species, clearing in most riparian areas and on coastal and open slopes requires a development permit and approval by a qualified professional.

Riparian areas, interface zones within 30 metres of a water body, provide fish and wildlife habitats, maintain water quality, and maintain overall environmental health.

Slope clearing risks instability, erosion, septic system and footing-drain damage, and failure in seismic events.

If you suspect a violation, submit a complaint form to the SCRD bylaw officer, who will investigate and take

action if necessary.

The bylaw department is currently revising its enforcement policy to reduce the complex and time-consuming red tape involved.

To identify sensitive areas, see <https://maps.scrd.ca> >Layers > SCRD OCP >Development Permit Areas.

LOCAL LANDFILL BAN ON ORGANICS

As a solution for dealing with food waste in Area A, landfill disposal bans for food waste, food soiled paper, printed paper and boxboard from all sectors is expected to be implemented by October, a delay from the original target of July 1.

This move requires a time-consuming education and outreach plan, creation of tool kits and sufficient



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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SCRD Board and Committee meetings are held in person and electronically on Zoom and video streamed live to YouTube.

You can attend meetings in real time on a computer, smartphone, via telephone, or join us in the Board Room, at 1975 Field Road in Wilson Creek.

Agendas and links to video streaming for meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

LAWN PERMITS DISCONTINUED

Permits for watering a new lawn are no longer available. New lawns take a minimum of three weeks to establish. Plant grass at least one month prior to the start of water conservation regulations on May 1.

Micro-clover or moss lawns can be low maintenance and drought tolerant alternatives to grass.

More info.: www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations



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time to develop new diversion systems, time for all sectors to improve their waste-management systems, and collaborative staff procedure development and training.

Some commercial and institutional sectors will be required to develop improved sorting, recycling, and waste disposal methods to comply with new regulations.

The use of clear garbage bags is under investigation but no implementation date has been set.

RECREATION IS NOT ALWAYS FREE

Recreation and cultural services, 32.85 per cent of our Area A tax requirement, is almost double the next item on the list (water, 17.83 per cent), and a 3.61 per cent increase for 2022.

Our Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre is funded entirely by Area A, with a 2022 taxation levy of \$594,800.

Community parks is funded by all rural areas, with our Area A share being 26.59 per cent of \$540,300.

Together, community parks and the PHAFC cost \$1.14 million or 88 per cent of our recreation taxes, with the remaining 12 per cent (\$152,800) funding community school programs, libraries, museums, Dakota Ridge etc.

PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

Revenues, \$782,200, include user fees and service charges (\$90,100), taxes (\$643,200), and reserves, surpluses, and investments (\$48,800).

Revenues are up 16.2 per cent from 2021.

Expenses, \$782,200, include wages and benefits (\$444,500), operating costs (\$188,300), administration (\$5,000, a 15.5 per cent increase),

debt interest and repayment (\$65,500), and capital projects (\$24,400).

Eleven one-time projects, totaling \$61,900, include:

- \$24,000 — pool ceiling and basin painting;
- \$10,000 — pool draining and water storage for firefighting;
- \$10,000 — new sea can for storage;
- \$10,000 — annual equipment replacement;
- \$2,750 — water-safety procedure development;
- \$4,000 — Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre program review, and
- \$1,150 — software for scheduling and music licensing.

The \$720,283 operating budget includes facility operations, preventive maintenance, annual facility maintenance, program review/development/delivery, administration, staff recruitment/training/development, responding to ongoing pandemic etc.

CONTACT ME

The Lee Side helps me effectively represent you by informing you of local issues and inviting you to contact me with questions and comments about what matters to you within the scope of the SCRD.

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17th Pender Harbour Blues fest kicks off Friday, June 3

After a two-year hiatus due to pandemic restrictions, the Pender Harbour Blues Festival roars back for 2022 with a stellar line up of musicians eager to play live again.

This year's festival will run June 3 to 5 at a variety of venues throughout Pender Harbour and Egmont.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Brandon Isaak

5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

(2 seatings)

Lagoon Restaurant at Painted Boat
(dinner shows)

Jim Foster

5 to 8 p.m.

Backeddy Pub
(dinner show)

Brent Parkin with The Grand Koolios

8 to 11:30p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion
(\$30)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Blues in the Park

with Russell deCarle, Steve Briggs, Brent Parkin, Darryl Havers, Brandon Isaak, Joe Rotundo, Jim Foster, Simon Paradis, Jerry Cook, Sully Antonyk, Tim Hearsey, Peter Vandeursen and Tim Rannard
Noon to 4 p.m.

P. H. Community Hall
(free show plus craft fair)

Brandon Isaak

5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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5 to 8 p.m.

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(free)

Russell deCarle & Steve Briggs w/ The Grand Koolios

8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Sunday Gospel:

Marcus Mosely

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Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Pender Harbour School of Music
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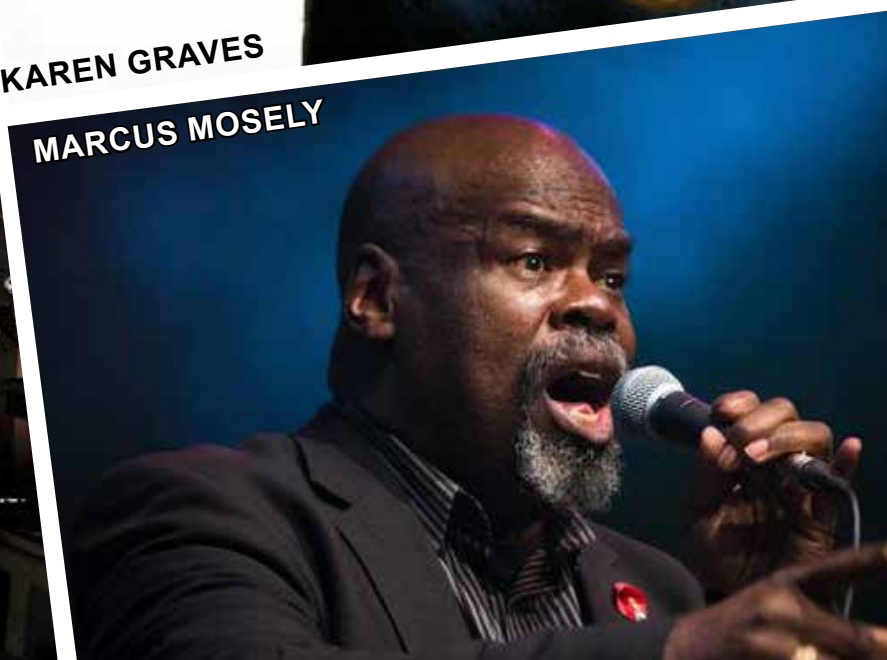


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Three of the ‘best hikes for kids’ on the Sunshine Coast

By Stephen Hui

Excerpted from:

*Best Hikes and Nature Walks With Kids
In and Around Southwestern British
Columbia*

A walk in the woods does wonders for the whole family.

