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~ NEXT ISSUE MAILS JULY 2 ~

A modest prediction

By Brian Lee



Last month I wrote
about the rampant
overpopulation of im-
migrant baby boomers
running amok with our
local demographic.

Sometimes the future is so clear
you can't even see it and on May Day
weekend, the solution that's going to
equalize the trend hit me.

The future of our community is —
longboarders.

Sure. After nine years, there's not
a longboarder in North America who
doesn't know what — or where — At-
tack of Danger Bay is.

They're young and preparing to
start families and they need to live
somewhere they can longboard.

How many of those Kitsilano
transplants I talked about last month
came for the first time to fish, fell in
love with the place and decided to
move here?

Mark my words, they're coming.

As they trickle in over the next
decade or so, they'll quietly assume
positions in local boards and volunteer
organizations, filling the vacuum left by
exiting boomers.

We'll see the Bargain Barn move
from selling second hand clothing to
used decks, helmets and leathers.

There'll be no need for chamber
music or jazz after the Pender Punk
Festival draws over 40,000 visitors to
see the aging Bricin Lyons and his band
Loose Tooth spit toothpaste all over
their fans.

The new residents' motto, "Golf
Sucks," will eventually result in the
Pender Harbour Golf Course becom-
ing North America's first longboarding
skills park. Membership skyrockets.

And though the Pender Harbour-

Egmont town council will have more
piercings than a pincushion they will
finally solve the ultimate question —
cars or boarders?

And after cars are banned from
all but the flattest sections of high-
way, we'll find the cost of mainte-
nance contracts go down.

Good thing too because we'll
need that surplus to pour back into
the new seven-vehicle ambulance
station.

When a Reid wins Attack of
Danger Bay 27, the Madeira Gazebo
crew will finally stop repeating that
tired joke:

"How do you hide a longboard-
er's paycheck? Put it in his work
boot."

Besides, unemployment will
drop to nil soon after Prime Minister
Layton confirms funding for the 150-
bed head trauma facility built on the
site of the old Petro Can gas station.

No cars — no need for gas.

Not everyone is happy though.

Without a sale in three years,
local realtors will band together to
take the town to court over their
decision to allow squatters' rights in
non-permanent residences.

The Supreme Court upholds
the decision, making former Daniel
Point residents furious.

The new membership of the
Irvines Landing Community As-
sociation will vote overwhelmingly
to turn the Sarah Wray Hall into a
school. None know it used to be one.

With 184 kids, it becomes the
third biggest elementary school in
Pender Harbour.

And for some reason, a radical
fringe of the new longboarder influx
will splinter off to settle in Egmont.

No one there seems to notice.

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EGMONT DAY 'BACK TO THE '50s' - JUNE 5

This year's Egmont Day is in celebration of the Egmont Hall which was brought to Egmont in 1952 and is currently undergoing renovations. As usual there will be a fishing derby starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m. and then lunch, races, cake walk canoe races and the Skookumburger Eating Contest. Something new this year: the first of a series of murals by Dave Oram will be unveiled as well as a scavenger hunt for all ages. Due to hall renovations, all activities will be in Egmont Park.

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ILMB resists efforts to restore public access to Irvines wharf

As the historic Irvines Landing Marina property continues to lie dormant, BC's Integrated Land Management Bureau is being pressured by various authorities to force the owner of the property to comply with terms contained in his foreshore lease.

Those terms include providing public access to the main wharfhead at the end of Irvines Landing Road as well as 160 lineal feet of transient moorage.

In 2007, a dispute between owners Rob Jupe and Peter Kwong resulted in Kwong's assumption of ownership of both the property and accompanying 30-year foreshore lease signed in May of 1986.

Frank Mauro, chair of the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour says the owners sold the floats to recoup some of their investment but by doing so, put themselves in a position of non-compliance with the terms of their lease.

"It could be argued that they may or may not have owned the one (dock) at the wharfhead," says Mauro.

"But their obligation under the lease was still to provide public moorage."

Ongoing efforts by a number of agencies, including the harbour authority, the Irvines Landing Community Association, the SCRD planning department and the Integrated Land Management Bureau, to enforce the terms of the lease had gone unheeded by Kwong.

Mauro says the harbour authority, which contractually manages public dock facilities in Madeira Park, Whiskey Slough and Hospital Bay has repeatedly indicated they would be interested in taking over responsibility for maintaining the wharf.

After a meeting with stakehold-



A photo of the Irvines Landing wharf taken May 25 shows no safe access to the once public dock. Even at high tide these two ladies are hesitant to make the jump.

ers in November 2009, the Integrated Land Management Bureau's Andrea Cowgill e-mailed a letter to Kwong advising him he had 30 days to install a public ramp and floats from the public wharf "resembling the same structure and alignment as was present in the 1990s."

When that deadline was not met, the harbour authority sent another letter to Cowgill requesting the lease be transferred to them.

This time Cowgill indicated she was giving Kwong a further 30 days to comply after which time the ILMB would proceed with cancellation procedures with the intent to reassign the lease to the harbour authority.

"On the 30th day, somebody showed up, and as you may see, there's some floats there with no ramp to the dock so public moorage hasn't been reinstated," says Mauro.

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Irvines Landing dock (cont.)

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Calls to Kwong were not returned.

In a letter dated March 30, 2010 from Ross Douglas, section head of the ILMB, the bureau seemed to back down from its earlier threats.

"The lease is scheduled to expire in May 2016 and will be reviewed at that time for replacement. Terms and conditions of the lease as well as any other issues will be addressed during the replacement review," wrote Douglas.

Douglas did not reply to queries but a spokesperson for the ILMB, Cheekwan Ho, wrote in a May 27 e-mail to the Harbour Spiel that the tenure holder is meeting the requirements of the lease.

"Although the lease for the marina in question requires the tenure holder to provide 160 feet of free public moorage, there is no requirement in the lease to provide this year-round.

"The free public moorage is required to be in operation only when the marina is in operation. The months when the marina is in operation is a business decision left to the tenure holder. Although the public moorage has yet to open, the existing main wharfhead is, and will remain, open to the public."

Clearly that answer doesn't satisfy a number of local organizations including the local Coast Guard Aux-



SCRD OPIS illustration

This image taken from the SCRD's Online Property Information System shows the current foreshore lease (A) of the former public wharf.

iliary, Irvines Landing Community Association and the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron who are intent on re-establishing access.

A copy of the lease provided by Ho shows no reference indicating public access is tied to operation of the marina but does say:

"In the event that there be future reason for assignment of this lease it will be referred to the SCRD for review."

On May 13, the harbour authority's Mauro made a presentation on their behalf to the SCRD Planning and Development Committee requesting assistance.

The SCRD is a party to the lease with the ILMB and at the May 27

board meeting, the board stated support for "year-round public access and moorage for the community and specifically expects that a high standard dock and moorage facilities be provided."

The SCRD also directed staff to contact the Crown requesting Kwong comply with the terms of the lease within 30 days or take steps to transfer the lease to the Pender Harbour Harbour Authority.

In the meantime, the ramp sits uninstalled on the wharf preventing access from the pier.

Though it could be installed fairly easily, the harbour authority's Mauro says they aren't be willing to fund its upkeep until a long-term solution is supported by the ILMB.

"We would be willing to take over the lease but there's obviously funding issues that we'd have to deal with," says Mauro.

"But we're willing to give it a go. Certainly we'd do better than the current developer's done."



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Maytum avoids spills to take Attack of Danger Bay Nine

In a sport where crashes can happen anytime, add a little rain to the toughest course anywhere and, well, there's going to be a lot of crashing.

This year's Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboarding race found last year's winner, Brazil's Douglas DaSilva knocked out in the first round and the reigning world champion, Mischo Erban, go down in the second.

Even local favourite Scoot Smith only lasted until the the third round.

The conditions opened the door for an exciting race where the right wheels — and a little luck — gave anyone in the field of close to 200 racers a chance to take the crown.

For a while it looked like local Team Green charger and new dad, Sandy "Sandman" Charlton, would emerge as the local hero.

Charlton cartwheeled at "Carnage Corner" in his semi-final race and had to be content with a spot in the consolation final.

He finished eighth overall.

The winner of Charlton's semi-final heat, Colorado's Zak Maytum, would go on to win the final and become Attack of Danger Bay champion.

The 18-year-old Maytum doesn't compete on the world cup circuit but has seen his share of victory.

Last year he took seventh at ADB 8 and won the Sullivan Challenge in Kimberley and Colorado's Buffalo Bill Downhill.

He says he had a shaky start due to problems with his rain wheels but by playing it safe and benefiting from a few lucky crashes behind him, he made it to the quarterfinals.

As sections of the course dried in the afternoon, Maytum took a chance and put on his dry wheels.

After a couple of near crashes on

the lower, wetter parts of the course, Maytum found himself in the final against Canadians Zen Shikaze, Andrew Chapman and Andrew Rae.

"In the final I pushed out ahead and everybody was right on me into Carnage Corner and it was the first time I came through without braking and just rolled the dice," said Maytum.

"I barely made it and then Zen [Shikaze] was lurking on me in the bottom section of the course going into that last right. He was coming up on me and clapped to let me know he was there.

"Really, what that said was, 'Please block me,' so I just moved over on him and put up an elbow to keep him from coming by."

Perennial champ Brianne Davies was once again crowned women's champion while Gibsons' Charley Daigneault, who came second last year, placed third.

MEN'S OVERALL

- 1st Place: Zak Maytum
- 2nd Place : Zen Shikaze
- 3rd Place: Andrew Chapman
- 4th Place: Matt Rae

WOMEN'S OVERALL

- 1st Place: Brianne Davies
- 2nd Place : Christin Gregersen
- 3rd Place: Charley Daigneault
- 4th Place: Dominique Vukorep



Boulder, Colorado's Zak Maytum moments after winning Attack of Danger Bay Nine.

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Suncoaster trail work moves toward completion in July

With a completion deadline set for July 30, local contractor Andrew Curtiss and crew are working furiously to finish phase one of the new Suncoaster trail.

When completed, the Suncoaster will provide 37 kilometres of wilderness trail winding from the trailhead on Egmont Road near Earls Cove to the Homesite Creek forest service road in Halfmoon Bay.

