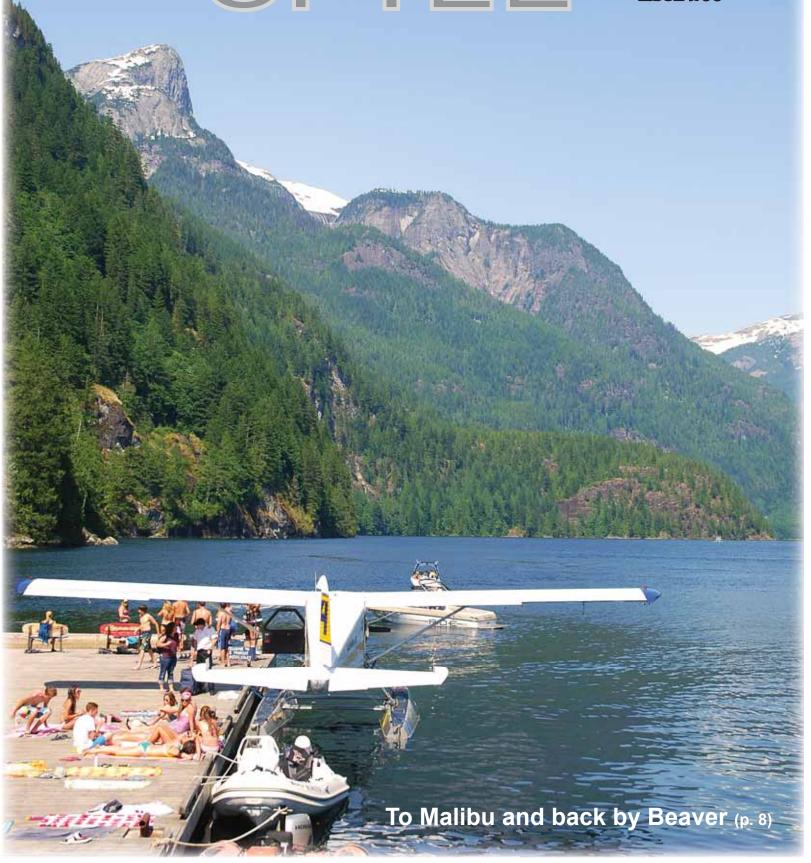
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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### There can only be one 'upper' Sunshine Coast



By Brian Lee

Know what really bugs me?

Powell River. Everytime I cast a Google search for something on the

"Sunshine Coast," I have to first wade through wannabes up in Millville who insist on capitalizing on the "lower" Sunshine Coast's fame.

But ask any local where the Sunshine Coast's boundaries sit and, likely as not, they'll point to Earls Cove and Langdale.

Saltery Bay to Lund?

That's Powell River.

It's nothing personal — the Powell River regional district has some great restaurants and back country lakes, Desolation Sound, Savary Island, mermaids; they live in a special place with much we should be jealous of.

They just need their own name.

Harry Roberts first painted a sign over his wharf proclaiming Roberts Creek "The Sunshine Belt" in 1914.

The word "Coast" was later added to the sign by — who else? — a Realtor.

Then, in 1951, Black Ball Ferries started advertising ferry service to an area they called the "Sunshine Coast" — from Port Mellon to Egmont.

It's only in recent times that some envious Powell River marketeer, likely aiming to put some perfume on their odoriferous pulp mill, decided to borrow our brand. And it stuck.

One thing we do share with Powell River is MLA Nicholas Simons thanks to our Powell River/Sunshine Coast electoral district.

But do you know what other towns share electoral districts?

Masset and Bella Coola.

Is a Bella Coolan from Haida Gwaii?

Is Masset in the Great Bear Rainforest?

Does anyone here know what a zunga is?

There's a reason the Shishalh don't call themselves the Sliammon and it's because they're not the same tribe and neither are we.

The upper Sunshine Coast is Pender Harbour and Egmont.

The true north. Strong and part of the SCRD.

But now, Powell River has gone and poured salt on our wound.

No longer happy with "upper," they are now making a desperate attempt to rebrand themselves the "pearl" of the Sunshine Coast — ostensibly casting the rest of us in with the oyster's gooey bits.

Absurd.

We might be angry if it wasn't so . . . sad.

But let's put aside our egos and reach out with sympathy to the poor wretches and help guide them towards an identity of their own.

In this spirit of compassion and virtue, the *Harbour Spiel* pledges to help find the Powell River area a name to call its own.

The *Harbour Spiel's* "Name Our Northern Neighbour" contest will run until the Pender Harbour Fall Faire in October.

The winning entry will be the name that best represents the people and geography of the area between Saltery Bay and Desolation Sound.

There will be fantastic prizes.

There will be glory.

But the winner will also take reward in the knowledge they have restored an entire community's sense of pride.

And brought peace to the one, true Sunshine Coast.

(For contest details, see p. 43.)

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





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#### SPIEL PICKS

#### PENDER HARBOUR GARLIC FESTIVAL: August 11 & 12

The third annual festival is a family fun event featuring 60 vendors of organic farm produce, garlic, a wide variety of interesting artisans, and lots of great food. There are also two days of terrific music featuring Roy Forbes, Joel Fafard, John Reischman, The Breakmen, Joe Stanton & The Precious Littles and many more talented acts. Of course, Andy from the Malaspina Ranch will be back with his hay wagon and horseback rides. There will be a silent auction as well. There's lots to see and enjoy at this wonderful event.

#### PENDER HARBOUR SHOW AND SHINE: August 12

Hot cars, cool classics and classic iron (motorcycles) vie for your attention and votes on Sunday Aug. 12 at the 9th annual Pender Harbour Show & Shine in beautiful, downtown Garden Bay. Entrants love the Pender Harbour show because the grounds — spacious, manicured lawns on a private, waterfront estate — make their rides look good, provide ample room to avoid accidental bumps and scrapes and plenty of space to relax with lounge chairs, sunbrellas and coolers. It opens at 10 a.m. and admission is free. Voting takes place from noon to 4 pm. All proceeds from the Pender Harbour Show & Shine go to local youth programs and local firefighters. While Joe Stanton plays in the pub, there will be Texada Island "hillbuggy" rides for the kids and local artisans and the Rotary Club's smokie barbecue.

#### PENDER HARBOUR CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: August 16-19

There might still be tickets available for the eighth running of this popular festival but you'd better hurry. With only 100 seats, the relaxed perfomance space of the Pender Harbour School of Music with its spectacular waterfront setting is an ideal setting for chamber music and is "truly how it was meant to be experienced." Visit www.penderharbourmusic.ca for tickets.

#### **PHOTOJOURNAL**



Aurelia Cardiff photo

On Friday July 13, this Cessna floatplane was travelling from the Lower Mainland to Savary Island with four passengers when it suffered a rapidly loosening propellor blade. Luckily, the weather was calm as it was forced down near Northeast Point on Texada Island. Seen here is Andy Cardiff and his Malaspina Water Taxi towing the stricken plane into Pender Harbour for repairs.

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#### SIB blames province for failure to resolve Pender foreshore issues

The Sechelt Indian Band recently issued a press release in which it blamed the province for the failure to achieve a resolution to issues surrounding private moorage applications in Pender Harbour.

Citing a letter dated May 17, the statement said the province admitted that "dozens of authorizations for private moorage have been issued in error."

The province stopped processing foreshore applications in 2003 but reopened the process last September.

On Jan. 17, 2012, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations halted that process by

establishing a temporary "designated use reserve" in Pender Harbour.

"This cancellation and limited replacement of authorizations flows directly from the provincial government's failure to follow through on their own statements and proposals in our reconciliation discussions," SIB chief Garry Feschuk said in the press release.

"We had communicated our agreement to a proposal that would have provided certainty for all existing private moorages with provincial authorizations in Pender Harbour."

The press release goes on to say: "In recent decades, the prolifera-

tion of private moorages has done significant damage to Sechelt's economy, fisheries and way of life."

In an e-mailed statement, a spokesperson for FLNRO, Brennan Clarke, said the reserve is not a moratorium and will be in place until December, though that "may be extended."

"Private moorage applications cannot be accepted within Pender Harbour as long as a reserve is in place," Clarke said.

"No applications for new private moorage tenures are being processed at the moment."

#### Pender Harbour to receive water meters in 2013

The Sunshine Coast Regional District has announced plans to install meters on all homes in the north and south Pender Harbour water service areas starting in the spring of 2013.