Here are three delightfully kid-friendly hikes in shíshálh territory on the Sunshine Coast.

Don't forget to check trail reports, bring the essentials, leave a trip plan with a responsible person, and leave no trace.

Happy trails.

TRIANGLE LAKE

8 kilometres (round trip)

**Sargeant Bay Provincial Park
(Halfmoon Bay)**

A barrier beach, tidal marsh, salmon-bearing stream, rain-fed bog, deer trails, and eelgrass beds — all of these natural features are preserved by Sargeant Bay Provincial Park.

The Class A park was established in 1990, thanks to the efforts of the Sargeant Bay Society.

Volunteers from the society also blazed this trail to Triangle Lake in 1995, and this area was added to the park the following year.

From the Sargeant Bay parking lot, walk back to Redrooffs Road and cross it.



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Triangle Lake, and the trail to get to it, are located within Sargeant Bay Provincial Park.

Go right on the Colvin Creek rail (part of the National Hiking Trail) and follow signs for Triangle Lake.

Cross a bridge by a waterfall and head north into a mossy second-growth forest of Douglas fir, western red cedar, and western hemlock.

Tree roots spread like tentacles over rocks and stumps.

Columbian black-tailed deer are a common sight.

Stay right at a junction in 800 metres to diverge from the riparian

zone and strike off on the Triangle Lake trail.

A signpost at 1.7 kilometres indicates a viewpoint to the left; continue right.

Stay right at the next signed junction.

A further 1.6 kilometres finds Triangle Lake, a sphagnum bog that's known as s-ch'ewk' (a reference to frybread) to the shíshálh Nation.

A viewpoint with a bench overlooks the serene bog.

Head counterclockwise on the lovely Triangle Lake Circle trail (1.7 kilometres) to find a clifftop bench viewpoint on the bog's east margin.

The wetland flora include bog cranberry, Labrador tea and shore pine.

With the kids, listen for songbirds such as the common yellow-throat (“witchety-witchety-witchety”) and olive-sided flycatcher (“quick-



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three-beers”).

Slow down — this is a hike for relaxed strolling.

When the circumnavigation is complete, retrace your steps to the trailhead.

HOMESITE CAVES

1.4 kilometre (round trip)

Homesite Creek Falls Recreation Site (Halfmoon Bay)

Waterfalls and big trees and caves, oh my!

Discover a hidden world of wonder on the shady Homesite Creek Cave trail.

From the day-use parking area on Homesite Creek Forest Service Road, the rugged trail leads southeast into the woods, with plenty of rocks and roots for little feet to negotiate.

Douglas firs and western red cedars — the latter being B.C.’s arboreal emblem — rise above sword ferns and dull Oregon-grape.

Encounter the first of several tiny

limestone caves under tree roots.

By all means, take a closer look, but beware of unstable ground and don’t let kids venture inside the hollows.

You’re treading on a karst landscape, where the dissolution of bedrock over millennia has created complex subterranean drainage systems.

Famous karst areas include the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario and Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.

Caves, dolines (sinkholes), and disappearing streams (spot one or two?) are characteristic features of this fascinating topography.

To protect the sensitive environment, don’t stray off the unmarked path, and to prevent injuries, avoid concealed openings.

This isn’t the place to play hide-and-go-seek.

Pull alongside a creek, then drop down by a pond and pass beneath a particularly majestic old-growth tree.

The way forks as you close in on

Homesite Creek.

Go left, but not before detouring straight ahead to visit the first cascade.

Heading upstream, ignore a couple of side paths en route to the second waterfall.

From here, the trail quickly leads up and out of the woods to emerge at the Homesite Creek Falls recreation site.

Amenities include a few pit toilets and, if a campsite is unoccupied, picnic tables.

It’s 600 metres further to the day-use parking area.

Follow the gravel road northeast and then northwest to exit the rustic campground and hit Homesite Creek FSR.

Turn left and walk down the roadside to complete the counter-clockwise loop.

Watch out for logging trucks.

PENDER HILL

Round trip: 1.6 km

Location: Pender Hill Park (Pender Harbour)

Pender Hill is known as kw’anim (“looking”) in the shishálh language.

Fittingly, the expansive views from the top will impress kids and adults alike.

Pint-sized scrambly bits make the short and steep trail a fun challenge for the whole family.

From the parking area, the trail starts to the left of the yellow gate and immediately crosses a little wooden bridge.

Sword ferns line the gently rising path through the mixed woods.

Cross a second bridge, accompanied by birdsong.

In short order, the grade stiffens under the Douglas-fir and western red



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A mini waterfall on the Homesite Creek Cave trail.

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cedar trees.

A tree with a peculiar, zigzagging trunk offers a welcome excuse for a breather and photo op.

See who can come up with the most fantastical explanation for the natural oddity.

Mossy boulders and dull Oregon-grape cover the forest floor.

Also referred to as Cascade barberry, the low-growing evergreen shrub has spiny leaves (ouch!), which turn red in autumn, and produces edible but sour fruit.

As it weaves uphill, the trail gets rockier.

Little ones might need a hand clambering up and over the outcrops, which are slippery when wet.

Stick to the main path, and don't cut switchbacks. Keep left at a fork with a shortcut.

Head steeply up to gain the ridge.

Follow the path as it bears right.

Point out an arbutus tree, which is easily identified by its peeling cinnamon bark.

Please don't deface these gorgeous tree trunks with your initials.



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Pender Hill. If you don't know this view, you ain't from here.