Much of the trail passes through virgin stands of forest connecting existing trails and Hydro corridors.

Curtiss and his crew have been working since March with both machine and hand labour, buffing and compacting the seven-foot-wide multi-use trail with access points in a number of strategic locations.

Curtiss says they've had a few setbacks — mechanical breakdowns and unexpected terrain challenges — but the project is moving ahead reasonably well.

They've completed one two-kilometre section in Middlepoint and the



About 10 trailbuilders are working full-time to complete the Suncoaster trail by July 30. Crews break up to work in various sections simultaneously. Seen here is Andrew Curtiss blazing trail in the excavator while John Sterle and Clifford Silvey follow behind.

crew is currently working on a section above the highway near Sakinaw Lake that should be completed in time for the 400 riders in the BC Bike Race that roll through June 30.

The project was made possible

by close to \$500,000 of federal stimulus funding through its job opportunities program.

The funding is intended to bolster communities suffering from a faltering resource economy and stipulates labourers be laid off from either the forestry, mining, fishing or manufacturing sectors.

Sheane Reid, Parks Planning Coordinator with the SCRd, says he noticed there was stimulus money on the table, came up with a plan and applied for it to finish what the Suncoaster Trail Society started in the '90s..

"It's a corridor or backbone trail, so to speak. I refer to it as 'multi-use' or 'shared-use' to try to have everyone, even the ATVers, use it if they can respectfully do it without wrecking the trail," says Reid.

"I don't know how successful we'll be with that. We'll just have to see how much how everyone wants to work toward being respectful of it."

Reid says some sections will be

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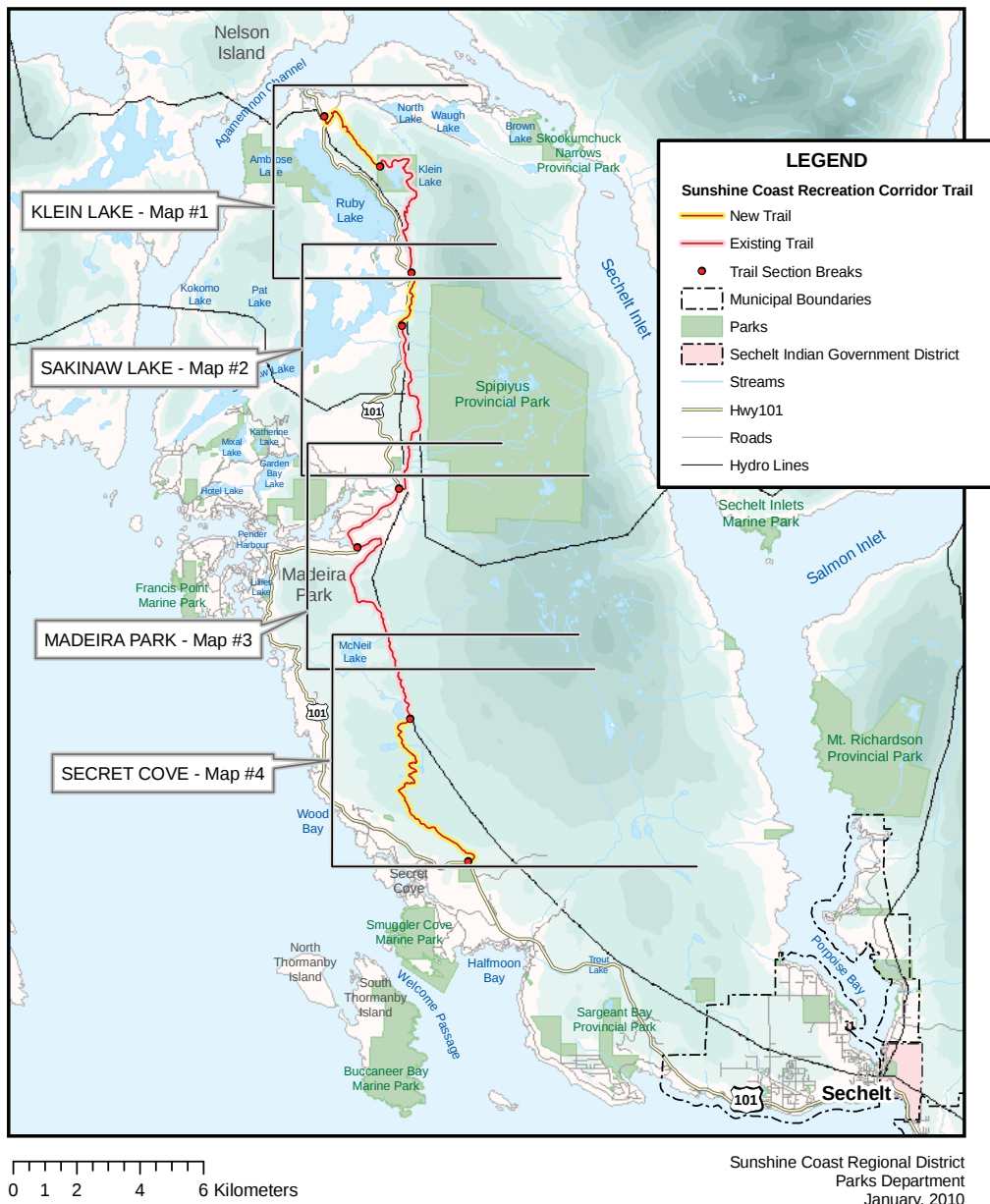
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closed to ATVers where there are sections to get around it, but for the most part the trail will accomodate all user groups.

Reid says he's waiting to hear about an application for a second phase that would see funding for the trail continue from Homesite Creek to Sechelt.



This recently completed section of trail above Sakinaw Lake travels through a lush landscape of ferns and large firs.



This map shows the overall route of the trail from Earls Cove to Homesite Creek. Portions outlined in yellow indicate sections travelling through previously untouched forest. The section above Sakinaw Lake is almost done leaving one long section from Egmont Road to Klein Lake and the southern half of the Homesite Creek section to be completed.



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Still waiting for the bus



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

SUNSHINE COAST RCMP The Sun- shine Coast

RCMP is in the final stage of completing the detachment's policing priorities.

They've asked each member of the policing committee to give their

respective community policing priorities are for the next year.

If you have an opinion on what the priorities should be in the Pender Harbour/Egmont area please email me at ericgraham@dccnet.com.

COMMUNITY BUS

Unfortunately, the Egmont/Pender Harbour community bus will not be starting its scheduled route by the beginning of June as hoped.

There is more work to be done

on the contract but we are hoping to get it up and running by the beginning of July.

PENDER HARBOUR RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY

The SCRD is in the process of minimizing residual waste material that would be transferred to the Sechelt landfill for burial and a conceptual plan for a resource recovery facility component is required.

The goal is to expand collection

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD:

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

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

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June 10 and June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee
June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Regional Hospital District
June 24 at 1:00 p.m.

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June 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Policing Committee
June 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Committee
June 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Visit www.scrd.ca for up-to-date meeting information.

Area A - Advisory Planning Committee Meeting

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

Pender Harbour Landfill Summer Hours

From May 23 to September 5, the Pender Harbour Landfill will be open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Director Contact Information

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9061 or by email at ericgraham@dccnet.com.

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In conjunction with the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee, we have solicited participation from a broader representation of local stakeholders.

They're committed to developing a conceptual plan which includes location of the resource recovery facility in Pender Harbour, material streams to be separated for diversion, site design, local economic development and how to foster better participation by the public.

Thank you to the people that have put forward your names but we could use a few more interested in this project.

If you are interested please email Dion Whyte by June 15 at: dion.whyte@scrd.ca.

65TH ANNUAL MAY DAY AND NINTH ANNUAL ATTACK OF DANGER BAY

A great deal of gratitude has to go out to the organizers and volunteers for another busy and successful weekend.

There were longboarders from around the world present and the May Queen, her attendants and the past

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- Develop a Regional Long Term Sustainability Plan
- Protect Water, Aquifers and Watersheds
- Address Solid Waste Management
- Achieve Financial Sustainability
- Develop a Regional Growth Strategy or Alternative

The SCRD budget has been approved and is showing a small average tax increase across the Sunshine Coast of 0.4 per cent.

Pender Harbour/Egmont residential taxes are going down by the largest amount by 7.7 per cent or roughly \$58.62 on a home valued at \$400,000. Halfmoon Bay taxes are going up by 2.8 per cent, Roberts Creek by 3.5 per cent, Elphinstone by 1.8 per cent, and West Howe Sound by 1.2 per cent. The SCRD portion of property taxes in the District of

Sechelt is dropping 3.2 per cent, and the Sechelt Indian Government District and Town of Gibsons by 2.8 and 0.7 per cent respectively.

The SCRD is committed to recreation on the coast and continues to develop and improve recreation facilities, such as the baseball field on the Chatelech School grounds, the development of the Pender Harbour Lions Sports Park, the enhancement of Gibsons, Sechelt, Pender Harbour pools, and Sunshine Coast Arena, and road and trail improvements in Dakota Ridge.

The SCRD actively sought and received several grants to work on initiatives to improve the South and North Pender Harbour water systems. Some of these include, watermain replacement and extension projects in North Pender Harbour and the design for a new water treatment plant in South Pender Harbour. The Langdale Reservoir and the Granthams Landing water system replacement projects have begun.

The Pender Harbour/Egmont community bus will begin running in June on a six-month trial basis. The bus will provide service between Egmont and Sechelt two times per week.

As a reflection of the growing importance of public transit in the region, the SCRD is continuing to allocate resources to making public transit more accessible and appealing.

The Halfmoon Bay and Gibsons & District Fire Departments have recieved funding approval for new fire trucks as the current ones are due to be replaced.

If you would like to keep up to date on current and future SCRD initiatives visit us at www.scrd.ca.