The installations come as a requirement of federal and provincial funding for current water service upgrades in north and south Pender Harbour water service areas.

"In order to ensure the treated water from the new facility is respon-

sibly used, the grant funder requires that water meters be installed for all water customers," Area A director Frank Mauro said in an SCRD press release.

"The need to reduce water consumption is motivated largely by the desire to reduce the scale and cost of future infrastructure upgrades, as well the need to stay below licensed water volumes."

The press release states that

mock bills will be issued for one year following installation and mailed to households and businesses as an education and awareness tool.

The mock bills will report specific water consumption and compare it to community averages.

The SCRD will also use the data compiled to establish new water rates to come into effect one year after starting the mock billing program.



Orca whale and Pacific white-sided dolphin encounter in Bargain Harbour (As seen in the May 2012 issue of the Harbour Spiel).

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#### **RCMP** investigate Nelson Island thefts

Thieves have been preying on Nelson Island cottagers in recent months.

On May 3, a seasonal residence on Nelson Island was broken into with suspects making off with a red chainsaw and other hand tools.

Video surveillance captured images of two males and a 16-foot white (or light grey) inflatable boat with a four-foot mast flying a black and white flag.

The first suspect is described as Caucasian male, 30 to 40 years old and wearing a red rain suit.

The second suspect is described

as a Caucasian male, 30 to 40 years old wearing a white and blue jacket, red pants, black hat and white running shoes.

On June 28, 2012 three more break and enters were reported from seasonal residents on Nelson Island.

Two outboard motors and other boating equipment were stolen.

It is unknown if these were committed by the same suspects.

The RCMP are asking that anyone with information about these thefts contact Const. Glen Martin at the Sunshine Coast RCMP at (604) 885-2266 or call Crime Stoppers.



RCMP photo

This man is a suspect in at least one B&E on Nelson Island on May 3.

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#### Community association picks name and sets first meeting to elect board

After deciding on its official name, founding members of the Pender Harbour Communities Association have announced they will gather input and present concepts to the community at a public meeting slated for Sept. 9.

The inaugural meeting will take place at 3 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall at which time the new association will also elect its first board.

The PHCA was formed with the intention of bringing together "existing service clubs, community volunteers and citizens with a general interest in community improvement."

It was formed in 2011 by concerned community members interested in creating and improving a network of Area A pathways and has since expanded its vision.

"While the value of the work of groups like Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce and so on cannot be overstated, a body is needed to complement their efforts, prioritize community projects and seek funding on behalf of the community as a whole," said Area A director Frank Mauro.

In attendance at the July 9 meeting were Barbara DeMott, Randy Picketts, Dennis Cotter, Elaine Park, Joe Harrison, Len Lee, Jim Cameron, Don Fraser, Barrie Wilbee, Steve Luchlow, Maureen Wright and Frank Mauro.



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#### Sarah Wray Heritage Hall now on firm footing

Volunteers restoring the 81-yearold Sarah Wray Heritage Hall recently completed work on a concrete perimeter foundation.

Eleven men pitched in through May and June to lift the building and build the forms before mixing and pouring the concrete by hand.

Prior to that sewage lines were installed to connect to the Pender Harbour Landing sewage system.

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society, which manages the hall's restoration on behalf of the community, recently learned they were the recipients of a \$4,200 donation from the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour to aid in their efforts.

Next on the list, says volunteer Ian Grant, is to skim coat the basement of the building and place an order for new windows.



Brian Lee photo

Volunteers Andrew Barker, Glen Bonderud, Ian Grant, Jim Hawk, Ron Hunter, Vern Lillies, Len Lee, Ryan Lee, Nigel Macklin, Gary Park and Ian Wright volunteered their time and skills to install a concrete foundation over the Sarah Wray Heritage Hall over the past couple of months. Engineer John Envoldsen donated his time to the project in inspections and preparing building plans.

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#### **ALANA**

Most folks know Alana as the RONA paint expert. She moved here in 2002 and started working at RONA the next year. Alana loves the outdoors, spending much of



#### CAROL

Carol says she visited Pender Harbour for as long as she can remember before finally moving and bringing 30 years of customer service experience to RONA in



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#### To Malibu and back by Beaver



The view shortly after takeoff, heading north through Sechelt Inlet.

Story and photos by Brian Lee

It's not the busiest route on the Harbour Air schedule but it's easily the most scenic.

I'm the sole passenger in a 1959 de Havilland Beaver bound for Princess Louisa Inlet.

We're to pick up one passenger at Malibu before a stop at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge to pick up two more on our our return to Harbour Air's Sechelt terminal.

Ten minutes out of Sechelt, pilot Chad Bayes and I are skirting over the log-strewn surface of Friel Lake heading west towards Hotham Sound.

The lake drains spectacularly over the 1,450-foot precipice of Friel

(also called Harmony) Falls.

Friel Falls usually runs dry by mid-summer but is still flowing strong thanks to a recent deluge of early summer rainfall.

Bayes tells me he'll bank to the right as we pass over the so I can snap a photo out the passenger window.

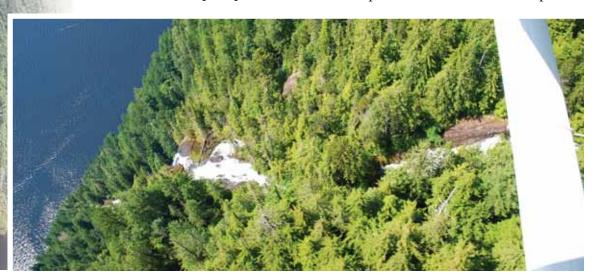
"But," he says through the static of our headpieces.

"I will lose all respect for you if you scream like a little girl."

I don't.

Most who visit these inlets do so by boat, which offers its own inspiring perspective, but to get a sense of the geography you need to get above it.

Not far from where we pass over the apex of the falls sits the deepest



Rain-fed Friel Lake empties almost directly into Hotham Sound via the 1,450-foot Friel Falls.

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water on the West Coast of Canada at 2,400 feet.

If you sucked Hotham Sound dry and sat in the resulting valley, the top of the falls would sit a kilometre above you.

Some of the nearby peaks, like Mt. Churchill which overlooks nearby Vancouver Bay, would tower almost 9,000 feet (2,700 metres) above.

We exit Hotham Sound through a narrow valley with steep walls and a bed of lakes below.

A combination of volcanic and tectonic activity created these mountains over 100 million years ago.

Since then, shifting plates and flowing waters have continued to carve out their features.

During the last 1.6 million years, four distinct periods of glaciation occurred, the last ending just 10,000 years ago.

The remnants, the Cordilleran ice sheet, stretched along the BC coast from western Vancouver Island to the Rockies and south to the Columbia basin in Washington State.

As it began to recede toward the BC coastal range, its movement further carved the valleys and fjords we're flying over.

Back in Jervis Inlet, we follow the same twisting contours as the boats below us.

I ask Bayes if they ever choose to fly up and over the mountains in a direct route rather than the zig-zag course we're on.

"We would need to get up to 7,000 feet," he says.

"But by the time you do that, it's no faster and we'd have burnt a lot more fuel."

Thirty-something Bayes already has quite a bit of experience flying float planes.

Originally from Manitoba, he cut his teeth in the Prairies, finally accumulating enough hours to qualify for floats.

He says he came west because he can fly year-round and he likes to fly float planes, especially the Beaver.

The de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver we're relying on to keep us off the cliffs below was built in 1959.

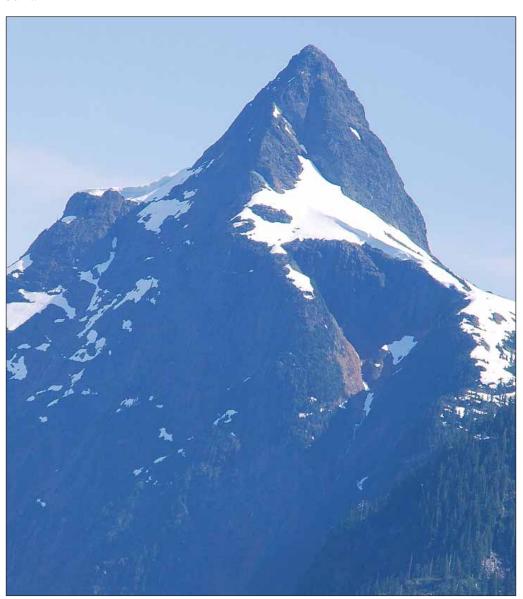
The first Beaver was delivered in 1948 and by the time production ceased in 1968, 1,692 of them were built.