Go up the final rise, joined from the right by the aforementioned shortcut.

Burst into the open on the summit, with its bare and moss-covered rock.

Continue forward a few steps for a grand perspective of the Malaspina Strait and Salish Sea, and the lakes and islands of Pender Harbour.

To the east, Hotel Lake lies at the foot of Pender Hill.

Mount Daniel and Cecil Hill

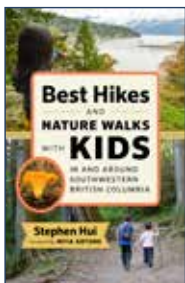
stand like sentinels over Pender Harbour.

Keep kids close and stick to established paths as you explore the bluffs.

Scan the air for bald eagles and the ground for northern alligator lizards.

The hilltop is also home to shore pine and wildflowers like chocolate lily and nodding onion.

Watch your footing as you retrace your steps to the trailhead.



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• Lions' Pancake Breakfast
P. H. Community Hall (8 to 11 a.m.)

10:50am • Fly over

11am • May Day Parade
Parade forms can be downloaded from
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and dropped off at Harbour insurance.

11:30am • Crowning of 77th May Queen
With MC Noah Sieben

12-4pm • Petting zoo & pony rides
• Barbecue and food trucks
• Live music
• Field events & children's games
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Designed by Denise Cymbalist. Must be
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• Beer garden
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Sat 21	15.5	14.5	13.3	12.3	11.7	11.7	12.1	12.5	12.7	12.4	11.3	9.6	7.6	5.7	4.1	3.2	3.0	3.9	5.6	7.9	10.4	12.8	14.7	15.7
Sun 22	15.8	15.2	14.2	13.0	11.9	11.1	10.9	11.1	11.5	11.8	11.7	11.1	9.8	8.2	6.6	5.3	4.5	4.4	5.2	6.8	8.9	11.2	13.3	14.9
Mon 23	15.7	15.6	14.9	13.8	12.4	11.0	10.1	9.7	9.9	10.4	10.9	11.2	11.0	10.3	9.1	7.8	6.7	6.0	5.9	6.6	8.0	9.9	12.0	13.8
Tue 24	15.1	15.6	15.3	14.4	12.9	11.3	9.8	8.7	8.3	8.6	9.3	10.2	10.9	11.1	10.9	10.1	9.1	8.1	7.4	7.3	7.9	9.2	10.9	12.8
Wed 25	14.3	15.3	15.5	14.9	13.5	11.7	9.8	8.2	7.2	6.9	7.4	8.4	9.7	10.8	11.6	11.7	11.2	10.3	9.4	8.7	8.5	9.1	10.3	11.9
Thu 26	13.4	14.7	15.3	15.1	14.0	12.3	10.2	8.1	6.5	5.7	5.8	6.6	8.0	9.6	11.1	12.2	12.6	12.3	11.4	10.5	9.8	9.6	10.1	11.2
Fri 27	12.6	13.9	14.8	15.0	14.3	12.7	10.6	8.4	6.4	5.0	4.5	5.0	6.3	8.1	10.1	11.8	13.1	13.5	13.2	12.3	11.3	10.6	10.4	10.9
Sat 28	11.9	13.1	14.2	14.7	14.4	13.1	11.2	8.8	6.6	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.7	6.4	8.6	10.9	12.8	14.0	14.3	13.8	12.9	11.9	11.2	11.1
Sun 29	11.5	12.4	13.4	14.1	14.2	13.4	11.7	9.5	7.1	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.5	5.0	7.1	9.5	11.9	13.7	14.8	14.8	14.2	13.2	12.2	11.5
Mon 30	11.5	12.0	12.7	13.5	13.8	13.4	12.1	10.2	7.8	5.6	3.8	2.8	2.7	3.7	5.6	8.1	10.6	12.9	14.6	15.3	15.1	14.3	13.2	12.3
Tue 31	11.7	11.8	12.2	12.9	13.3	13.3	12.5	10.8	8.7	6.4	4.4	3.0	2.5	2.9	4.4	6.6	9.2	11.7	13.8	15.2	15.5	15.1	14.2	13.1

local organizations

P. H. LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY AGM

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society's annual general meeting will take place on May 13 at 1 p.m. at Sarah Wray Hall (4334 Irvines Landing Rd.).

Drop in for updates on the society's 2021 activities, as well as a preview of what's in store for 2022. Find out more details at penderharbourheritage.ca.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Tuesday, May 10, Erin Hirst from Ground Waves West in Madeira Park will speak about her husband, Bruce, and their family's move from Ontario to BC. She'll also chat about the store which carries unique finds in home and gift items along with local artists, tasty treats and more. The store's motto is "Leave them feeling good."

Along with Hirst, Dr. Natalie Guriache, menopause specialist, will be speaking about menopause symptoms that affect a women's life, and answer any questions you may have.

On Tuesday, May 24, the PHWC is pleased to welcome Jane MacDonald, executive director of the Sechelt Hospital Foundation. MacDonald will cover a range of topics including advising us of any new equipment or procedures that we may not realize are available to us, accessing home care services on the Coast and the COVID rapid response team against the pandemic.

The Women's Connection is a great way to meet other women. Meetings take place at P. H. School of Music with doors open at 9:45 a.m. and the presentation beginning at 10 a.m. At this time the PHWC will be accepting donations instead of the usual fees and will be following all current BC COVID protocols.

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is pleased to present local resident Angela Stearns, the owner of the Botanical Concierge on May 30 at 1 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music. Everyone is welcome. the cost is \$15 annual dues or \$5 drop-in. The topic is still to be determined.

Stearns provides garden consultation, design and maintenance, while also helping people become more confident in their garden. An avid lover of all things plant related, she's a Red Seal landscape horticulturist, International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist and has a degree in natural science.

When she's not working, you can find her puttering around her veggie garden, searching for mushrooms in the forest, or tending to her ever growing tropical plant collection.