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The Sunshine Coast Remote Control Flyers Club hosted a demonstration at the Lions' Park Field on May 9 in conjunction with the P. H. Lions' Mother's Day pancake breakfast. The club hopes to acquaint the public with the hobby and aims to start a model airplane club in the Pender Harbour area. SCRCFC representative Ed Hawkins said the Lion's Park provides a perfect facility for this type of activity because there's plenty of room and few overhead power lines. Here one of the club members shows off the aerobatics possible with a gas-powered helicopter.



photo submitted

Members of the new mushroom society, the Sunshine Coast SHROOMs, help Mark Wilkes of Funguy Gardens establish a mushroom garden at the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre. Mark (in the toque) delivered wood chips impregnated with mycelium of *Stropharia rugoso-annulata*, an edible mushroom also known as wine cap, garden giant or king stropharia. The mushrooms will reclaim this unused space by consuming the woody debris and turning it into healthy soil. A welcome byproduct will be a harvest of the choice mushroom sometime in the summer.

June 2010

SUMMER CLOSURE: June 19 to Sept. 17

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Will Dawson's 'Pender Harbour,' April 15, 1950



Bob James postcard collection

By Will Dawson

(This article first appeared in Vancouver's Sunday Sun magazine, April 15, 1950. Thanks to Marge Campbell for sharing it and Howard White for help in correcting inaccuracies.)

The little power boats bobbed on the surface of the sea.

They gathered in a cluster, beam to beam, and the occupants, shaded from the summer sun by colorful umbrellas, cut the motors and leaned together and gossiped.

The occupants were housewives.

They were some of the residents of that thriving and unique community, 52 miles northwest of Vancouver, named Pender Harbour.

To the right, at a seaside store named Hassan's, a 33-foot power boat lay at the float.

A short, thickset, grey-haired, grey-eyed man stood by this boat.

Down the ramp from shore toward him hurried a noisy, vigorous troop of children, school books swinging from their hands.

The thickset man lined them up, produced order from the high-spirited chaos, distributed life jackets.

The children boarded the motor-

boat.

Its engine rumbled, mooring lines were cast off. The thickset man took the wheel and the motor boat slid quickly across the sea to take these children to their homes.

They were some of the school children of Pender Harbour. The motorboat is their marine school bus, skippered by Capt. W. Kent, master mariner, retired.

Daily throughout the year except on the most boisterous winter days, Capt. Kent steers his vessel, the *Lynton*, across the waters of Pender Harbour ferrying children to and from school.

Like the housewives pausing en route to Pender Harbour stores to chat on the sea, this marine school bus may be an unusual sight to a visitor yet it's an everyday part of the colourful life of this "Genoa" of Canada's west coast.

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Many islands, from the Skardon Islands, home of the largest remaining group of Sechelt Indians occupying the Harbour area since ages before Captain Vancouver or the Spaniards sailed this coast, to the tinier islets like water lilies on a tranquil pond, add beauty and gentleness to the more rugged beauty of this place.

Pender Harbour has been called the “West Coast Venice.” But Venice is not the proper scenic parallel. Venice is artificial, man-created out of swamp and mudflats.

Pender Harbour more accurately parallels Genoa, beautiful yet rough, and the people of Pender Harbour, like the people of Genoa, have a sturdy quality.

This quality dates back to its earliest days, close to one century ago.

It includes the fathers of Pender Harbour of late last century: an international trio who aspired toward

founding what would become a prosperous West Coast community.

Among the first white settlers at Pender Harbour — that is, the first non-Sechelts who built and established a permanent home and business there — was an Englishman named Charlie Irvine.

He chose a spot on a sloping bluff at the northwest end of Pender Harbour and built a cabin and trading post.

This he called Irvines Landing, a name you’ll find today.

He traded with Indians, mostly, though white men fishing in small sailing craft called in also to stock up on supplies. This was in the late 19th century.

One day, in the early 1900s, a small boat grounded on the beach at Irvines Landing.

Three men climbed out, a strangely diversified trio.

One was a giant of a man, built like a tree, and he was almost black.

His name was Joe Perry, a Cape Verde native. Another was shorter, stocky, and he was a Latvian, Steve Dames.

The third had a quick, lithe motion and brisk manner of speech. He came from the sunny Madeira Islands and his name was Joe Gonzalves.

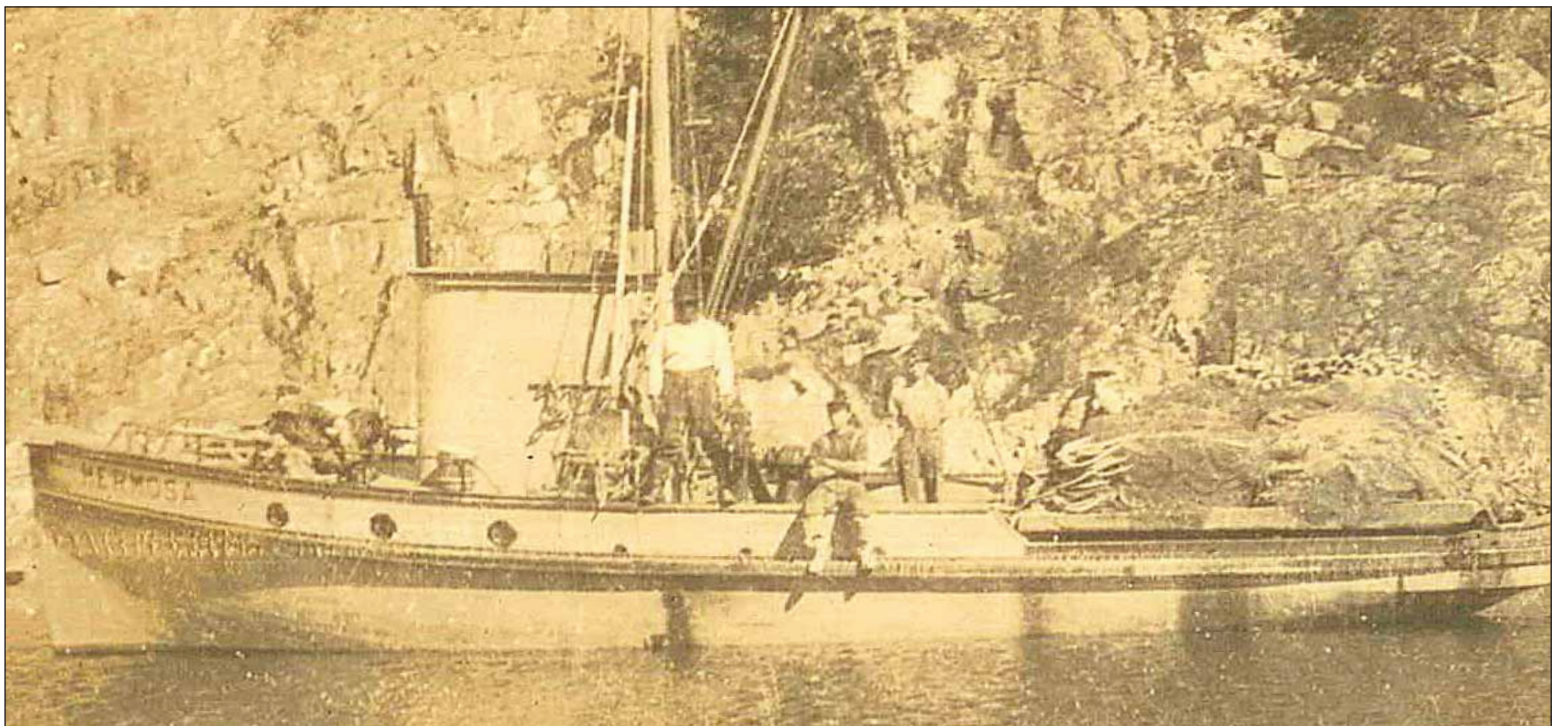
The Madeiran, the Cape Verde native and the Latvian beached their boat.

They went up the path and met the Englishman, Irvine. They explained they had jumped ship at the wooden village of Vancouver.

They’d rowed up the coast to see what they could see and they liked the looks of this place. They wanted to settle there.

The three stayed together, homesteaded, fished, hunted, and in a few

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Lee family photo collection

‘One was a giant of a man, built like a tree, and he was almost black.’ Joe Perry (standing) and crew aboard Joe Gonzalves’ seine boat the *Hermosa* near Irvines Landing, 1919.

Pender Harbour (cont.)

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years, by co-operative industry they saved enough to buy out trader Irvine.

Their energy and enterprise, like all energy and enterprise, attracted other settlers until the wild and desolate land was broken by several clearings and the community of Pender Harbour began to take form.

Before the past war, Pender Harbour's total population numbered perhaps 700.

Today, as a result of rapid settlement, the population is well over 1000. And it is growing.

Two old-timers, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williamson, who live across the Harbour from Irvine's Landing, like nothing better than to recount this development.

Mr. Williamson came from Oshawa, Ont., in 1897, his wife from Guysborough County, N.S., in 1890.

They met in Vancouver in 1900 and were married that year, so that this year they'll celebrate their golden wedding anniversary as a pioneer B.C. couple.

The Williamsons first came to Pender Harbour 40 years ago.

They later settled there, raised a family of three girls and three boys, built eight houses in this area, and today retain a brisk activity.

Another old-timer in point of residence is Fred Klein.

He came from Surrey District, B.C., first as a young giant who logged near Gunboat Bay at the eastern end of Pender Harbour, and who

returned to wrestle again with the forest, carve out a generous farm, plant an orchard from peaches to plums as well as small fruits, build all his farm buildings and his large home from materials straight from the bush.

He married, raised a large family, prospected between times for gold seven miles back in the mountains, and with his brothers planted oyster seeds in Gunboat Bay to create what today are oyster beds worth more than \$50,000.

Other old-timers, some still resident there, others who have done their part and passed on, all have contributed to the development of this prosperous community.

Today, however, concerns today's interests and so, with a salute



A postcard of the Irvines Landing wharf circa 1950s.

Lee family photo collection

to all pioneers, I'll flip the pages of Pender Harbour's history.

Three places in Pender Harbour must be mentioned, however, namely Whisky Slough, Hard Scratch, and the place where the road signs rise up out of the sea.

I'll come to these in a moment.

Development in Pender Harbour in recent years has, as the increase in population shows, moved with speed.

Irvine's Landing no longer holds sole position as trading centre. It remains the key spot, but several others work busily along the sheltered shores.

Also, telephone and telegraph have come to this place.

Modern conveniences such as full plumbing have been brought to many homes.

There are five schools, movies twice a week, an annual sports day that brings fishermen and loggers and other settlers from miles away dropping their work for the big day.