The Beaver soon became a Canadian legend due in part to its short takeoff and landing ability.

A testament to its durability is the fact that 53 years later, this Beaver still runs every day, ferrying passengers and cargo along the BC Coast at all times of the year.

Soon we're approaching the narrow entrance to Princess Louisa Inlet and as we pass over Malibu, the sheer magnitude of the ever-growing Chris-

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Towering 1,996 metres (6,549 feet) above Jervis Inlet, Mt. Churchill is often visible from Pender Harbour. It's described on a mountaineering website as a 'difficult climb.' It was first climbed in 1972 by Frank Baumann, Peter Macek and Rick Price.

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tian youth camp distracts from the natural wonders perched above it.

From the air, Malibu looks like a small village guarding the entrance to one of the most popular cruising destinations on the BC coast.

We pass by and make a turn at the head of the inlet over Chatterbox Falls and a dozen or so boats at anchor or docked at the Princess Louisa Marine Park.

As we descend on our approach to Malibu, a half-dozen kayakers and three wakeboard boats move to the periphery to let us land.

Aviation tycoon Tom Hamilton purchased much of the land surrounding Princess Louisa Inlet in 1941, intending to build a resort, or a "mecca for millionaires."

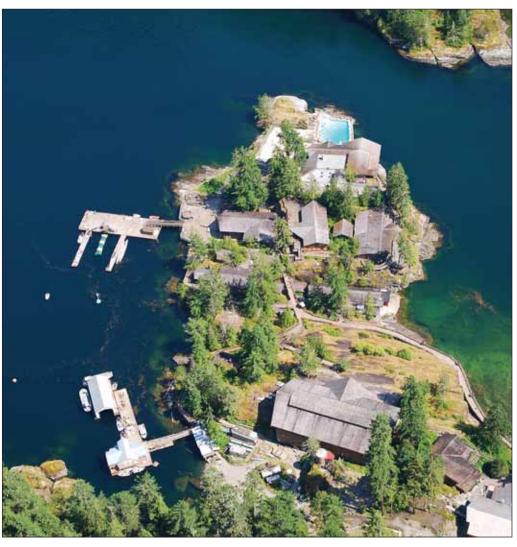
Plans were shelved after the attack on Pearl Harbour on Dec. 7 of that year but in 1946 the Malibu Club opened.

It was a luxury resort hosting luminaries like John Wayne, U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy, Barbara Stanwyck, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

Operating losses and the odd bout of polio contracted there pushed Hamilton to abandon Malibu in 1950.

In 1953, the property was sold to Jim Rayburn, the founder of Young Life, for \$300,000.

Rayburn had started a non-profit, evangelical Christian youth organization only a few years before.



Young Life's Malibu Club, at the entrance to Princess Louisa Inlet, is a Christian playground for teens.

Today, Young Life hosts up to 300 high school kids at a time at Malibu.

They take part in a variety of adventures while being provided, as their website declares, ample "opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and make their own decision about accepting His offer to live life to the fullest."

As we taxi into the dock that sits on the inlet side of the narrows, bikini-clad girls and board-shorted boys pack the pool and dock area.



The "Blob" sits at the dock for anyone brave enough to be launched. Pilot Bayes says he's seen the inflated launcher (that relies on a fellow camper's gravitational mass for a lift) give the overweight kids who attend Malibu a sudden and welcome popularity.

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Malibu guests and outdoor enthusiasts regularily traverse the icefields overlooking Princess Louisa Inlet via a number of routes to access nearby peaks like Old One Eye (see front cover) or Mt. Albert.

The temperatures are in the high 20s and everybody is near the water.

While some wakeboard and others kayak in the inlet's protected waters, others lie in the sun, soaking up God's warmth.

Young Life operates over 20 camps similar to Malibu in Canada and the U.S. as well as Central and South America and the organization is still growing.

Soon we're back in the air with a teary-eyed woman who was visiting friends at Malibu.

Bayes takes the Beaver up to 2,800 feet for a better view.

We pass over countless deep ravines and table tops invisible from the water below.

I consider the inlet's colourful history and wonder how many of its stories have been lost to history.

Of tragic Shishalh hunting trips, of prospectors and hermits, loggers and hippies and any number of dreamers taken in by the summertime beauty of the place, only to discover its harsh truth when weather sets in.

For much of the year, outflow winds whistle down the inlet most afternoons leaving boaters with very few options for shelter.

Speaking about the early days

of St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay recently, Dr. Eric Paetkau said that in his first three years, from 1959 to 1962, he attended 12 drownings.

And most, he says, were loggers from inlet camp boats who didn't respect the dangers of water and

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Pilot Chad Bayes takes the 1959 Beaver down towards Egmont to pick up two passengers at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge.

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weather.

As we pick our way down the inlet, passing over fresh logging slashes and waterfalls, I ask Bayes if he has any ambition to move up to bigger planes.

With over 8,000 hours in the air, Bayes says he could move up to commercial jets but he's not interested.

"These flights are short and I like people. In a small plane like this you get to meet people from all over the world."

Soon after, as if to underline his point, we land and pick up two German tourists from the West Coast Wilderness Lodge.

They recognize Bayes immediately as the pilot who flew them up.

They have just returned from hiking the Skookumchuck that morning for the second time in two days and are still charged by the experience.

"Are you our pilot to Vancouver?" the man asks.

"Oh no. You'll have a good pilot for your next flight," Bayes teases.

"Ohhh, you're a good pilot!" the



The Skookumchuck rapids on the flight home to the Harbour Air terminal in Sechelt.

two Germans chuckle back in unison.

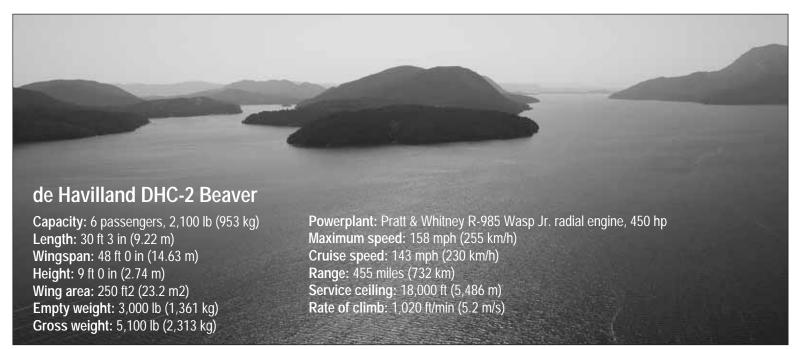
A few minutes later, we're back at the Lighthouse Pub.

The Germans and the teary woman go up to the office to check in for their connector and the dock staff prepare the Beaver for its next flight.

As a pilot for "the largest all-seaplane fleet in the world," Bayes also flies the larger single and twin Otters for Harbour Air but he says the Beaver is still his favourite and he feels lucky to get to fly them.

"It's like when a pilot talks to an older pilot who went through the war and is in awe of them having flown B-29s," says Bayes.

"Someday, I know I'll be talking to a younger pilot and I'll be able tell him that I flew Beavers."



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#### Garden Bay Sailing Club's 2012 regatta 'the best ever'

By David Twentyman

In spite of the weather and a race day postponement, organizers are calling the 23rd running of the Garden Bay Sailing Club's Malaspina Regatta "the best ever."

It was a great disappointment for 18 skippers when the decision was made to postpone the race by a day on June 30.

The morning had dawned wet and windless with a strong current caused by a 13-foot tide.

The barbecue, usually held after the race, did go ahead as scheduled with over 100 skippers, family members and friends arriving at Fisherman's Resort and Marina as the sun came out at 4 p.m. to greet them.

Following the barbecue the decision was made that the race would go ahead the next morning.

The 15 boats able to show up for the race were met by a steady 10- to 15-knot southeasterly wind and a twoto three-foot chop.

The triangular course begins between Martin and Pearson Islands, and takes the sailors out to a mark at Hospital Reef before heading up to Acland Rock off Nelson Island.

From there it's a race back to the start line.

The initial leg saw the fleet stretch out with the trimaran *Drifter* (Ron Badley) rounding the first mark ahead of *Wings II* (Andy Paulus) with *Avanti* (Dave Zuest) and *BC Navigator* (Tom Barker) hot on their heels.