Russell deCarle with Steve Briggs
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Brandon Isaak
Brent Parkin
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Tim Hearsey
The Grand Knolins
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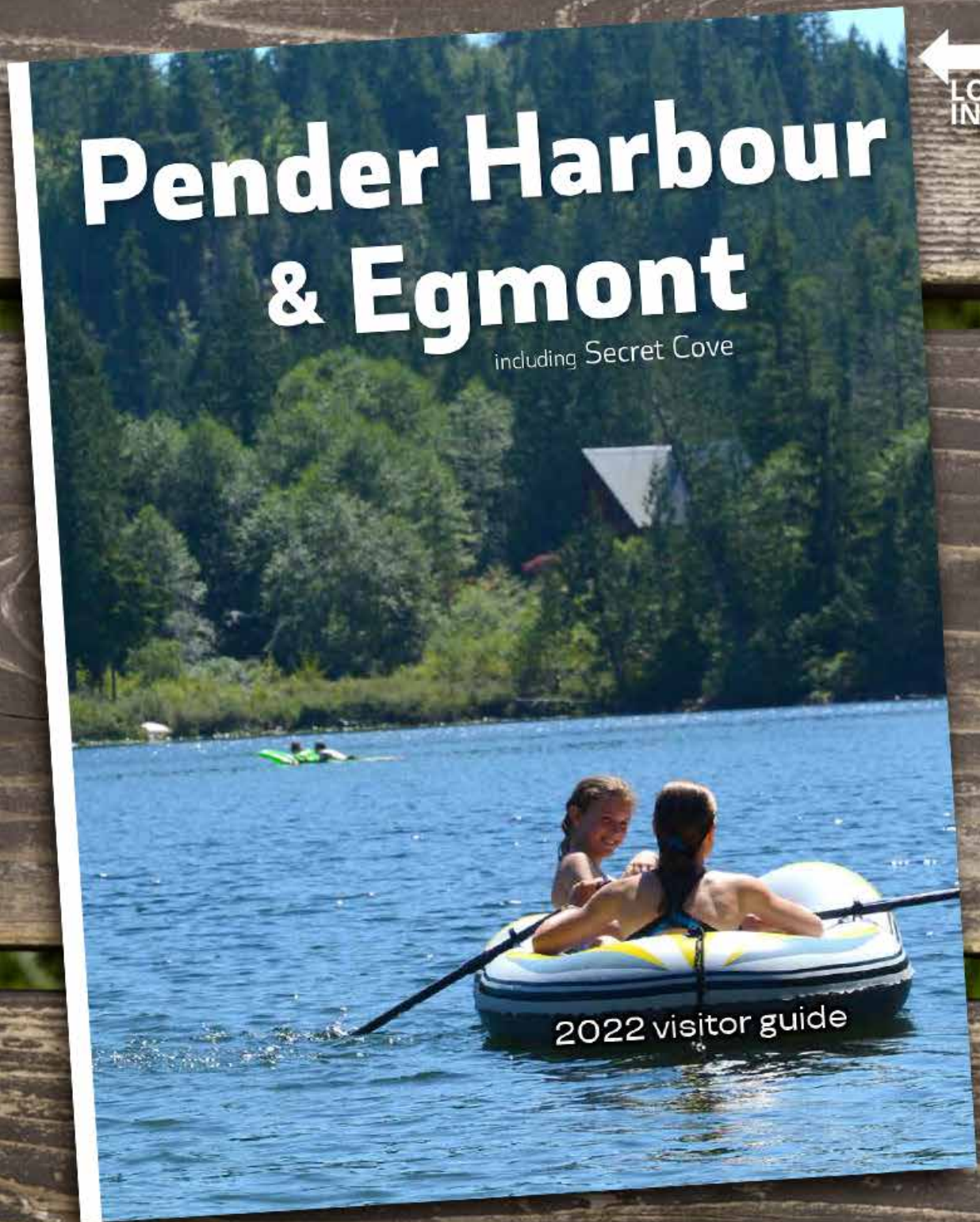
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Egon Valentin Thiele
FEBRUARY 7, 1931 — MARCH 18, 2022



At the age of 91 Egon Thiele died peacefully at Sechelt Hospital on March 18.

He was born in Bremen, Germany and immigrated to Canada in 1954 with his wife.

They worked hard while raising two children and were proud to become Canadian citizens in 1967.

He built his home in Garden Bay and was passionate about gardening.

Many local residents have his beautiful plants as he gave them away

to all who admired them.

Thiele was a master baker by trade and worked at Safeway before he retired to Garden Bay in 1987.

He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, and leaves behind his daughter Peggy (Rod), son Roy (Georgina), four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by all who loved him.

There will be no service as per his request.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge as a longstanding effort to recognize and record those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date of birth and death and be submitted in a digital format. Submissions will be edited for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

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By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A canoe load of Seals of Approval to **Nigel Macklin** for his kind donation of power tools to the boat builders working at Sarah Wray Hall; a most appreciated donation to our tool chest.

Ian Mackay
P. H. Living Heritage Society

Oceans full of Seals to **all who donated to the Rotary Ukraine disaster relief fundraiser** held at the P. H. Legion. Over \$3,000 in donations were collected and matched by the district Rotary to total \$6,000.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
P. H. Rotary

Harbour Seals to all the dedicated **P. H. Legion volunteers and staff** for their community support.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
P. H. Rotary

Harbour Seals of Approval to **MPES PAC, Serendipity Child Care, PHSS PAC, PH Rotary Club, GRIPS and the community as a whole** for their continuous support during our senior year.

Holden Charlton
PHSS graduating class

An enormous Harbour Seal to **Don and Crystal White** for creating a parking place at the corner of their property on Francis Peninsula so folks can access Tyner Park safely.

Margaret Skelley
(and all the Harbour walkers)

A tool chest of Harbour Seals of to **James Wray** for his rebuild of the front steps at Sarah Wray Hall. The front door is safely accessible now.