This work includes commercial fishing, logging, tourists, and small industries such as sawmills, machine shops and boat building.

A typical example of this industry and of the newer settlers, can be illustrated in the Keillors.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keillor are British Columbians, young people with college and professional background, who wearied of city life and moved a few years ago to Bargain Harbour, near Pender Harbour.

Russ took me down the steep bank to his boatbuilding works.

A tall, broad young man, keen on his work, he showed me plans of various craft he'd been commissioned to build. One medium-sized fishing boat hull stood near completion.

Today Russ and his wife have



Alan Moberg photo collection

Gerry Moberg's troller the *Luard* docking at Edwardson's float in Sinclair Bay sometime in the 1950s.

built a more modern and commodious home even as they said they would. They have orders for several large yachts as well as smaller craft.

At another place, Murdoch's Landing, about one-half mile directly across Pender Harbour from Irvines Landing, we saw the main industry of Pender Harbour: we saw the fruits of commercial fishing.

Three fish-buying stations operate in this area.

Hundreds of tons of a wide variety of fish come annually to these buyers.

Ling cod, black cod, cod liver

and dogfish liver, Jack spring salmon, coho, dog salmon, devil fish, herring, prawn, butter clams, little neck clams, shark liver, steelhead, sockeye, perch, grey cod, halibut — these are only some of the fruits of the sea around Pender Harbour.

Great booms of logs slide slowly out from the quiet waters, towed to down-coast sawmills.

Coastal steamers skirt the light that marks the reef at the entrance to the Harbour and make fast to the wharf at Irvines Landing.

There they discharge passengers

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Will Dawson's Pender Harbour (cont.)

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and a variety of cargo and take aboard other travellers and produce from Harbour farmlands.

Stately pleasure craft from local and far distant ports come to anchor in the sheltered waters.

One, for example, a 42-foot yacht, cruised from Boston to enjoy B.C. attractions.

We missed meeting it and regretted it, for the passenger/crew were as unusual as that long voyage.

The boat had sailed from Boston, down the Atlantic Coast, through the Panama Canal and up the Pacific coast to Pender Harbour.

The crew for this voyage were the owners, a 70-year-old mother and her two middle-aged sons.

The words of the 70-year-old mother were remembered and cher-

ished by Harbour residents:

"This is the most wonderful place we've ever seen," she said.

In the height of the yachting season so many pleasure craft anchor in the Harbour it looks like a yacht basin.

An hotel, tourist lodges, guides, fishing in the sea or in the many lakes that lie in the hills and mountains, swimming, boating, hunting, all are part of Pender Harbour's many attractions.

But let's turn back to those place names I mentioned earlier, Hard Scratch, Whisky Slough, and the place where road signs rise up out of the sea.

Many years ago, when Pender Harbour struggled to assert its presence in this province, an enterprising settler decided to establish a herring curing plant.

The wooden building still exists

on the right hand side of the Harbour, entering.

He encouraged Scottish families to come from the Old Country and work in his saltery.

Now perhaps these settlers came with rosy dreams of ease and plenty.

It seems most probable; for after a little while they christened the community they established, and they called it Hard Scratch.

Herring were also responsible for Whisky Slough.

Again, in the old days, herring fleets sailed out of Vancouver, much as they do today except, then, they literally sailed.

Contrary winds or storms would find them beating in to Pender Harbour there to lie at anchor until the weather moderated enough to carry on.

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The empty evidence of their sociability floated up onto the beach. The labels on the bottles became a place name; Whisky Slough it is to this day.

The road signs in the sea are something I've not seen elsewhere on this coast.

I've mentioned Bargain Harbour adjacent to Pender Harbour.

In the long ago Indians used a natural waterway between these two bodies of water. Appropriately they called it Canoe Pass.

Canoe Pass suited Indian canoes but not the white man's deeper vessels.

Boulders were heaved out and a dredge scooped out much mud.

The pass became navigable from point of depth but there remained a problem. Unless a hand stood forward taking soundings as the vessel crawled through the pass, scraped planks were certain, for Canoe Pass had more abrupt turns than a pretzel.

Someone secured several road signs. He made these fast on long stout poles. These he drove into the seabed at the most hazardous spots.

The mariner using Canoe Pass today comes suddenly on these signs that read: "Danger — Go Slow." "Curve Ahead," and "Dangerous Curve."

In conclusion, although several children use a motor boat as school bus, although housewives find the sea as convenient for friendly gossip as the conventional back fence, Pender Harbour is no isolated community.



Wendy Phillips photo collection

A photo of the Canoe Pass bridge construction. March 1955.

A highway links it to Gibson's at the edge of Howe Sound. Roads touch many parts of the scattered settlement.

Someday, believe the residents, civilization will make of this perfect Harbour what it did of Vancouver Harbour.

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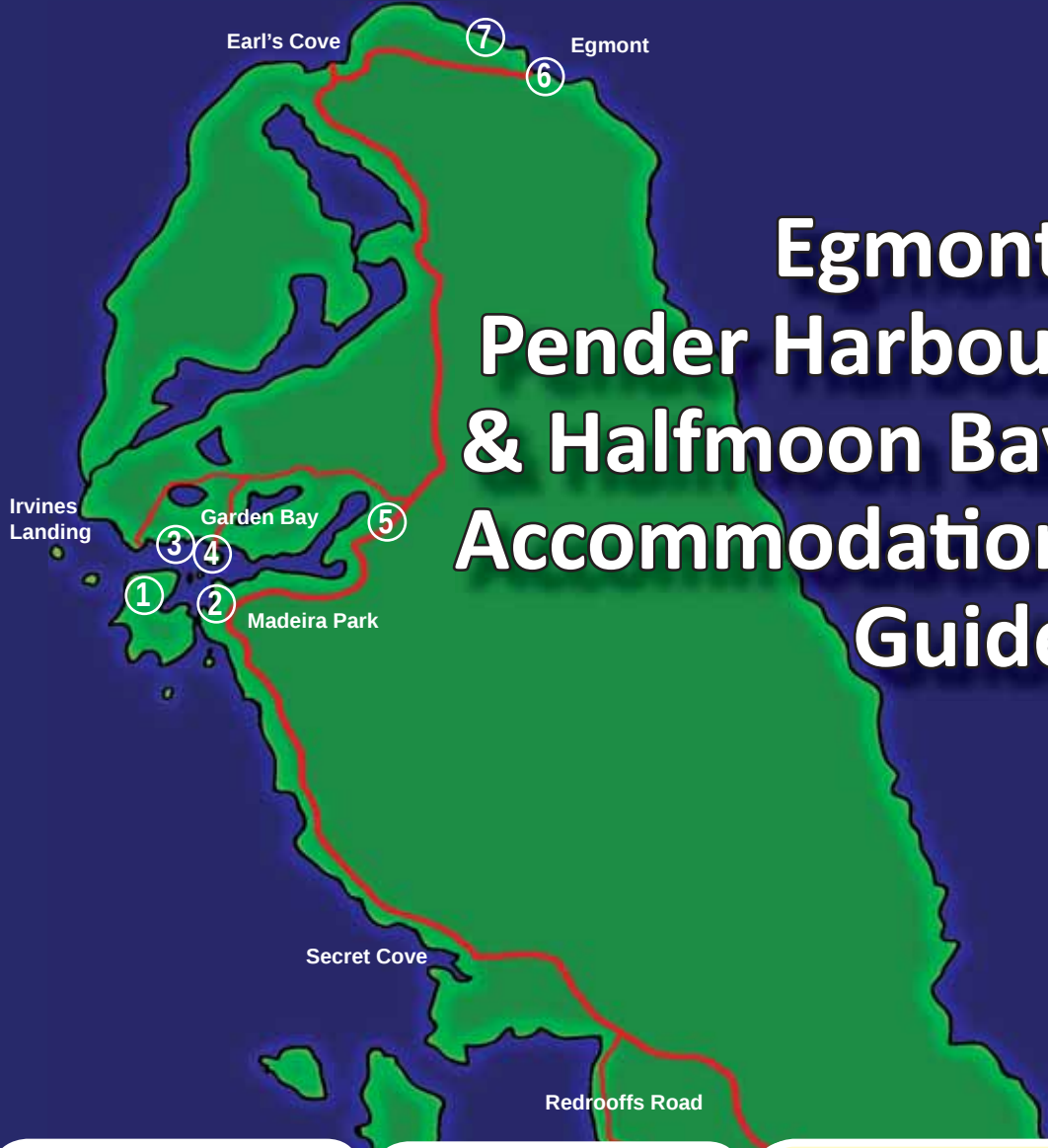


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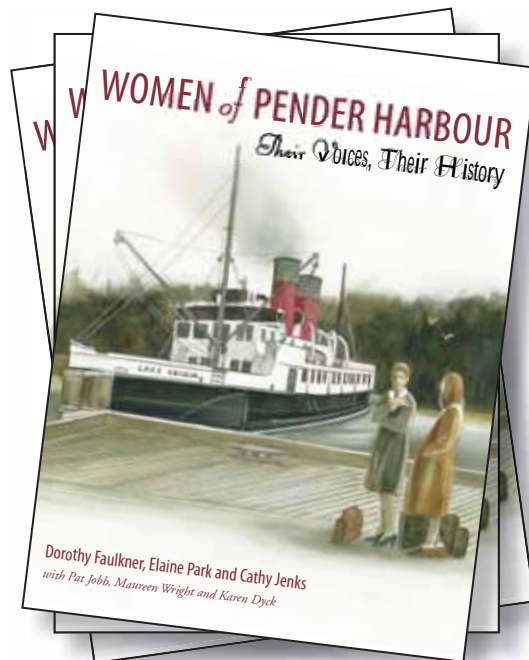
Harbour Spiel



Wearing '50s era hats at the *Women of Pender Harbour* launch at Bluewaters Books May 29 are: (l-r) Cathy Jenks, Elaine Park, Dorothy Faulkner and Maureen Wright. Though many hands helped, these four were the driving force behind the publication of the book. Sales will go toward establishing an archive in Pender Harbour.



Taking time off from their hectic golf schedule are the artistic husband and wife team of Bruce Forbes and Wendy Simmonds. Both former teachers at PHSS, the two presented 'Wood and Paint,' a collection her paintings and his wood carvings at the Harbour Gallery from May 12 to 20. A versatile carver, Forbes displayed only his collection of native masks while Simmonds displayed a variety of recent works including her experimental abstract pieces seen here.