The next leg, usually a spinnaker run, proved a little intimidating for most skippers who chose to play it safe and only *Frendy* (Charlie Park) and *Seven* (Dave Pritchard) raising their chutes.

This proved to be a challenge for



David Twentyman photo

Andy Paulus (I) accepts the trophy for first overall from David Twentyman (r) at the awards presentation for the 23rd running of the Malaspina Regatta.

the crew of *Frendy* who found their spinnaker hour-glassed, costing them valuable time to clear.

There was added excitement when halfway down this leg a slowmoving tug with a log boom in tow crossed the path of the fleet.

This resulted in about half the boats passing ahead, while some had to make a slight detour around the end of the boom.

The final leg is also the longest of the 10 nautical-mile course and proved to be the toughest as the boats tacked back and forth against the tide and two- to three-foot wayes.

Some skippers passed to the east of Hodgson and Pearson Islands hoping to find quieter conditions, while most tacked back out into the rougher waters of Malaspina Straits.

The first boat across the line, for the second year in a row, was *Drifter* skippered by Ron Badley.

The first overall (on corrected time) was awarded to Andy Paulus, who is to be commended for single-handing his Ariel 48-footer *Wings II* to victory.

#### **DIVISION WINNERS**

#### **Division AA:**

Dave Zuest in *Avanti* (Kirby 30-32)

#### **Division A:**

Andy Paulus in Wings II (Ariel 48)

#### **Division B:**

David Pritchard in Seven (Martin 242)

#### **Division C:**

Keith Muir in *Matilda* (Catalina 25)

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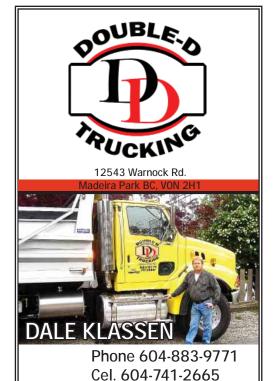
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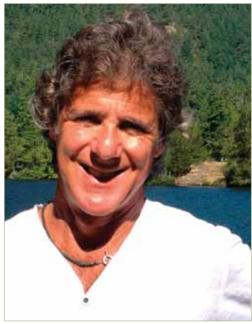


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#### **PHOTOJOURNAL**



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Meet Barry Krangle, incoming principal at the Madeira Park Elementary School. Krangle started his teaching career in the Sunshine Coast School District in 1978 and has taught at the intermediate level at Cedar Grove, Davis Bay, West Sechelt and Roberts Creek Elementary Schools. Mark Heidebrecht will return as principal of Pender Harbour Secondary School.



photo submitted

Pender Harbour Health Centre administrator Rick Macdonald (r) accepts a donation of \$15,000 from the Pender Harbour Health Centre Society president, Joan Postnikoff. The donation was made possible from proceeds of the sales of the Bargain Barn thrift store in Madeira Park.



Fred Coulter photo

The driver of this Capilano Highways mower got a little closer to Hotel Lake than he bargained for on June 26 when the bank gave way underneath his machine. Luckily, he didn't make it all the way in and was yanked out before contaminating the lake.

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#### **PHOTOJOURNAL**



Brian Lee photo

This Harbour Air float plane dropped off passengers at the Garden Bay Lake "T" Dock on July 7, causing at least one resident to wonder if airplanes were allowed to land on Garden Bay's drinking water source. According to Vancouver Coastal Health's Tim Adams, there's nothing in the Drinking Water Protection act to prohibit it and is common practice on many 'multi-use' lakes throughout the province. An SCRD bylaw officer also confirmed there's no specific local bylaw that prohibits it either.



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#### **Strategic Planning**



By Frank Mauro, Area A Director

#### **OVERVIEW**

A draft version of the regional district strategic plan covering the next three years is

now available on the SCRD website.

This draft is a result of workshop sessions involving directors and staff from the SCRD and municipalities.

It has undergone a preliminary review by the board and has been forwarded to the municipalities for comment.

While some changes are to be expected, the core and values will remain.

The strategic plan provides an overall guide for the implementation of plans put forward in other more

specific documents like the solid waste management plan, water systems management plans or the recreation and parks management plan.

Since the plan can be read in its entirety on the website, I will provide only a brief summary in this article.

#### **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

We must facilitate collaborative leadership with local and senior governments, the general public and external bodies.

There are many objectives to be accomplished under the principle of collaborative leadership but of particular interest for our region is that ferry services and costs must be controlled.

Transportation costs have such a great impact on the cost of goods on the Coast and have a profound effect on the sustainability of one of our

major economic drivers, tourism.

Of particular interest to Pender Harbour is the resolution of the private moorage issue.

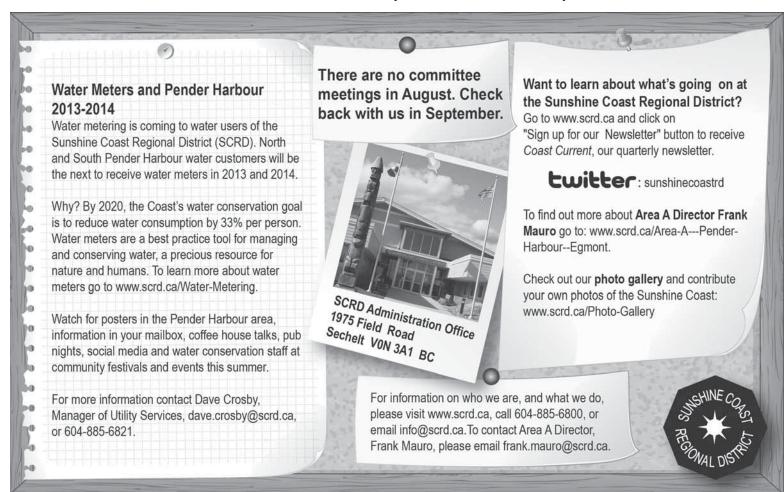
This has gone on for some time and we must do all we can to get the Sechelt Indian Band and the provincial government to work together and resolve this longstanding issue.

Other key issues identified as important are seniors' and affordable housing.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Implementation of the cultural, social, economic and environmental sustainability plan for the Coast is critical now and for the future.

The principle is well defined in the "We Envision" document (available on the SCRD website) adopted last year.



Regionally, it is important that the SCRD board consider sustainability issues in all deliberations.

For Area A, the official community plan will be reviewed and updated in the next couple of years.

A guiding principle for the committee reviewing the OCP must be sustainability.

#### **FINANCES**

The strategic plan document contains a quote from the Australian Local Government Act which I think says it all:

"Financial sustainability is the degree to which a government is capable of funding the service needs of its community, including the management and maintenance of assets; ability to cope with contingencies, without making radical changes to spending or revenue raising; ability to effectively manage risks; and avoid financially disadvantaging future generations."

There are a number of objectives in the strategic plan which address the requirements stated in this quote.

The one I think most critical is to adopt a debt policy that includes targets to reduce debt.

While there is a place for debt financing for major infrastructure projects and the SCRD is in comparatively reasonable shape with regards to debt, we have seen the results of high debt loads on governments recently.

Setting targets to reduce debt keeps our feet to the fire when making decisions.

#### WATER

We must have sufficient high quality drinking water to meet both current and future needs.

There has been significant work put into the almost-completed source

assessment resource plan for the Chapman Creek water supply system which provides water to the largest proportion of the regional district's residents.

It is a good document and goes a long way in identifying the risks to Chapman Creek. Locally, a similar plan is needed to ensure protection of the water supply.

Another major objective is reducing water consumption and last month's article referred to the water metering objective that will be starting by the end of the year.

#### **ZERO WASTE**

The long-term goal is to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill by 90 per cent by 2060.

The shorter-term goal is to increase the solid waste diversion rate at our landfills from the current 50 per cent to at least 65 per cent by 2016.

There are a number of regional strategies identified in the strategic plan to achieve this goal.

One of the most important is to complete the current review underway which will define the recycling and resource recovery facilities to be implemented Coast-wide.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Community development on the

Coast must be planned in a collaborative manner that achieves social, cultural, economic and environmental targets.

One important objective is working together with the municipalities to develop a Coast-wide economic development strategy to enhance year-round economic activity to offer opportunities for young people.

Work has started to collaborate with other local governments and implement an economic development memorandum of understanding which will be the first major step.