Ian Mackay
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 May 4 ~ **Andrew Sutherland**.
 May 5 ~ **Barb Ellison, Rob Ellison, Baylee Higgins** and **Robyn Leech**.
 May 6 ~ **Lori Pratt**.
 May 7 ~ **Stephanie Warner, Tricia Fisher** and **Kristen White**.
 May 8 ~ **Linda Reid, Francis Belisle, Ryan Schroeder** and **Vicki Honeybourne**.
 May 9 ~ **Steve Devaney, Bruce Silvey, Rick Dougan, Leanna Mackie, Karen McKeeman, Jackson Taylor, Vanessa Stephens, Debbie Hayen** and **Jim Greenlaw**.
 May 11 ~ **Deena Lowings, Shelley Wharton** and **Candace Sharp**.
 May 12 ~ **TJ Campbell** and **Rob McMann**.
 May 13 ~ **Mel Likes** and **Reynald Bernier**.
 May 14 ~ **Jan Smalley** and **Lhonna Dougan**.
 May 15 ~ **Michael Pazur**.
 May 16 ~ **Dave Sullivan**.
 May 17 ~ **Linda Curtiss, Jack Dennis, Dan Jinks, Helen Krantz, Roland Schmidt** and **Amy Curtiss**.
 May 18 ~ **Haida Bolton, Ron Collett, Wendy Haddock** and **Sharon Halford**.
 May 19 ~ **Earl Stewart**.
 May 20 ~ **Rylan English, twins Carrie & Stirling Fowler, Yasmeena Kennedy, Jacalyn Vincent** and **Brenna Young**.
 May 21 ~ **Shannon Fowler**.
 May 23 ~ **Mary Milner** and **Tom Patterson**.
 May 24 ~ **Vicki Kobus, Dick Milner, Treenah Dougan** and **Margo Hunsche**.
 May 25 ~ **Christina Stoutenburg**.
 May 27 ~ **Cindy Schroeder** and **Charlotte Gray**.
 May 28 ~ **Mikey Thompson, Lyn Vaughan, Kevin Graham** and **Myrtle Winchester**.
 May 29 ~ **Cliff Silvey, Tyler Forsyth** and **Amber LaFrance**.
 May 30 ~ **Marten Mees, Kathy Mills** and **Mike Phillips**.

MAY ASTROLOGY



TAURUS: APRIL 19 - MAY 20

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. They are usually sensible and blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism. This month, you will continue your ongoing spending spree and escapist online gambling. Put your credit card away—you're broke. Luckily, the conjunction of Venus and Mars on April 30 will set you on a distractive course of love. Later this month, feelings of despair will begin to be replaced by a powerful emotion.



GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 21

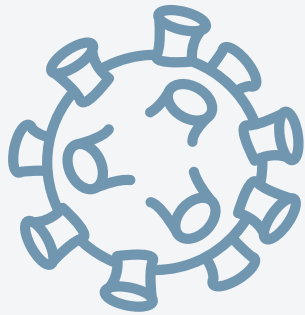
Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Once again, you're confused and of two minds—trust science or the people who tell you good news? It's an age old conundrum and one even the stars can't solve. Luckily, Jupiter and Venus conjoin later this month which dissolves the immediacy of that problem so you can focus on an upcoming tragedy.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending April 16, 2022

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

- Framed in Fire: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Wishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- Mushrooms of BC** by Andy MacKinnon & Kem Luther (Royal BC Museum)
- A Is for Anemone: A First West Coast Alphabet** by Robert Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- Whitewater Cooks Together Again** by Shelley Adams (Alicon Holdings)
- Always Pack A Candle: A Nurse in the Cariboo-Chilcotin** by Marion McKinnon Crook (Heritage House Publishing)
- Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines** by Luschiim Arvid Charlie & Nancy J. Turner (Harbour Publishing)
- Richard Wagamese Selected: What Comes from Spirit** by Richard Wagamese (Douglas & McIntyre)
- The Quiet in Me** by Patrick Lane (Harbour Publishing)
- Destination Hikes: In and Around Southwestern BC** by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
- When Trains Ruled the Kootenays: A Short History of Railways in Southeastern BC** by Terry Gainer (RMB)



COVID 2022

52,842

Number of cases per 100,000 people in Denmark, the highest in the world since COVID began.

653

Number of deaths per 100,000 people in Peru, the highest in the world since COVID began.

498,041,903

Total global cases of coronavirus by April 9, 2022.

6,174,632

Total global deaths attributed to COVID-19 infection to April 9.

1.2%

Global "case fatality rate."

3,747

Average number of global deaths daily (based on a seven-day average) from COVID on April 9.

101

Number of deaths per 100,000 people in Canada since COVID began.

83%

Percentage of Canadians who are fully vaccinated.

3,545,510

Total cases in Canada since COVID began.

37,928

Total deaths in Canada attributed to COVID-19 infection.

~ New York Times

MAY WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average daily high temperature in May is 15.8 C and our average daily low is 9.6 C, giving us a daily mean temperature of 12.7 C for the month. Our record high temperature in May is 28.4 C (May 29, 1983) and our record low is 3.3 C (May 1, 1970).

PRECIPITATION

May has an average of 12 days with rainfall and an average total for the month of 61 mm. Our record daily rainfall in May is 28.7 mm (May 2, 1963) and our record daily snowfall in May is 1 cm (May 10, 1985).

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES

MAY

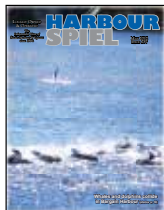
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EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

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These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

Dolphins and killer whales collide in Bargain Harbour



By Brian Lee

The following originally appeared in the May 2012 edition of the Harbour Spiel.

Bargain Harbour came alive on April 20 when a pod of 60 to 100 Pacific white-sided dolphins made a sudden and dramatic appearance.

The dolphins entered the shallow bay around 1 p.m. and an hour after low tide.

The spectacle was witnessed by dozens of people lined up to snap

photos of the pod which could be easily seen milling around a short distance from shore.

They may have been feeding or they may have been hiding because soon after, the surface of the bay erupted when at least six Orca whales rounded the point.

Only transient Orca whales are known to eat dolphins (resident Orcas eat fish) but the dolphins' behaviour certainly gave the impression they were being chased.

Included in the melee were at least two Steller's sea lions.

The whales rarely surfaced after they first appeared and it is uncertain if they were feeding on the dolphins.

In the ensuing chaos, the dolphins' pod separated into smaller groups with some managing to get out of the bay.

Afterwards, reports suggest a number of dolphins took protection in the small cove at Baker's Beach just outside of Bargain Harbour while the whales remained offshore.

A smaller pod of about 10-20 remained in Bargain Harbour for the rest of the afternoon.