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Pearson predicts bright future in retirement

Dear Editor,

Is the retirement economy a false one for Pender Harbour, the Editor writes? I think not and here's why...

Little did any of us know, but the 21st century economic fate of Pender Harbour was set between 1945 and 1953, the years of the birth explosion after the Second World War.

There were more kids born then in western countries than during any eight-year period before or since.

It was inevitable that their destiny, as a group, was to change the world's economy and priorities as they matured from child to teenager to adult to middle age to retirement.

What you reported last month is our group's impact on our Pender Harbour. There have been a few from Kitsilano, and even Toronto, who have tried to change us to their big-city ways.

But the majority of transplants get it, make volunteering a local industry and ensure a real contribution to the development of our community.

We are the people who brought

the world the computer, the internet, modern medicine, 60 years of relative peace (apart from a few bloody political local wars), mass education and a high standard of living, at least in Canada.

It's too easy to look back, with rose-tinted glasses, at the halcyon days of logging and fishing.

They were cruel, hard, dangerous jobs. Jobs that split families, jobs that killed and maimed men.

Jobs that were so uncertain that families despaired for their children's futures. The PPA fiasco just offered more of the same.

The current Pender Harbour economy is evolving, nothing stays the same. Don't let the recent decline in the world's economy fool us.

We are and will continue to be a retirement and tourist economy, at least for as long as I, and probably you, will be interested on this earth.

The destiny of the Pender Harbour economy is based on assets which will become even more valuable. Proximity to one of the world's great Pacific Rim cities, a landscape beauty which will attract retirees and the wealthy for generations to come, and a community spirit which is the precious jewel that we all must strive to preserve.

The destiny and future for Pender Harbour children?

A few will grow up to be loggers, fishermen and PPA quarrymen. Many more will grow up to be artists, writers, doctors, nurses, landscape gardeners, creative builders, computer folk who work from home, teachers, and those who serve their burgeoning community.

Will they leave Pender Harbour? Some will, but I suspect that most will come back. As you did, Brian.

David Pearson
Madeira Park
Harbour Spiel



Secret Cove's Brown sees grey over May

Dear Editor,

I continue to think Harbour Spiel makes more interesting reading than the weekly sheets out of Sechelt but your editorial this month, and the contribution by Alan Stewart, turned the blue skies over Secret Cove to grey.

Third comment, I think the goal crossbar turned this month's cover shot into two and neither met your usual standard.

Back to the editorial:

I am to the south of you (on the northern edge of Halfmoon Bay) and therefore more focused on Sechelt than Madeira Park.

I see the influx of retirees over the years more the result of promoting the Sunshine Coast as a tourist destination over several decades than any strategy to target retirees.

People came, liked what they saw and decided to head here when their working years were over.

I was familiar with the Sunshine Coast Tourist Association back in the '60s but was never exposed to any effort to attract business and industry which may have taken place in those years.

My own perception is that dreams of sizeable industrial payrolls finding their way to the Sunshine Coast

are just that... but over the years the lifestyle appeal of the Coast will lead to a continuing trickle of smaller businesses who are connected to markets electronically and not by ferries.

Retirees will continue to be part of the population mix and the number of commuters into the Lower Mainland will grow.

The mills to the north and south of us, in time, may go the way of Ocean Falls.

David P. Brown
Halfmoon Bay

School trustee asks for public's help in reducing garbage at MPES

Dear Editor,

We seem to be discussing garbage disposal all at levels of government.

It was brought to my attention by our superintendent of schools that public garbage is being dumped at Madeira Park Elementary.

When the bins are full or locked, the garbage is being left on the ground for animals to rummage through, creating a health hazard for our children.

The problem isn't just occurring in the bear-proof containers on the

field but also at the green dumpsters near the rear entrance of the school.

Anecdotal reports suggest that it is more than just tourist traffic – there appear to be a few locals enjoying the "free" disposal service.

The service is not free. The money used to pay for schoolground garbage collection and disposal is part of the educational budget for our local schools.

With ever-shrinking resources from the provincial government, the board of education is scrutinizing every budget line item to trim costs

wherever possible.

If we have to use these thin resources to pay for the removal of refuse that is not even generated from our facilities, it comes at the cost of classroom resources and instruction for our children.

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Motoko's new work offers textured abstractions of nature



By Brian Lee

Even as a young girl growing up in Japan, Motoko knew she wanted to be an artist.

But as she prepared to enter art college after high school, her father forbade it. He wanted her to have a skill she could support herself with.

"Being a painter was the only thing I wanted to be," says Motoko as she works on a new piece for an upcoming show in July.

"I didn't ever think of doing anything else so I was devastated."

Her parents wanted her to follow them into the medical profession but after literally growing up in a medical clinic, she knew it wasn't for her.

"I hated the hospital. I just got sick as soon as I would go there so there was no way I would work in a hospital. But I always liked cooking so I thought maybe I could be a dietitian," she says.

"And, if I had to, I could still work in a hospital so that was the compromise I made but I didn't have a passion for it."

She never stopped pursuing her

love of art. She married a Canadian living in Japan and moved with him to Canada in 1992.

The marriage didn't work out but she stayed and continued to paint.

Motoko is self-taught and says her style developed over the years from watercolour realism to acrylic abstract using a variety of media.

She rigorously applied herself to years of mastering representative painting before she began tackling projects like her current abstract work.

"I always wanted to do it but knew I couldn't just go into abstract. I had to learn how to paint or draw properly. Abstract painting is a lot more difficult — a lot harder to do."

Despite the variety in theme and colour, Motoko's paintings have acquired a distinctive look.

A sneak peek of her latest work reveals dramatic colour and prominent textures.

The peaks of acrylic seem to lift the painting off the canvas and make you want to touch it.

How does she do it? Gravel.

It's only fitting she uses natural material in her work because much of

it revolves around themes of nature, representing it in all its various forms and moods.

She credits her unique style to working on the periphery of the art community in Vancouver or Toronto.

"I'm kind of out of the loop of the so-called art world but you know it kind of worked as an advantage for me because I'm not in that rat race of being in a competition with other galleries or artists."

Free of pressure, she's been able to concentrate on the type of work she loves to do.

Recently, Motoko donated a watercolour to adorn the cover of the Pender Harbour Women's Connection historical book project, *Women of Pender Harbour*.

She says she feels honoured to be able to offer something to the project even though she hasn't been here as long as some of the other contributors.

"I really enjoy being here in Pender Harbour and love this community and love the support I get from the community."

But while Motoko enjoys the special relationships in her small com-

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munity, she's also carved out a solid foothold in the Canadian art arena and has found herself in the enviable position where buyers seek out her new work.

For the last five years, she's operated a gallery out of the Garden Bay home she shares with husband Rex.

Rex built the gallery for her, sacrificing his shop in the process, and Motoko credits much of her success to the support he's given her.

By selling her art directly, Motoko is not only able to cut out the commission costs of selling through a gallery but more importantly, she says, it allows her to connect with the people who fall in love with it.

"I felt so isolated here in the studio — painting and then shipping them to the gallery in Ontario and all I would get back is a cheque," she says.

"I'd feel like I put my heart and soul into it and I don't even know the reaction or what people think when they buy and own one of my pieces."

Motoko cherishes her new-found interaction with her customers.

She and her staff keep track of where every piece goes and work to maintain a close relationship with buyers by holding a special showing of her new work before it's displayed for the general public.

She says she plans to introduce her new work in early July and the



Motoko says she works best under pressure. With only a month until her new pieces will be unveiled to the public, she's putting in long days painting in her studio.

event has become a hot ticket.

She usually sells most of her work each season and never regrets parting with her favourite pieces.

"The process is the thing that makes me feel happy and once I finish it I much prefer the piece will go to someone's home who will enjoy it," she says.

And while she can part with them easily, it's not so for husband Rex.

"I always give him a painting until it sells," she says with a laugh.

"He always complains and says,

"I don't know how many times you've given me a painting and taken it away from me.""

Little has changed since she was a young girl in Japan — she doesn't worry if her passion can support her.

"I always know that each painting has a place to go so I don't worry if a piece doesn't sell right away because I know it's waiting for the right person," she says.

"That's the way it has always happened."

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Understanding your blood pressure

By Susan Nattall, RN

When you visit the health centre for a checkup and the doctor or nurse measures your blood pressure, do you really understand what those two numbers mean?

WHAT IS BLOOD PRESSURE?

Blood is carried from the heart to all parts of your body in vessels called arteries.

Blood pressure is the force of the blood pushing against the walls of the arteries. Each time the heart beats, it pumps out blood into the arteries.

Your blood pressure is at its highest when the heart beats, pumping the blood. This is called systolic pressure.

When the heart is at rest, between beats, your blood pressure falls. This is the diastolic pressure.

Blood pressure is always recorded as these two numbers and both are important.

They are usually written one above the other, the top number being the systolic and the bottom number being the diastolic.

Blood pressure is at its lowest as you sleep and rises when you get up, when you are excited, nervous, angry and active.

With high blood pressure, the heart works harder, your arteries take a beating, and your chances of a stroke, heart attack, and kidney problems are greater.

WHAT IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

Normal: less than 120/80

Prehypertension: 120/80 - 139/89

High Blood Pressure: greater than 140/90



WHAT CAUSES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

In people who have high blood pressure, a single specific cause is not known.

In other people high blood pressure is the result of another medical problem or medication.

If you have a family history of high blood pressure, you may be more at risk.

HOW CAN I LOWER OR PREVENT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

- Maintain a healthy body weight — if you are overweight, losing as few as 10 pounds may lead to a drop in high blood pressure. Medication for high blood pressure may work better for you after weight loss.

- Enjoy active living — regular exercise can lower blood pressure in some people. It can also help with weight control, lowering cholesterol, and stress management. Choose an

activity you enjoy. Check with your doctor before undertaking a new exercise regime.

- Limit alcohol — high amounts of alcohol can increase blood pressure. If you have high blood pressure and choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation.

- Do not smoke — smoking is generally not the cause of high blood pressure but it does increase the risk of heart disease and stroke. As well, smoking may lessen the effectiveness of your high blood pressure medication.