#### **SUMMARY**

This is only a brief outline of the plan and I encourage you to go to the SCRD website and read it all.

Since it is only in draft form it can be found on the www.scrd.ca site under: Agendas > Corporate and Administrative Services Committee > June 28, 2012 in Annex A pages 1-14.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

If you want to discuss this or other topics I will be available between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3 at Crossroads Grill to answer questions and to listen to your concerns.

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#### Ken Walters and the cryptic Madeira Park mall mural mystery

By Brian Lee

The year was 2004.

The Olympics were in Athens, not London and the *Harbour Spiel* was quartered in the windy reaches of Kleindale, not western Fran-Pen.

Ken Walters says he was outside Myrtle Winchester's Paper Mill (now Bluewaters Books) in Madeira Park staring at the wooden fence that separated it from the realty office.

Myrtle came out and leaned on the railing,

"What are you thinking," she asked.

"I was thinking this would be a good spot for a mural," he replied.

Why don't you paint one then?"
"Are you sure?"

"Hey," she said. "It's Pender Harbour."

That was all the green light he needed.

Ken Walters went to art school at Douglas College and hung out with a group of artists whose motto (in bastardized Latin) was, "Initiatus pre permisso."

They hoped it meant "Initiate the



Brian Lee photo

Ken Walters in front of the mural that kept its secret for eight years — until now.

action before you get caught."

Walters says they left a couple of murals on the walls at DC with that saying underneath.

Soon after, the group got more mural experience than they'd ever hoped for when they landed a paid gig to dress up 5,000 square feet in North Surrey's United Church.

So, with Myrtle's blessing and quarts of donated paint, Walters was off painting.

As anyone who has studied the mural that used to adorn the shallow

end wall of the Pender pool can attest, Walters likes to hide things in his work.

Sometimes they're even a little naughty.

So when he finished the mural in 2004 and announced in the *Harbour Spiel* that there was a secret mystery hidden within, it created a stir.

Ken says that nobody, not even his wife Lee or co-conspirator in the ensuing contest, Myrtle Winchester, knew whether it was a visual pun, a hidden image or a riddle.

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#### **Group Exhibition of Paintings**

August 17, 18 & 19 Seaside Centre, Sechelt Showcasing the work of Sunshine Coast artists; Morley Baker, Josefa Fritz Barham, Todd Clark, Elizabeth Evans Greta Grunow Guzek, Carol LaFave, Kim LaFave, Ian MacLeod Cindy Riach, Nadina Tandy, & Marleen Vermeulen.

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But clues came out monthly in the *Harbour Spiel*.

The first:

Horace Greeley said it best when he told the young man to go west. But the proper way to follow this plan, Is to make sure you finish where you began.

He also posted weekly clues on the Paper Mill's bulletin board during the summer of 2004:

July 12: Say No to Pender Arbor. July 19: This is not a plane and simple.

July 26: No fish or ships.

"Another clue from the artist," was the headline in the August 2004 issue of the *Spiel*:

First name of the guy
Who starred in the book
Is not the place you want to look.
But the name of the rifle
That sponsored the show
Might be a worthwhile place to go.

Still nothing.

Finally, in the September issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, with the headline, "Winner expected from this clue," Walters thought he was giving it away:

The editor's back, We're right on track.



Ken Walters photo

The baffling mural as it looked in 2004.

My spelling's been corrected.
You've probably won, you son of a gun,
If the black dots you've connected
On a piece of paper, NOT THE WALL,
Or you won't get no prize at all.
Do the pencil work
And when you're done,
Reverse the page and face the sun.

But no one got it.

The clues stopped and I guess most, like me, assumed it had been solved and we missed the punchline.

But Walters says now that he is still the only one who knows what the hidden message is.

That seems like an unreasonably long time to hold a secret so, as the second person to know what it is, I'm spilling it.

"A lot of the flowers have orange centres but there's a whole pile of 'em with black centres," Walters says.

Now you connect the black cen-

tres without going through the colour purple.

If you do that and heed his last clue's instructions it reveals a message:

#### KENLOVESLEE

Despite the clues, the riddle seems pretty tough and if it didn't contain such an endearing sentiment, folks might resent the frustration Walters has caused them.

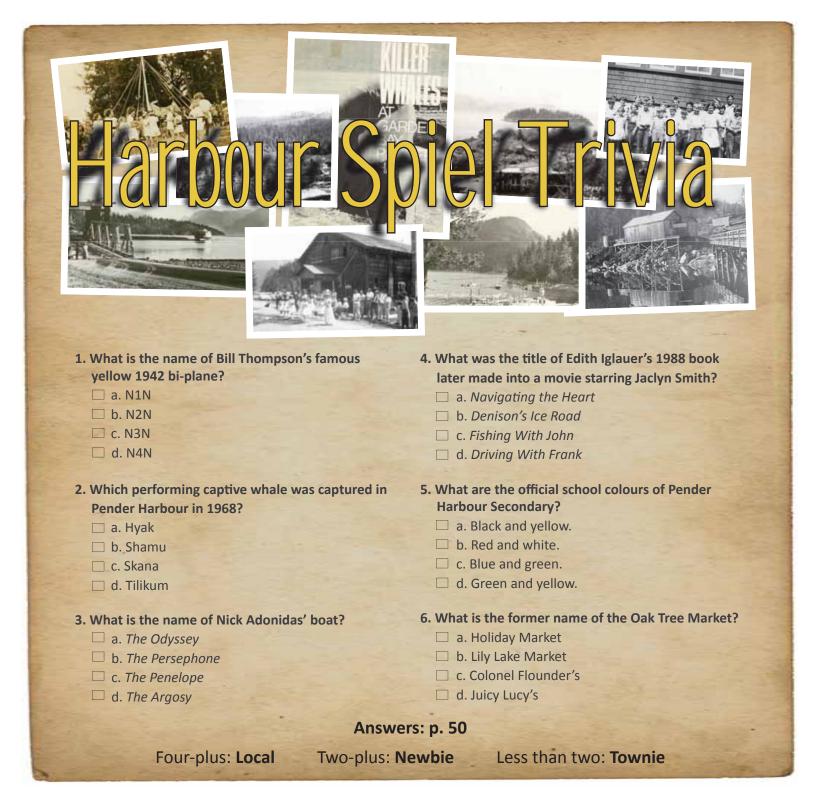
So, why now?

August 22 is Ken and Lee's 20th wedding anniversary and to celebrate he adds a less cryptic message:

"Happy 20th anniversary Lee. I'd do it all over again."

Hopefully he doesn't mean another @#\$%^&\* riddle.





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#### Junior program kicks off for summer



By Jan Watson

After a wet June we are enjoying much better weather out on the course in July and it has brought out many more golfers.

A junior program started on Thursday, July 26 to offer instruction for youth.

Anyone interested should phone the Pro Shop for more information.

#### **MEN'S CLUB**

On June 26 the men held a two man best ball with the winners Rusty Ellis and Glen McCuaig netting 60.

KP on No. 3 was George Brown and on No. 6. John Forward.

July 3 saw a Stableford won by Glen McCuaig with 22 points.

KP on No. 3 was Glen McCuaig and on No. 6, Garry Noble.

On July 10 a two man team skins game was taken by Brian Disney and George Brown with 12 skins.

KP on No. 3 was Brian Disney and on No. 6, Garry Noble.

July 14 also saw a two-man team skins tournament and this time the winners were Merv Oleksyn and Jamie Tufford with 15 skins.

Merv shot an eagle two on No. 8. KP on No. 3 was Brian Disney and on No. 6, Wayne Babcock.

The return match with Myrtle Point at Pender was on June 20 and we won by nine points but not enough

to win overall, losing by three-points.

The return match with Sechelt at Sechelt GC was a three-point victory and gave us an overall win by a whopping 32 points.

#### LADIES' CLUB

On June 21, the ladies celebrated

the golf club's 26th birthday with a money ball event and the winning team was Elaine Park, Shelley Stunell and Heather Cranston.

The ladies played their return match with Sunshine Coast at Roberts Creek on June 25, losing by five points, thus losing overall by seven.

July 5 saw a blind partners match won by Kathy Bergman and Krys Parranto with 161.

A criers tourney — where a players worst hole is thrown out and it reverts to par — was held on July 12.

Under-30 handicap winner was Mary Carlsen with 68 while 31 and over winner was Krys Parranto with 60.