David Pearson

1. Around 1 p.m., a school of 60-plus Pacific white-sided dolphins were seen entering Bargain Harbour. They were spotted near 'Seven Isles' (south of RONA) minutes before.



Brian Lee

2. The pod milled around slowly in a tight group for awhile before they were startled by something and darted back and forth across the bay at high speed.



Brian Lee

3. About 20 thrilled onlookers were stopped at the pullout on Francis Peninsula Road as the pod moved closer to shore.



Brian Lee

4. The dolphins crossed the bay several times putting on a spectacular show before those watching understood why.



Brian Lee

5. 'Ooohh, look! Whales are coming to play with the dolphins.' At least one onlooker was horrified to learn the whales were hunting.



Brian Lee

6. This man and child had the best view of the action but may have got more excitement than they were comfortable with after the whales arrived. Here, the dolphins fanned out at high speed — possibly in an effort to escape.



Brian Lee

7. The dolphins seemed to be looking for an exit but, because it was low tide, this route through Canoe Pass was closed. A number of attempts were made to escape Bargain Harbour via the opposite shore but, each time, the pod was turned back.



Brian Lee

8. The dolphins could be photographed easily at just 20 to 30 feet from shore. Unfortunately, the midday glare hampered the quality of many of the shots.



Don McLaren

9. It still isn't known if this pod of Orcas left Bargain Harbour with full bellies or if they were just there to have some fun chasing some silly dolphins.



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Common eye problems and what to do about them

*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
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The most common causes of blindness are age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy.

GLAUCOMA

Glaucoma is a complicated diagnosis in which damage to the optic nerve can lead to progressive irreversible vision loss.

Early detection and treatment can prevent vision loss in most patients.

Glaucoma can be genetic so if you have a parent or sibling with this disease you need to have an eye examination.

This disease will present with peripheral vision loss and people might not notice the subtle changes in vision until it affects their central vision.

Patients may suffer tunnel vision or have problems of night blindness.

Cataracts occur when the lens of the eye becomes cloudy, blocking light from reaching the retina and people's vision will become blurred as the cataract develops.

A cataract procedure involves removing the cataract and replacing the lens with a plastic implant.

AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

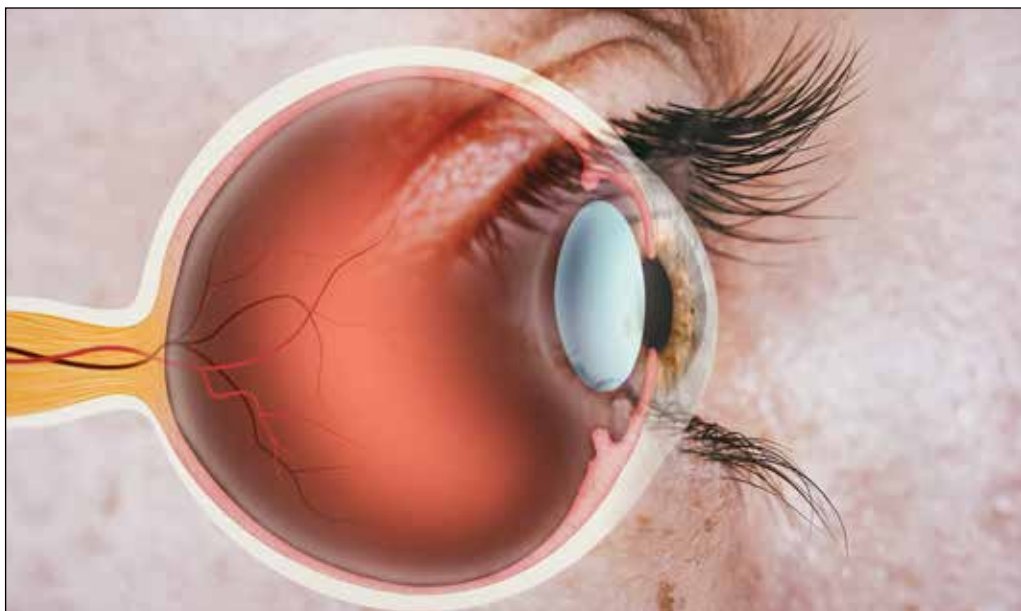
AMD is one of the leading causes of vision loss and this disease affects the central part of your vision.

There are two types of AMD — dry and wet form.

There is no effective treatment for the dry form.

The wet form involves abnormal blood vessel growth in the retina.

Although there is no cure for this disease, treatment will work to stabilize



it and prevent further vision loss.

People who suffer from AMD may see someone approach them but may not be able to see their face.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Diabetic retinopathy is an eye condition that is often a complication from diabetes.

Diabetics with increased blood sugars may have damage to the blood vessels in the retina that can lead to vision loss and possibly blindness.

If you have diabetes, receive regular eye exams by an ophthalmologist or a retinal specialist.

HOW TO ASSIST SOMEONE WHO IS VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Some people experience significant fluctuations with vision depending on time of day, stress, level of blood sugar or environmental conditions like lighting or glare.

If you are assisting a visually impaired person, let them take your arm and walk a half step ahead of them.

This position allows them to feel your body movements as you walk and reduces the chance of walking into objects.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR EYES

Adults over 40 should have an eye examination to rule out the age-related diseases discussed above.

If you have no concerns and no corrective lenses then getting an eye exam every two years is adequate.

If you do have a family history of glaucoma, AMD or diabetes you may need to go more often.

- Adults and children should wear sunglasses that block 100 per cent UV rays;
- Stop smoking. There is a direct link between smoking and the adverse health effects it has on the lens and the retina of the eye;
- Eating leafy green vegetables will reduce risk of AMD;
- Get a regular eye examination;
- Wear eye protection when doing anything where you are at risk of flying debris, and
- Be aware of eye fatigue, if your eyes get tired from working on a computer or reading things at close range for a prolonged time, follow the 20-20-20 rule:
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ROAD TRIP TO SECHLT BOTANICAL GARDENS:

Tuesday, May 10, 10am – 2pm

Walking tour of the Botanical Gardens followed by Lunch at the Blue Ocean Restaurant call to reserve your seat. Travelling by volunteer drivers and their cars.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – noon

In the P. H. Community Hall. No lunch will be served at this time. We do encourage all to bring your own packed lunch to enjoy as a group following the program.