- Reduce your stress — how you handle stress can affect your blood pressure.

- Lower your salt intake by eating fewer canned, processed and fast foods.

If you are curious about your blood pressure, feel free to book an appointment with a nurse or your family doctor to have it assessed.

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JUNE 21-JULY 22 (CANCER)

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Here are some tips for discouraging bears at home:

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Household garbage is the single biggest killer of bears. When people allow bears to access garbage, they help create “problem” bears that are usually destroyed. During the early spring to late fall, keep garbage behind closed doors in your garage, basement or storage area. Put your garbage out on the morning of collection day and not the night before. Thoroughly clean your garbage containers every 2-3 days.

PET AND LIVESTOCK FOOD

Bears help themselves to all kinds of pet food. To avoid attracting bears, feed your pets indoors. If you must feed them outside, only put out enough food for a single meal and keep empty pet dishes inside. Store pet food inside your house. Live-stock food also attracts bears and must be kept in a secure barn or shed behind closed doors. If you allow bears access to your livestock feed, they may learn to feed on your livestock.

BIRD FEEDERS

Bird feeders can easily be turned into bear feeders. Avoid hanging bird feeders during bear season. If you choose to use bird feeders hang them out of reach of bears and don’t overfill them. Avoid spilling seeds and take your feeders in at night.

UNCLEANED BARBEQUES

Bears have been known to lift barbeques right off porches. During bear season, clean your barbeque immediately after every use. Wash the grill or burn off the smells, food residue

and grease. If you can smell your barbeque then it is not clean enough. Store your barbeque in a safe place behind closed doors.

COMPOST BINS

Rotting food waste in compost bins draws bears. Indoor worm composters are recommended for domestic food wastes. Only grass and hedge clippings should be placed in outdoor compost bins. To reduce odours, cover compost with soil and bleach or lime. Washable, plastic compost bins with lids are recommended for outdoor use. They must be cleaned regularly.

ORCHARDS

The best way to keep bears out of your fruit trees and orchards is to enclose them with electric fencing. Electric fencing only works, however, if it is operating before bears become a problem. Bears will go right through electric fencing once they are food-conditioned and know that food is available. Electric fences must be 4 feet high with a quick pulse. If the pulse is too slow bears can learn to move through between pulses. Use metal not wooden posts as bears can climb wood. Electric fencing is cost effective and relatively easy to install. Picking ripe and excess fruit and removing windfall on a regular basis will discourage bears from seeking food.

GARDEN PRODUCE

Use electric fencing to keep bears out of your garden, but make sure that you put it up before bears learn that you have vegetables (see under Orchards).

~ Ministry of Environment

JUNE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C. The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

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Myrtle Winchester

Seals to all who celebrated Gary's 65th birthday and to **Heather Brown and staff at the Pender Harbour Golf Club** for making it a memorable occasion.

Teyjah Xaveriss

Harbour Seals to **Dean and Tom Scodras of Toms' Signs** for providing our Lions Club with so many free signs. Also to **John Schroeder of CC Rock** for lending us his excavator for work on our park. Both of these good deeds are real kindnesses.

Neale Smith
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Harbour Seals to **our wonderful daughters in the May Queen Royal Party** — you looked gorgeous and did your community proud! Special thanks to **Rick & Karen King of Madeira Marina, David Reid, Pam Patterson of Pam's Plants & Tom's Signs** for their contributions to our float, and to all the fantastic parents who helped in ensuring this was a great event for our girls! Thanks **MacKenzie** for DJing the dance and **Heather Brown** for her support & patience. Savannah, enjoy the memories of your May Queen reign!

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Harbour Seals of Approval to **all who supported our seafood barbecue** on May Day. It wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our family and friends. We would love to list all of you but it would fill this entire page.

Laureina Nicholls
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Wendy Phillips photo collection

This photo of the Madeira Park Post Office and Store was likely taken sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The store sat on the now excavated hill between Madeira Landing and the Re/Max offices.

The first post office in Madeira Park was in a store on the property above Madeira Marina. The store was ran by Constance Harper and the postmaster was Col. Ernest Stuart Johnstone. The post office moved to the new store in the photo in 1956. The first owners were the Wendland family followed by Syd McDonnell. Marsh and Jeanne Ness, parents of the late Mary Joss, owned it until 1971 when they sold the store to Willy and Linda Mattis who operated it until 1976. (By then, the post office had moved to the current location near the fire hall in 1968.)

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CRITTERS

Have you seen turtles?

By Michelle Evelyn

The Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project is asking for public assistance in monitoring local populations of endangered western painted turtles.

From March to June, watch for baby turtles emerging from nests.

The tiny hatchlings are only the size of a loonie.

From late May to early July, watch for female turtles leaving water bodies, digging nests and laying eggs.

All year, turtles can be seen warming themselves in the sun on logs or swimming in the water.

The Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project receives generous funding from the federal Habitat Stewardship Program for species at risk and from many local businesses.

If you see turtles, please report your sighting by phoning Dave at (604) 989-1007 or by using the online form at www.coastwildlife.ca.



Michelle Evelyn photo

Turtle hatchlings usually emerge from their nests between March and June. This photo was taken locally in early April at an undisclosed nest.

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Euphorbia euphorbia

By Jim Rutherford

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The Christmas poinsettia is a common example you likely know about.

If not, the deer know all about euphorbias.

From low rock gardens or edging plants to tall, bushy, shrub-sized specimens — deer won't touch them.

The sap can cause skin reactions so always wear gloves and long-sleeved clothing when handling these plants.

The most common of the hardy species, whose colours range from electric green to bright yellow/orange or scarlet, is cushion or chrome spurge (e. *polychroma*).

This variety bursts from the ground in early spring and quickly forms a beautiful, low, dome-shaped mound of light green leaves, topped by chrome-yellow bracts that appear in late spring.

After blooming, shear to about 10 cm to rejuvenate the leaves and maintain its bush compact form for the remainder of the season.

As we all become more "water wise," we find that, once established, euphorbias can take it very dry — indeed, never watered.

Many spurges are self-seeding or produce runners and can quickly sprout patches.

For challenging sites such as in dry shade where nothing else seems to grow, try wood spurge.



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Euphorbia griffithii or fireglow is a spurge that spreads by rhizomes.

One form, leather leaf or Mrs. Robb's Bonnet, is a great-looking ground cover but spreads aggressively.

Matin's spurge is better behaved, forming a clump where space is limited.

Donkey tail a.k.a. myrtle spurge has interesting succulent blue leaves, acid-yellow bracts (flowers) and is an evergreen.

But, again, the plant milk is a skin irritant which may be intensified

when exposed to the sun.

Griffith's spurge or fireglow is a real firecracker, forming a substantial clump for middle or back of borders.

Its bright yellow bracts are edged in orange-red and stay lovely and showy for six weeks or more.

So with a warning label attached, shop your your heart out for euphorbias (to use the upscale name).

Or call them spurges — as in scourges — if they get away from you.

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Mezzo soprano Rose-Ellen Nichols will perform "A Musical Journey" at the P. H. School of Music on June 27 at 2 p.m. Born and raised in Pender Harbour, Nichols is returning for this special concert to celebrate and support publication of the book, *Women of Pender Harbour: Their Voices, Their History*. Tickets are available for \$15 each at Bluewaters Books, Off the Hook and John Henry's.

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WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Women's Connection wind-up luncheon will be at the Laughing Oyster on June 8. We will meet Tuesday morning at the Legion in Madeira Park at 9 a.m. and will collect the Garden Bay ladies at Kleindale at 9:25 a.m.



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Chamber music festival arrives Aug. 20

Submitted

The sixth Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival, running from Aug. 20 to 22, promises to offer another weekend of sublime chamber music.

Overlooking the peaceful harbour in Madeira Park, the intimate setting of the Pender Harbour School of Music is perfectly suited to this genre.

Beginning with the musicians' gift to the community, Friday afternoon's "Chamber Music Doesn't Bite" will present a wide variety of music to please every taste.

On opening night, we celebrate the 200th anniversaries of two pivotal romantic composers, Frederik Chopin and Robert Schumann.

Chopin's "Trio in G minor," a core piece of the piano trio repertoire, is sure to delight, as is Schumann's dramatic and emotional Sonata for violin and piano in A minor.

Saturday afternoon has the Gryphon Trio performing Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio in B-flat major, the crowning masterpiece of his cycle of piano trios.

It will be followed by Trio Verlaine playing Debussy's evocative Sonata for flute, viola and harp.

Also performed will be Saint-Saëns' Fantasia for violin and harp, and "Tombeau de Couperin," one of Ravel's most personal creations.

In what promises to be an enlightening and entertaining Intermezzo event late Saturday afternoon, we will be treated to an interview of Canadian-born violinist Corey Cerovsek by CBC's Bill Richardson.

It is only appropriate that Cerovsek will play the first piece of the evening event, Bach's Partita No. 3 in E major, showcasing the technical capability of the violin as a solo instrument.

The evening will also highlight



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The entertaining bassoonist George Zukerman fronts a wind sextet at last year's Saturday evening concert.

the violin and viola in Mozart's texturally rich duo for violin and viola in G major.

The Rhapsody on themes from Carmen, arranged by Michael Webster, shows the absolute genius of Bizet's opera and "Give Me Phoenix Wings to Fly," by contemporary composer Kelly-Marie Murphy will be performed by the Gryphon Trio.

Ravel's brilliant Piano trio in A minor, an absolute gem, rounds out the evening.

On Sunday afternoon, the audience will be treated to works by the Spanish composer Joaquin Turina

and by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla, whose unique style of jazz-influenced music has been referred to as "nuevo tango."

The last two offerings are by Saint-Saëns, including his best known work, the playful and entertaining "Carnival of the Animals," narrated by Bill Richardson. It is sure to be a great finale to the weekend.

Tickets may be purchased at Harbour Insurance in Madeira Park, Sechelt Visitor Centre, Sechelt, and at Gaia's Fair Trade in Gibsons, or at www.penderharbourmusic.ca.

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Hey, get back here with my waterfront: Lucky buyers make a steal



By Alan Stewart

I was a little anxious last month about four bare land parcels being sold in Sakinaw Ridge, a waterfront development in Garden Bay.