The ladies' steak night July 13 had five teams and, winning with 33 were Lorraine Wareham, Roberta Oleksyn and Jan Watson.

Breathing down their necks with 34 were Jeanie Byrd, Marlene Kracklauer, Heather Cranston and Pat Hallborg.

KP on No. 3 was Nora Brooks and on No. 6, Roberta Oleksyn.

#### **MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES**

On June 18, five teams played and the winners were Bob and Reni Ducich with their visitor from Australia, Norm Semmens, scoring 33.

June 25 saw five teams with win-

ners Glen Sernyk, Rob Metcalfe and Joan and Robin Foster with 35.

KP on No. 3 was Lorna Lycan and on No. 6, Merv Oleksyn.

July 9 saw five teams once again, with winners, after a tiebreaker, Bob Brooks (who eagled No. 4), Jeanie Byrd and Jan Watson with 34.

KP on No. 3 was Bob Brooks and on No. 6, Reni Ducich.

With 6 teams on July 16, winners were Hal Byrd, Ken Delf, Pat Hallborg and Janine Matheson scoring 30.

KP on No. 3 were Dave Ewart and Rechelle Meketiuk, and on No. 6, Glen Sernyk and Jan Watson.

#### FROM THE 19TH HOLE

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#### Pender Jazz Fest celebrates sweet 16 on September 14

By Carole Rubin

Okay, so what is "jazz?"

A bunch of notes blurted out with no melody that old folks seem to like?

Not anymore. If you can think of an ingredient, chances are someone has mixed it with jazz.

Modern jazz incorporates rap, punk, funk, soul, rock, gypsy, swing, boogie woogie, Dixieland, blues, Afro-Cuban, world, bebop, straight ahead and pretty much any music you can think of that uses blue notes, syncopation and improvisation.

The roots of jazz are the same as those of gospel and blues — developed by black American musicians of the early 20th century.

As its popularity spread, jazz has since come to include musical themes and rhythms from around the world.

The organizers of the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival want to reflect this musical hybrid and, this year, they have.



Cybelle Codish photo

The Hot Club of Detroit end Sunday's 'Jazzapalooza' concert with gypsy jazz originals.

#### **SCOTT ROBERTSON'S SWING PATROL**

The 16th Jazz Fest kicks off with 1930s and '40s era swing with Scott Robertson's Swing Patrol.

They'll be performing at a dinner/dance at the P. H. Legion.

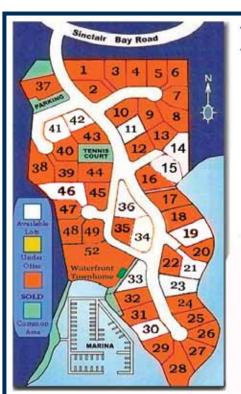
Think the Benny Goodman Quintet, Count Basie and Louis Jordan hits played by world class musicians after

a great Doug Davis dinner.

#### **JAZZAPALOOZA**

On Saturday and Sunday, a new festival phenomenon will appear.

We no longer receive financial support to mount a big band but, wanting to keep this tradition alive, the Jill Townsend Big Band will be joined by two other concerts to form the Satur-



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day's Jazzapalooza — for the ridiculously low price of \$20.

Jill Townsend leads 16 of Canada's best jazz musicians for two sets of original music followed by the very young and sultry singer, Andrea Superstein.

Superstein blends jazz, Latin and blues with stunning vocals to offer up a sassy set of jazz jewels.

Finally, Canadian jazz icon Cory Weeds hits the stage with his quintet and NYC's Ian Hendrickson-Smith.

Hendrickson-Smith blows blues, funk, makes his sax growl gospel or laugh as the mood strikes him.

Sunday's Jazzapalooza will feature four hot acts.

To kick-start the morning, fiery Afro-Cuban jazz by Fito Garcia will be followed by the mellower and melodic Steve Giltrow Quartet.

The Company B Jazz Band, the hit of the 2009 festival, will pick it back up with their Andrews and Boswell sisters harmonies.

The afternoon will end with the Hot Club of Detroit and their Djangoinspired gypsy originals.

Both days of Jazzapalooza will will be held at Millennium Park (or if raining, in the P. H. Community Hall.)

#### THE RETURN OF LAILA BIALI

On Saturday night, at the School of Music, the incredible Laila Biali makes her return to the Pender Jazz Fest stage.

Fresh from a sold-out run at Tokyo's Cotton Club and a cross-Canada tour with Phil Dwyer, Biali blends rock, pop, jazz and blues, challenging musical boundaries with her piano and haunting voice.

And those are just the ticketed events.

Doc Fingers and friends will be

at the Garden Bay Pub all three nights as usual while the hot Latin band Santa Lucia plays the Grasshopper Friday and Saturday night followed by The Shrugs for the free Sunday BBQ.

Coast Anagram plays John Henry's Sunday morning and Redboot returns to the Sunshine Coast Resort Saturday morning. Bradley/McGillivray throw down the blues for dinner at the Garden Bay Restaurant all three nights and Cannery Row leads the famous GBP jams.

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

On Sept. 25, the Pender Harbour Women's Connection, under the joint direction of Judy Sherman and Mary-Beth Alsop, gets going for 2012-13 with a potluck lunch. Come to the Music School at 10 a.m. to meet new and old friends. Bring a potluck item (finger food preferred) and be prepared to enjoy. Just for fun, we are asking you to wear a special hat — it can be wacky or wonderful, goofy or gorgeous. As a special treat, the singing group SassPenders will perform. For more information about membership, contact Maureen at (604) 883-0444.

#### **GARBAGE RECYCLING IN PENDER HARBOUR**

Recycling is a very important part of our community and GRIPS (Garbage Recycling In Pender) has been a part of our community for the past 20 years. GRIPS is a registered non-profit society subsidized by the Sunshine Coast Regional District with your tax dollars. The SCRD is planning to move the location of the present operation and this in itself should prove to be an interesting turn of events.

Local input is essential and it is a good opportunity for you to become part of the dialogue between the SCRD and Area A. There are current vacancies on the board of directors and we are asking anybody interested to consider offering their input to the society. If you would like to get involved, please contact Tom Barker at (604) 883-2689.

#### **RUBY LAKE LAGOON SOCIETY**

Amphibian art contest for kids — you're invited to submit your art of local amphibians (frogs, salamanders, toads and newts) in our amphibian art contest. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 1. Ages: five to 18 years old.

Drop off your art at the Iris Griffith Centre or mail it to us at: 15386 Sunshine Coast Hwy, Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H1. Include your name, age, phone number and email address. For more information visit *www.coastwild-life.ca*.

The Lagoonies Club is a weekly day camp for kids (aged 5 to 13) at the Iris Griffith Centre. It runs every Wednesday this summer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lagoonies introduces kids to the weird and wonderful creatures of wetlands, builds artistic and scientific skills and helps them act as stewards of the environment. Pack a lunch, come dressed for the weather and drop in. Suggested \$5 to \$10 donation or free with a family Lagoon Society membership. E-mail: lagoonies@lagoonsociety.com. or call (604)883-9201 for more information. The Iris Griffith Centre is one kilometre south of Ruby Lake at 15386 Sunshine Coast Highway.

#### 'Dragontini' not just a member of a dragon boat team

By Jean Pate

While listening to Rick Harmer speak at the Pender Harbour School of Music back in 2007, I never would have predicted I would be writing this piece for the *Harbour Spiel* in 2012.

Harmer was presenting his idea of starting a local dragon boat club and I was all ears at the time.

I thought, 'What a wonderful way to enjoy the ocean, get some exercise and meet new people in the community.'

And I was right.

After the introduction, 21 enthusiastic people joined up.

We rented a dragon boat complete with life jackets and paddles and on Sept. 19, 2007, we launched her and took our first paddle.

By the next month we were approved as the Pender Harbour Paddling Society and sought to purchase our own dragon boat (with equipment and insurance) at a cost of \$14,500.

Ron and Marita Johnston generously let us moor our 48-foot boat at their marina at the Garden Bay Pub and helped with our goal by allowing us to hold meat draws in the Garden Bay Pub every Friday night for the next 14 months.

They saw how serious we were by how much money we had raised but, although substantial, it still was not quite enough to purchase it all.

Ron and John King are Rotarians and Rick Harmer was the president of the local chapter that year.

They put forward our need for funding to the Rotary club which subsequently donated \$5,000.