May 5 – Mother's Day discussion and craft

May 12 – Music with Joan and Ted Woodard

May 19 – "Surprise"

May 26 – Share some unusual or interesting recipes or books from the past

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, May 2, 6, 9, 12, 16, 20, 27 & 30

NO CLASS ON MAY 23. At the P. H. Community Hall, 11am – 12 noon with Carole Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3

MAHJONG: All Thursdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm, w/ Alison Speirs.

This will be our last month. Then returning in August perhaps in the park outside. Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and a measure of luck. We play the four-person table version with Chinese tiles. If you would like to give it a try, you will be most welcome!

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MTG

Wednesday JUNE 8, 4:30-5:30PM @ HARBOUR LEARNING CENTRE

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the last AGM, June 9, 2021
3. 2021 Annual Report
4. 2021 Financial Statements
5. Appointment of Accountant
6. Election of PHCSS Board of Directors & Appointment of Executive

Harbour Learning Centre ~ Tue/Wed/Fri 9am-3pm ~ phcs@dccnet.com ~ 883.2826

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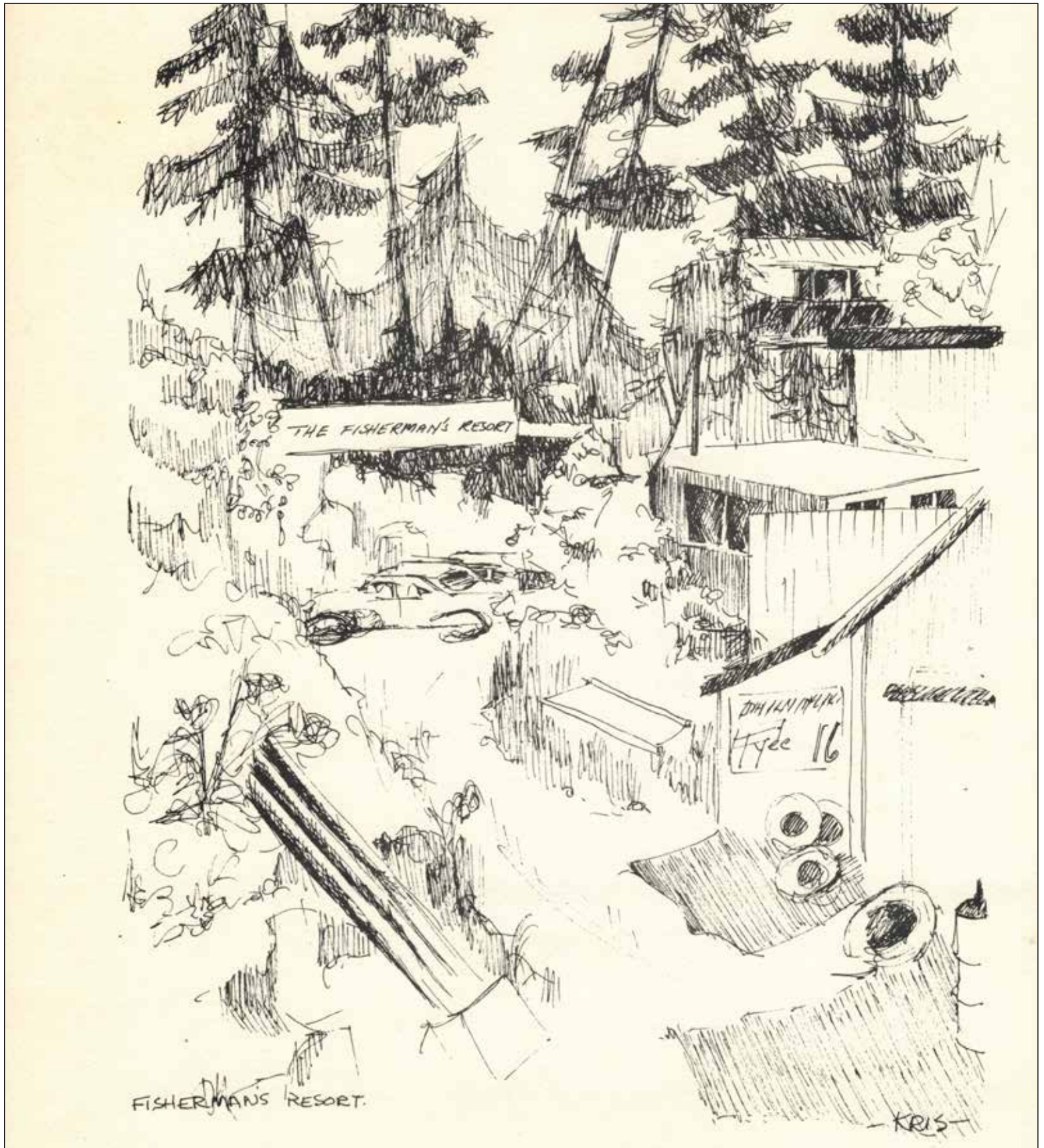
Duncan family

Lingcod fishing in the 1950s

Thorne Duncan posing with his haul of lingcod some time in the 1950s. Anyone who has tried to catch a lingcod around here in recent times will be impressed by both the quantity and size of Duncan's catch.

The photo was taken at the Duncan property west of the Madeira Park government wharf.

sketches from 'a hippie chick named Kris'



1970s hippie chick named Kris

This sketch of Fisherman's Resort was made by a 'hippie chick in Garden Bay in the 1970s.' This is according to the late Dave Howell via a note Myrtle Winchester (the former editor of *Harbour Spiel*) scribbled on the outside of an envelope that was delivered with the *Harbour Spiel* to to its current editor in 2006. The envelope contained five other similar sketches and under each one is scribbled 'Kris.'

Tips from the SCRD's *Good Neighbour Guidelines*, No. 3



The Sunshine Coast Regional District's "Good Neighbour Guidelines" provide thoughtful recommendations and a summary of SCRD bylaws governing neighbourhood issues intended to protect and enhance the peaceful enjoyment of our community.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding specific bylaws, visit www.scrd.ca/bylaws, or call the SCRD at (604) 885-6800. While informal communication with neighbours is the best way of addressing many neighbourhood concerns, in situations where this is not a viable option, contact the SCRD to make an inquiry, or to file a complaint for investigation.