The lots were slated to be auctioned by Ritchie Bros. Real Estate Services in Chilliwack on May 19.

While Chilliwack may seem an odd place to auction off Pender Harbour real estate, it was simulcast over the internet where bidders from around the world were able to participate in an unreserved auction where the properties would be sold to the highest bidder.

I lost a little sleep over the idea of the lots selling for well below what we would consider their fair market value, thereby setting the bar for other real estate in the area.

Those of us in the business talked nervously about what we thought may



happen in a market where there was relatively little demand and lots of supply.

Would loads of savvy investors show up or would the worst case scenario for the developer materialize, where only a few buyers would attend?

Someone told me once that when things go bad at an auction, they can go very bad.

The results were certainly worse than anyone in the business expected.

The two high-bank waterfront acreages, an oceanview acreage and a three acre, fully serviced lot sold for approximately 40 per cent of their BC Assessment appraised values.

Realtors and land sellers were hopeful that droves of buyers were waiting in the wings.

If they weren't able to secure a property at the auction, surely they would go shopping for something else.

Unfortunately for the developer and the rest of us, there was no lineup of buyers waiting to make offers.

So what happened? A few buyers made out like bandits on the purchase of a lifetime.

While some may argue that the sale prices at the auction are indicative of the land values in the area, I spoke with one certified real estate appraiser on the Coast who says it is in no way indicative of the true value of land in the area.

"We consider auctions to be distress sales. No one goes to an auction expecting to pay retail. Everyone wants a deal."

More than anything, the prices at auction simply reflect the general lack of interest in recreational real estate in the area at the moment.

The sale was somewhat of an anomaly, a perfect storm for those buyers who were looking to invest.

I've used the analogy of a retail store many times this year. If there are no customers in the store, it doesn't matter how cheap you price your product or how exciting its package, it simply cannot affect a sale.

What is needed is a concerted push to develop and promote the Pender Harbour area as the exceptional travel destination and retirement community that it is.

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And the average price of housing is less than 50 per cent of that in the city. How can our communities not be thriving?

Those of you who know me appreciate that I'm not very political, but I do have some strong opinions on what is needed to make our community the vibrant "tourist and retirement community" I feel it's destined to be.

First off, we certainly don't need to be ashamed of that moniker. If it's pension funds and tourist dollars that are going to fuel our economy, let's be sure we invite them here.

I may be wrong, but unless fishing, mining and logging are in for a dramatic turnaround, those of us looking to grow a lively local economy and build our community should be doing everything we can to develop an infrastructure that caters to the needs of those people who have proven that they want to be here.

While the chamber of commerce has taken some steps in the past to try and promote the area, they simply aren't able to muster the resources required from the few businesses in the area to launch an effective market-

ing campaign, let alone co-ordinate the government and private sector in a concerted effort towards a common goal.

Without an effective local government with access to tax dollars and resources, it's unlikely that the required marketing and promotion of

our community to investors, service providers and prospective residents will ever take place.

Food for thought anyway...

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Summer in Patagonia, Part 3



By Joe Harrison

The last of a three-part Argentine travelogue through the eyes of Joe and Solveigh Harrison. (Continued from May)

Solveigh mentioned that I had made one serious omission — shopping, so she includes the following.

In Argentina, stores range from tiny kiosks selling drinks and snacks to very small shops, magically jam-packed with just about anything you might need, to giant mega boxes which actually do have everything. (Thankfully, we didn't find a Costco and only one Walmart.).

Nearly everything is “Industria

Argentina” — made in Argentina.

There are also corner groceries, dusty and sparsely stocked, where you discover local delicious grapes amongst the flies in the back room.

Many towns have fruit and vegetable stores bursting with fresh produce or bakeries with a vast array of delicacies.

A typical *carneceria* we visited in Esquel was a cross between an abattoir and a butcher shop. At noon it was jammed with people choosing from the very carefully arranged case containing every part of the animal.

If that didn't suit, there was usually a carcass hanging by the counter



but no smell, no bleach odour, just clean, fresh meat and lots of it. This aspiring vegetarian beat a hasty retreat.

Vegetarian restaurants are understandably rare. Various guidebooks highly recommended Soychu in San Juan.

Soychu is an Indian word thanking God for the bounty of his peace.

“Arrive early,” the book warned and it was right.

The concept is simple: a sit down smorgasbord selection of three dozen dishes from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a takeout option charged per 100 grams.

The chef, middle-aged with a sparse beard, hovers like a Zen master over the ambience of the presentation — hot on the right, cold on the left.

He'd restock the laden table with a sharp eye for quality, all the while exuding a marvellous atmosphere of peace.

People streamed in for both the taste and visual delight of a virtual rainbow of mouth-watering salads of beets, corn, red and green cabbage, carrots, spinach, tomatoes, potatoes, squash, eggplant and lettuce.

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LAST THOUGHTS OF ARGENTINA

Our Argentine visit was coming to an end with the kids back in school and the beaches near Las Grutas at becoming deserted by early March.

Great flocks of red knot sandpipers were arriving from Tierra Del Fuego and the islands reaching out to Antarctica where they had spent the southern summer.

The birds were preparing for the 10,000 mile flight to breed in Canada with four to six stops including Delaware Bay and the Bay of Fundy.

It's said that their numbers are in decline because fishermen in New Jersey take too many horseshoe crabs. (The birds depend on the crab spawn to fuel a critical part of their flight.)

They can fly six to eight days at up to 20,000 feet at sub-zero temperatures. Their internal organs (stomach muscles) are genetically programmed to digest the different foods at each stop ranging from small shellfish and crustaceans to insects.

When they arrive in the Arctic in May, the female will incubate her clutch of three or four eggs and leave the male to rear the young while she starts the long return to Argentina.

Worldwide there are six distinct populations. We last saw redknobs on the North Island in New Zealand which were migrating to Alaska and Siberia.

Another fascinating beach at El Condor has 35,000 pairs of highly intelligent burrowing parrots that chew out tunnels on the sandstone cliffs for nesting. These red, yellow and green 17-inch birds mate for life and glare at you from their burrows that look like apartments.

Locally, they are considered pests and farmers use every means possible to kill them or trap them for June 2010

export as pets. Not surprisingly, they don't have much love for people.

But, like the redknobs, the time had come for our return north.

It would take some weeks for our impressions to come together but many thoughts that will endure, centred on the people of Argentina and the natural world governing the existence of everyone on the planet.

The Argentine landscape is much changed by man and the unfolding tragedy of melting in Antarctica and ozone layer destruction are a legacy demanding a greater role for reason and co-operation in human affairs.

The human spirit that can produce political monsters can also produce wonderful people like so many of the Argentines we met.

I prefer to think there is a bit of the Soychu master chef — caring, thoughtful and peaceful — in all of us.



Joe and Solveigh Harrison photo
Harrison takes a break with some of Argentina's less exotic cuisine.



Joe and Solveigh Harrison photo
The Harrisons are avid birdwatchers. Here Joe Harrison snaps a shot of the biggest one he's ever seen.

PENDER GOLF

... but bad golfers can change their clubs

By Jan Watson



The golf course is in great shape, the greens were punched in April and the ball is rolling well.

Don't forget to replace your divots and repair your ball marks on the green. Carts can now be driven on the fairways but please obey the signs.

We are working on a junior program to start soon and trying a men's Thursday night golf and dinner.

Monday Mixed Twilight Scrambles start this month too so call the Pro Shop if interested.

MEN'S CLUB

Individual stroke play on May 4 saw Rusty Ellis become the low gross winner with a score of 80.

There was a tie for low net with 68 and after retrogression the winner was Bruce Forbes. Kp on No. 3 was Blake Priebe and on No. 6 it was Bruce Forbes.

On May 11, the men played a 14 club scramble and the winning team was Rusty Ellis, John Duggan, Glenn McCuaig and Jamie Tufford with a net 67.

LADIES CLUB

April 22 the ladies played blind partners and the winners after a count back were Helen Krantz and Reni Ducich with 155 leaving Joan Stanton and Jackie Grant in second place.

April 29 was hidden score and the winner was Pat Hallborg.

The May 6 game was decided on low putts and three ladies tied for the front nine with 16: Gloria Wetmore, Kathy Needham and Kathy Bergman. The back nine was won by Jan Watson with 14.

On May 13 the game consisted of "blind teams" and the winners, with combined score of 302, were Louise McKay, Kathy Bergman, Gloria Wetmore and Jan Watson.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

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LADIES STEAK NIGHT AND SCRAMBLE

The first fun night of the season was held on Friday May 14 with 20 ladies participating.

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Outsourcing the Canadian justice system



By Shane McCune

Late last month Marc Emery pleaded guilty in Seattle to one count of conspiring to “manufacture” marijuana. He is now in a jail cell awaiting sentencing, probably in early September.

His plea surprised no one but it made headlines around the world — almost all of them involving the phrase “Prince of Pot,” a reflection of Emery’s talent for self-promotion. Never one for understatement, Emery has been proclaiming his martyrdom since the U.S. indicted him in 2005 for selling marijuana seeds by mail to U.S. buyers including Drug Enforcement Agency members.

He practically begged to be arrested. He can smell a microphone or camera a mile away and delights in boasting about the millions he has supposedly made and the pro-legalization efforts he supports.

When the Americans, with the help of Vancouver police, obliged him Emery said dramatically (as he says most things) that he was preparing to die in jail because charges based on the number of sales could net him 30 years or more.

So last month’s plea bargain — confessing to one charge in exchange for a five-year sentence — was almost anticlimactic.

It was also shrewd. On one hand Emery knew that persecution by the DEA and U.S. prosecutors kept him in the spotlight after his Marijuana Party had peaked and police at home began ignoring him.

But like most sensible martyrs he would rather keep his actual sacrifice to a minimum, and his long fight against extradition outlasted the Bush presidency and enabled the legal manoeuvres that led to the plea bargain.

Still he has kept up the rhetoric, proclaiming that he is a political prisoner, singled out for vocally opposing marijuana prohibition, and that his arrest and extradition marked a shameful surrender of Canada’s sovereignty.

He may be a narcissistic gadfly but he’s right.

He was singled out. There were and still are other businesses in Vancouver shipping seeds across the border, but there’s no sign the U.S. authorities have even glanced

at them. His wife Jodie has accused Canadian authorities of colluding with the Americans to “silence the most vocal opponent of the drug war.”