In addition, Ron and Marita donated \$1,000 of their own money along with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, who also donated \$1,000.



photo submitted

'Dragontinis' is not only the name of the Pender Harbour dragon boat club but also their choice of beverage while refuelling after a hard paddle.

Finally, we were ready to place our order with Mac Gordon, the designer and builder of our boat.

In April 2008, our very own dragon boat was delivered to the government dock.

Nanette Walker became our first coach, driving up from Gibsons for our practices to put us through our paces — we needed help badly.

We were beginning to improve and then one of our paddlers, Beth Callahan decided she would train to be our coach.

We all took stroke improvement courses and with Beth's excellent coaching skills, we finally felt ready to form a team.

The Dragontinis entered their first of many Dragon Boat Regattas in Kelowna in August 2009.

Andrea Clerx came up with our racing team name Dragontini, which was later to become the name of a martini cocktail invented by one of the pub's barmen to honour us.

Our new team shirts are an original design by Deb Warburton.

This year just happens to be the

year of the dragon and promises to be a most rewarding season.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please call Becky Udy (604) 883-2106 or check our website at www.penderharbourpaddlers.com.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, we are holding our "Final Fling" at the Garden Bay Pub marking the end of the dragon boat racing season on the Sunshine Coast.

Several teams from Powell River, Sechelt and Gibsons will race and socialize afterwards.

All are welcome to come out and enjoy our sport— you never know, you may actually get hooked too.



#### Buying waterfront is like ordering fast food.



By Alan Stewart

The late Ascher Smith, who provided a fair amount of colour to the Pender Harbour area before his passing in 2008,

gave me some good advice once:

"Buy waterfront Al. They aren't making any more of it."

I've shared this same sound investment advice with many clients through the years.

Ascher's property was situated at the end of a tidal bay with a 200-foot pier leading to a 100-foot dock with the boat tied up at the very far end to beat the low tide.

At any tide lower than three-feet, arrivals or departures ceased.

This brings into question whether all waterfront property is created equal.

There are certain features that real estate buyers seek out specifically when it comes to waterfront proper-





Brian Lee photo illustration

When it comes to purchasing a waterfront property, it's important to understand what it is you are looking for.

ties and those features help determine value and desirability.

Realtors have checklists to help them narrow down the search.

It's kind of like taking a lunch order.

#### **FRESH OR SALTY?**

Lakefront buyers are a very different breed than oceanfront buyers.

While oceanfront appeals to retirees and full timers, lakefront buyers are almost always looking for a summer home.

That's not to say that there aren't full-time residents on the local lakes, but the lake owners' culture is often much more about fun, recreation, family and friends than it is about escape.

This is especially true of Sakinaw and Ruby Lakes, where the waterskiing enthusiasts are willing to pay top dollar for weekend getaway properties.

According to longtime Realtor Bill Hunsche, there are only about 275

properties on Sakinaw Lake and 125 on Ruby Lake.

This exceptionally limited supply means that the lakefront properties comprise a market all to themselves.

### SALTY? OKAY, WOULD YOU CARE FOR A SIDE OF MOORAGE?

Oceanfront buyers quickly come to appreciate that the ability to moor a boat in front of a home adds considerably to its value.

While it's difficult to place a specific price on a property having a licensed foreshore and a functioning dock, I've heard estimates ranging between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and up.

With the ongoing unresolved issues surrounding the application process for foreshore licences between the province, waterfront land owners and the Sechelt Indian Band, having a current foreshore licence that is in good standing can make a property much more desirable.

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# ONE SALTY WITH A SIDE OF MOORAGE COMING UP — WHAT KIND OF BANK WOULD YOU LIKE WITH THAT?

Typically we associate moorage with low or medium bank properties, which likely adds to their already premium price.

The vertical distance you have to travel to the water certainly affects a property's value and desirability.

While high bank properties can offer magnificent views, if you are selling a cliff which drops straight into the briny sea, your market is limited.

I've had buyers refer to these high bank waterfront properties as "just expensive view properties."

I personally think that watching dolphins and whales frolic in your back yard offers more value than distant views of the ocean, but that may not be true for all buyers.

Low bank properties often fetch higher prices than high bank properties, but if the low bank leads into a tidal bay and water only appears in front of the house a few times a day, the price tag is likely comparable to high bank or lower.

However, if the low bank leads to a sandy beach then the price tag rivals properties with moorage.

#### DO YOU WANT SUN WITH THAT?

Finally, exposure to the sun means a great deal to most waterfront buyers.

During the frenzied run on waterfront properties on the Sunshine Coast between 2004 and 2008, Realtors would receive phone calls from buyers looking for "low bank, south facing properties with moorage."

That request was usually followed by another for an unrealistically low price range.

But these three ingredients made a property highly desirable and therefore very valuable.

As many Garden Bay waterfront owners are quick to point out, as they

squint into the afternoon sun:

"See those houses on Francis Peninsula? They don't get *any* sun six months of the year."

To each his own.

While Ascher Smith was absolutely right when he said that they weren't making any more waterfront property, the last time I checked... they weren't making any more property, period.

Waterfront property is a rare investment that also fulfills many needs relating to shelter, family, entertainment, relaxation, and pride.

It is this unique combination of functionality and rarity that will no doubt make waterfront property ownership a sought-after investment forever.

After all, it's tough to tie the boat up to a brick of bullion.

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



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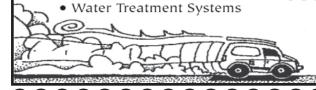
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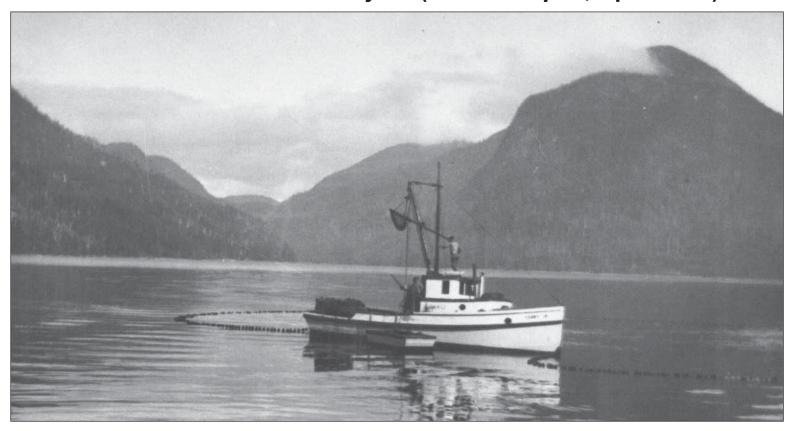
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#### Fred Warnock's seiner the Kerry Jr. (Harbour Spiel, April 1997)



Roger Duncan family photo collectioo

The Kerry Jr. seine fishing in Loughborough Inlet, 1934.



This story originally appeared in an uncredited "Harbour Remembered" column in the Harbour Spiel, April, 1997)

On Aug. 4, 1937, a young commercial

fisherman, Fred Warnock, mail ordered enough food for four men on a seven-day salmon seining trip aboard his boat the *Kerry Jr*.

There was only one store with

limited supplies in the Harbour at the time so grub orders were often filled by David Spencer Ltd. of Vancouver and delivered by Union Steamsip.

On the next page is a reproduction of the invoice that came with the *Kerry Jr.*'s order.

Although the prices seem low by comparison today, fishermen were paid only six cents per whole fish (an average dog salmon weighed between 14 to 16 pounds). Jim Warnock, Fred's younger brother, was a deckhand on the *Kerry Jr.* in 1934, only two years after she was built in Nanaimo by Valmer's Shipbuilders.

Fred was the eldest of the Warnock family of nine and he died of cancer in his mid-20s at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay.

The *Kerry Jr.*'s story doesn't end there though.

Fred had wanted the *Kerry Jr.* to go to a relative, perhaps a nephew, who was too young at the time to take over the boat so it was held in trust.

However, since it was a commercial boat capable of earning money, several fishermen made sure that it earned its keep and stayed busy during the fishing season.

Willie Rousseau, fished the *Kerry Jr.* for several seasons before Kenny Gibson, a brother-in-law to



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#### SPIEL ARCHIVES

Fred Warnock, took over.

Gibson was the last man to fish the boat.

He was fishing off Tofino when, according to Jim Warnock, "the boat went straight out into the ocean and never came back."