ON AND AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

UNTIDY PROPERTIES

- Be conscious of the outward appearance of your property and its effect on your neighbourhood;
 - Loose garbage, green waste, bottles, cans, boxes, household furniture, parts of machinery or automobiles, equipment and appliances should be stored so they are not visible from outside of the property;
 - Unlicensed vehicles should be stored inside a garage, and
 - Building materials should not accumulate unless an owner can demonstrate that construction or renovation is about to happen.
- In that case, materials should be kept tidy and stacked in an orderly

manner.

NOISE

- Please be considerate and do not create excessive noise that will disturb your neighbours;
 - Excessive noise includes yelling, loud music, barking dogs and vehicle engine revving;
 - Noise from equipment such as heat pumps and pool equipment can also be very disturbing to your neighbours;
 - Placing noise generating equipment in the rear yard may reduce disturbance to your neighbours.
- You can also:
- Place the noise-generating equipment in a small enclosure;
 - Install a sound dampening fence or shroud;

- Surround the equipment with dense plants and shrubs;
- Noise from equipment must comply with the SCRD's noise control bylaw.

BURNING

- Do not burn any household garbage, plastics, toxic or painted materials, etc. as the smoke may be toxic and harmful to people and the environment;
- Fire regulations vary by area. Contact your local fire department at www.scrd.ca/fire_rescue for details;
- A good neighbour ensures that the smoke from a fire is minimal and does not disturb neighbours;
- In case of emergency, call 9-1-1, and
- Fire regulations and smoke con-



Some neighbours might consider this Lower Kleindale property 'untidy.' Other's might call it a museum.

trol bylaws can be found at www.scrd.ca/bylaws.

STREAM AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

- Respect all stream setbacks, and do not encroach on or impact setback areas or stream channels.
- Unauthorized activities in streams and stream setback areas may contravene federal, provincial and local government legislation.
- Stream setback distances are identified in the SCRD’s zoning by-laws;
- Never dispose of any materials, such as chemicals, paints or cleaning products into household toilets and sinks, or onto outside soil, ditches or streams;
- During construction projects, keep wet concrete away from all streams on or near the site;
- Keep pets away from streams and stream setbacks, and
- Residents looking to environmentally enhance a setback must consult with the SCRD.



Brian Lee

Call (604) 885-6800 for assistance.

TREE RETENTION

- A tree removal permit may be required for the removal of trees on private property if you are located in a restricted tree cutting area and if:
- The trees and/or vegetation are

within a streamside protection and enhancement area;

- Tree(s) are protected by a covenant (see your title certificate), and
- Under permit conditions, owners are required to replant two trees for every tree removed.

Call (604) 885-6800 for more information.



JOIN THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY of PENDER HARBOUR

Do you live, work or play in Pender Harbour or the surrounding areas?

If so, the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour (HAPH) would very much like you to become a member and contribute to future growth and success of the HAPH.

The HAPH is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization contracted by Small Craft Harbours (a division of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans), to manage, maintain and operate the DFO wharves at Madeira Park (including Millennium Park), Hospital Bay, Whiskey Slough and Secret Cove. Although the primary purpose of the SCH facilities is to support the commercial fishing industry, these facilities also serve other commercial and pleasure craft operators as well as the surrounding community.

As a member you can vote and/or be nominated for the board of directors of the HAPH. You can influence the direction of the HAPH by suggesting ideas for improvement. You can help the HAPH by volunteering some of your time to work on projects or participate in HAPH committees. You can help strengthen the voice of the HAPH with our landlord, Small Craft Harbours. You can help us make the HAPH facilities the best that they can be for your benefit and for the benefit of visitors to our communities. Your membership fees, \$20 for a 5 year term, go towards the operations of the HAPH and improving the HAPH facilities.

The volunteer board of directors is nominated from the membership and elected by the members each year at the annual general meeting. Members may also meet at other arranged times to discuss and bring forward ideas for improving the harbour facilities. Members with particular interests and skillsets may wish to participate on volunteer working groups to prepare plans and recommendations for consideration by the board and to generally assist the board.

NEW MEMBERS MIGHT BE:

- Commercial Fishers
- Local merchants
- Nearby island residents
- Area residents
- Moorage customers
- Charter / tour operators

For a membership application please ask at Madeira Office at 12967 Madeira Park Road, Pender Harbour or email haphmembership@gmail.com

community calendar

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

MAY

- Mon. May 2.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 6.....Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall courtyard, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sat. May 7.....P. H. Music Society presents Charlotte Diamond (2 shows) - P. H. School of Music, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Sat. May 7.....P. H. Reading Centre’s Books and Blooms self-guided garden tour - Madeira Park, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat. May 7.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.
- Sun. May 8.....Mother’s Day
- Tues. May 10.....P. H. Women’s Connection presents Erin Hirst & Dr. Natalie Guriache, P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Tues. May 10.....P. H. Seniors Initiative trip - Sechelt Botanical Gardens, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Fri. May 13.....Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society AGM - Sarah Wray Hall, 1 p.m.
- Fri. May 13.....P. H. Music School Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, doors 7 p.m., music 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 13.....Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall courtyard, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sat. May 14.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.
- Sat. May 14.....Giant garage sale - Royal Canadian Legion no. 112, 10 a.m.
- Mon. May 16.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 20.....Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall courtyard, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sat. May 21.....77th annual Pender Harbour May Day - Madeira Park, all day
- Sat. May 21.....Congratulate Dr. Rick Smalley at Madeira Park Vet open house, after the May Day parade
- Sat. May 21.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.
- Tues. May 24.....P. H. Women’s Connection presents Jane Macdonald, P.H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Fri. May 27.....Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall courtyard, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sat. May 28.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.
- Mon. May 30.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Mon. May 30.....P. H. Garden Club presents Angela Stearns - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

UPCOMING:

- Fri. June 3-5.....17th annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival - various locations
- Sat. June 4.....Egmont Day - Egmont, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Egmont government dock with the under 12 fishing derby. Parade at 11 a.m. Events include field games, dunk tank, BBQ lunch, free party ponies, petting zoo and free zodiac rides.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1.c 2.b 3.d 4.d 5.b 6.a



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