Karen Tandy, who headed the DEA in 2005, couldn’t have put it better, though she tried. She called the charges against Emery “a significant blow not only to the marijuana trafficking trade in the U.S. and Canada, but also to the marijuana legalization movement.

“Hundreds of thousands of dollars of Emery’s illicit profits are known to have been channelled to marijuana legalization groups active in the United States and Canada,” Tandy continued in a 2005 statement.

“Drug legalization lobbyists now have one less pot of money to rely on.”

And the violation of Canadian sovereignty? The DEA set up shop in Vancouver, infiltrated Emery’s Cannabis Culture Cafe, bought seeds and gathered evidence — all

with the permission of the federal government and the assistance of Vancouver police.

(Imagine Canadian cops going to Texas or Arizona to arrest the source of a gun used in a Vancouver murder.)

True, Emery was breaking American law. But he was breaking it in Canada. He was also breaking Canadian law.

Either way, normal procedure

would be to charge and try him in Canada.

But selling seeds is no big deal in Canada, where the justice system had long lost interest in Emery — a point of irritation for anti-pot hardliners in the VPD and the federal Conservative government. Shipping him south was the only way to see him locked up.

As Jodie Emery said, it was an “outsourcing of justice.”

It is also common for criminals convicted on the other side of the border to serve their sentences in their home country, and Emery’s lawyer says the Americans are amenable to this.

Trouble is, the Canadian government must first put in a request, and so far the Conservatives have shown no inclination to do so.

It doesn’t matter what you think of Marc Emery or marijuana. By any reasonable standard this has been a railroad job.



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BOOKS

Bittersweet lessons from the kitchen and BC



By Theresa Kishkan

Matt McAllister is a journalist who has covered war zones around the globe, winning many awards for his reporting, including the Pulitzer Prize in 1997. His books include *Beyond the Mountains of the Damned: The War Inside Kosovo*, *Blinded by the Sunlight: Surviving Abu Ghraib* and *Saddam's Iraq*.

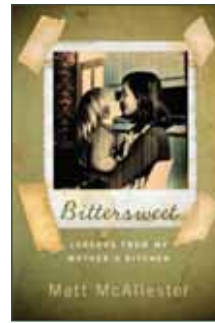
With *Bittersweet: Lessons From My Mother's Kitchen* (The Dial Press, 2009), he explores emotional territory, the landscape of memory, love and loss. His mother, Ann McAllester, was a brilliant, beautiful woman who cooked wonderful meals for her family, making her kitchen the focal point of their lives. When she descended into the black hole of mental illness when Matt was a teenager, he thought he'd lost her forever.

Bittersweet moves back and forth between McAllester's idyllic childhood on the west coast of Scotland and his mother's final months in a London nursing home where she achieved a measure of peace after wild delusional years during which doctors were unable to determine the cause of her anguish. After her death, her son inherits her cookbooks and realizes that so much of her is contained there: her passion for the English food maven Elizabeth David's recipes and menus; her intelligent pursuit of the origins of flavours; and her delight in fine writing. He decides to try to find his way back to Ann through her recipes:

"I wanted to put back together what had long ago been lost and broken."

Searching through the books as well as his own memories of family meals, he cooks cassoulet, pot-roasted chicken with olive stuffing, and tries in vain to find the recipe for the sublime strawberry ice-cream he remembers so vividly. (This mystery is solved in the book's acknowledgments.)

The writing is focused and clear, with lovely detours into the world of Elizabeth David whose cookery shop was a mecca for Ann McAllester. There are also photographs throughout the book (Matt's father, Don, is a professional photographer whose accomplishments include the cover of the Rolling Stones' album *Let it Bleed*) which offer a



perfect visual counterpoint to the text. A number of books in recent years used this kind of doubling of story to talk about food. I think of *Julie and Julia*, a blog-become-book-become-movie. Yet that particular effort struck me as opportunistic in the extreme, an example of someone using a famous chef to advance her own shallow interests. *Bittersweet* is anything but superficial. Rather it's a sweetly poignant celebration of a young man's pursuit and rediscovery of his mother and, in the process, of himself.

I've lived in Pender Harbour long enough to remember the Fishermen's Homecoming dances when images of the local commercial fleet adorned the walls of the Community Hall to welcome home the boats and crews. The cycles of the fishing season seemed timeless and the boats did



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too, the sight of them at the government dock as reassuring as the return of salmon to our local streams.

Alan Haig-Brown's *Still Fishin': The BC Fishing Industry Revisited* (Harbour Publishing, 2010) is a "state of the industry" report, examining the broad picture of our coastal fishery and highlighting its challenges and successes. Haig-Brown does this primarily by talking to fishermen and other interested parties. Their stories form the nucleus of the book and by listening to them, we hear a kind of history with a lot to tell us about the future.

Some of those stories are based in our own community. Doris and Ray Phillips recount tales of their boats — *Surf Line*, the *Ocean Twilight No. 1* — and Doris remembers packing seine fish:

"I was a woman so the college kids that worked on the boats would try to sneak a humpy by me as a sock-eye but I yelled at them and left them to mumble but with nothing more to say."

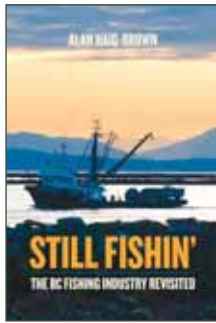
Haig-Brown visits Billy Griffith at his Egmont home and listens to his observations on the prawn fishery, concluding that,

"Like so many stories on the coast, this one reflects the inequities

of a system that allows a wealthy investor to buy a licence and then lease it to a genuine fisherman. At the same time, this system can deny a licence to a fisherman and his wife who have generations of fishing behind them and make a commitment to the future of the resource."

Multi-generational fishing families speak to the changes in licensing and stocks over the decades as well to the merits and successes of stream enhancement projects. The legacy of the Japanese boatbuilders, the intricacies of quotas and some consideration of Native fishing rights are all discussed. I was fascinated by the story of Lon Truong's escape from Vietnam in 1979 and eventual arrival in Steveston to fish shrimp from the *Debra Mar*.

"Hutch" Hunt of Fort Rupert, the Martinolich family from Ladner, the sagas of great boats (*Kamchatka*, the *Silver Ann*, the *Eva*, *Sleep-Robber*, among others) and great skippers — by organizing the book around individual fishermen and their experiences in the industry, Haig-Brown distils a complicated and profound history into something extremely readable and necessary.

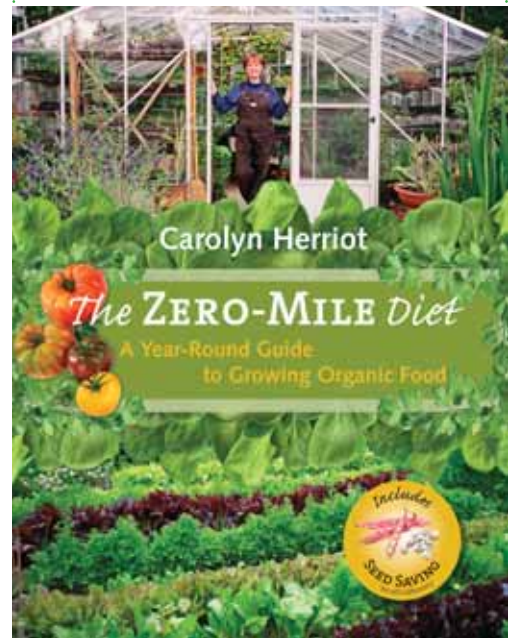


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JUNE

- Fri. June 4-6.....Pender Harbour Blues Festival - various locations
 Sat. June 5.....Egmont Day - Egmont, 9:30 a.m.
 Sat. June 5.....One-day Pleasure Craft Operator Course - Pilothouse Marina,
 Sun. June 6.....Sunday Jam with the Blues Fest All-stars - Garden Bay Pub 1 p.m.
 Sat. June 12.....Family Fun BioBlitz Day - Iris Griffith Centre, 11 a.m.
 Sun. June 13.....St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Old Fashioned Picnic - St. Mary's Hospital Lawn, 11 a.m.
 Sun. June 13.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. June 14.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Wed. June 16.....Area A Seniors Housing Project AGM - Lily Lake Village Activity Centre, 7 p.m.
 Wed. June 16-19.....Harpdog Brown - Garden Bay Pub
 Fri. June 18.....MPES Sports Day - MPES, 10 a.m.
 Sat. June 19.....One-day Pleasure Craft Operator Course - Pilothouse Marina,
 Sat. June 19.....Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre closes for season
 Sun. June 20.....~~P. H. Music Society presents Tango Paradise - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.~~ **CANCELLED**
 Sun. June 20.....Father's Day
 Sun. June 20.....Father's Day Chinese Buffet - Clubhouse Restaurant, 5 p.m.
 Sun. June 20.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. June 21.....Aboriginal Art Show (runs June 12 to 30) artist reception - Egmont Heritage Centre, 6 p.m.
 Thurs. June 24-26.....Jerry Yuzon - Garden Bay Pub
 Sun. June 27.....Sunday Jam with Peter van Deursen - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. June 27.....Rose Ellen Nichols performs "A Musical Journey" - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Mon. June 28.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Tues. June 29.....Pender Harbour Secondary Graduation Ceremony - PHSS, 1 p.m.
 Wed. June 30.....Area A APC - PHSS, Rm. 107, 7 p.m.

FERRY DEPARTURES

Effective March 1 - June 29, 2010

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles.
 See www.bcferries.com for information on added sailings during peak periods.



Langdale	Horseshoe Bay	Earl's Cove	Saltery Bay
6:20 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	♣ 6:30 a.m.	♣ 5:35 a.m.
8:20 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
10:20 a.m.	• 10:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
• 11:00 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	11:20 p.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	♦ 2:00 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
♦ 3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. (Apr. 1 only)	10:05 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (Apr. 1 only)	5:30 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (May. 24 only)	11:00 p.m. (May 24 only)		

See alternate schedule for
April 2, 5 and May 24, 2010

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JUNE 13: Joe Stanton & the Precious Littles
JUNE 20: Gaetan & the French Connection
JUNE 27: Peter van Deursen w/ Mark Crissinger

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