Shortly after, a group of American trawlers were returning to Tofino for supplies and said they had spotted a boat passing by in the distance where they had been fishing.

They thought it unusual because it was a very small boat to be so far offshore — the *Kerry Jr.* was 34 feet in length, tiny compared to the trawlers which were up to 85 feet long.

The boat they saw could have been the *Kerry Jr.* which was able to hold 250 gallons, allowing it to run for days.

In the 1930s, boats were not equipped with radio phones, depth sounders, radar or any of the other high-tech conveniences and safety features that today's boats enjoy.

As Jim Warnock said,

"It was just the boat, the engine and the winch."

Kenny Gibson and the *Kerry Jr.* were never seen again and the mystery of their disappearance can only be speculated upon.

Thanks to Jim Warnock and Roger Duncan for providing information about the Kerry Jr.'s history.

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#### Memory card find makes for photo mystery

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They were found by members of the Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron taking part in their annual "Go Green" clean up day.

"It was in the ditch opposite the Mount Daniel trailhead, and the last photos on the card are of the view from there.

"The camera was smashed, but the card is OK. Most of the photos include the little child."

The photos are dated 2010.

If anyone has information that might help in locating the family that lost them, please contact Fay Wright at *igwright@dccnet.com*.

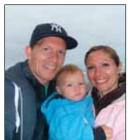










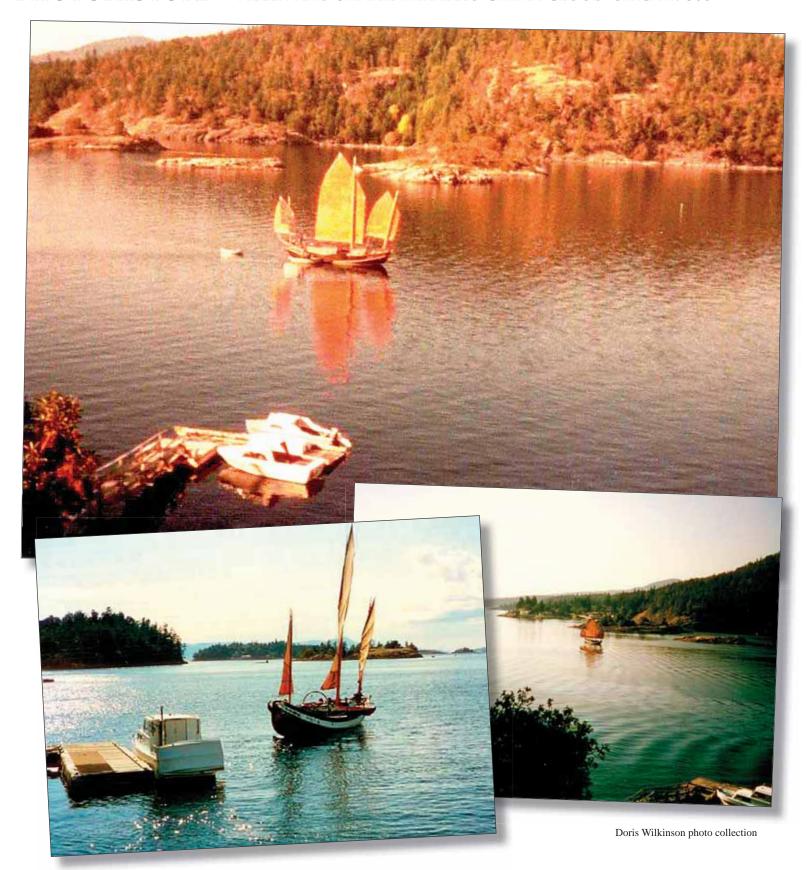






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#### PHOTOHISTORY ~ ALLEN AND SHARIE FARRELL'S CHINA CLOUD CIRCA 1980s



Allen Farrell launched his three-masted junk *China Cloud* on Lasqueti Island in 1982. The boat was a common visitor to Pender Harbour as evidenced by these photos taken during visits with Doris and Bob Wilkinson on Francis Peninsula. Farrell and wife Sharie took their last trip on the *China Cloud* during the summer of 1995. That trip provided the backdrop for Maria Coffey and Dag Goering's book *Sailing Back in Time* documenting much of Allen and Sharie's life on the coast.

If you have local historical photos you would like to share, please call the Harbour Spiel: (604) 883-0770.



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Harbour-full Seals of Disapproval to whoever continually removes the Jazz Festival posters from the notice board by Triple B. After four years in, it's getting expensive and tiring... please, let go and move on.

Carole Rubin

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval to **Margaret Goldrup** for her advice last year to invite the Madeira Park Garden Club to start a garden club at Madeira Park Elementary School. It was a true joy to see community members share knowledge and laughter with the children.

Karen Ardy

I would like to extend a Seal of Approval to **Paul from the Slocat** for treating the children of Serendipity Child Care Centre to a beautiful harbour cruise on the morning of July 12.

Donelda Brown, Manager Serendipity Child Care Center Harbour Seal of Approval for the quick actions of **Trevor Martin and Ryder Noble** for putting out a fire across the street from our house. Thank you for saving our property from a wildfire.

Michelle King and Tyler Forsyth

We would like to send a big Harbour Seal of Approval to the first responders from Garden Bay, the ambulance crew from Madeira Park and the staff at John Henry's when our daughter was accidentally exposed to nuts and went into a potential anaphylactic shock. Your speed of response and professional care is greatly appreciated.

> Mike and Sandy Ryan Daniel Point

Seals of Approval to the Reflections choral group from Sechelt for their donation from the coffee house held in Madeira, Coast Storage for their continuing support and Dorothy too. Thanks also to Marina Pharmacy, IGA and Oak Tree Market also for your support. Also a big thanks to CUPE for their \$100 donation.

Wendy Phillips on behalf of food bank volunteers

A seal of approval to **Plumb Bob**. Over the last few weeks the SCRD has put "gravestones" on the side of Garden Bay Road to fill the gaps at the edge but most of it ended up on the road and was a danger to bikes and cars. Coming home from work I found Plum Bob sweeping it all to the side with a very large brush.

**Deb Warburton** 

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Kirk Mackie** for kindly refraining from interfering with his wife, Leanna's fishing technique. Because of this, she happily landed an impressive salmon rather than having to watch Kirk knock it off the line and lose it for her. Yeah, he does that. Or at least he used to; now he is forbidden to go near her while she's holding a fishing rod. Way to go, Leanna, and congratulations on the salmon!

Myrtle Winchester

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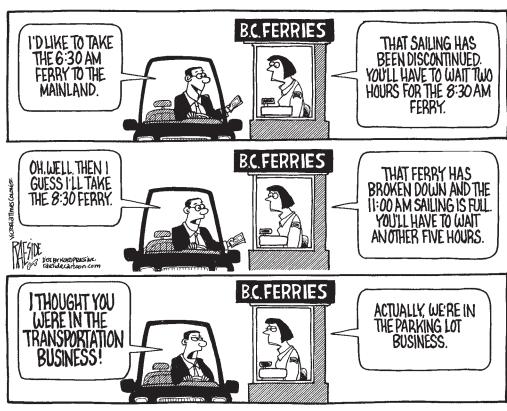
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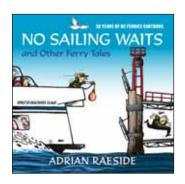
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#### **BC FERRIES**



Adrian Raeside illustration

In honour of the challenges associated with travelling on the August long weekend, Harbour Publishing has offered up a nugget from their recently published collection of political cartoons about BC Ferries by Adrian Raeside. *No Sailing Waits and Other Ferry Tales* compiles the best of over 30 years worth of Raeside material in which he lampoons everything from breakdowns, groundings, the Fast Ferry Fiasco, the Sunshine Breakfast, German-built ferries to the Million Dollar Man (David Hahn) and fuel surcharges.



## Sunshine Coast Writer's Fest: There's still tix for three top picks

With the Wayson Choys, Jane Urqharts and Howard Whites of the Sunshine Coast Writers Festival already sold out, author groupies might be wondering where to rest their affections.

Look no further.

Here are three events that should prove to be as interesting as they are varied in topic.

#### **CHARLOTTE GILL**

Friday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m.

During a 17-year career, Charlotte Gill planted over a million trees in backcountry from the Canadian Shield to the foothills of the Rockies to the Great Bear Rainforest on BC's central coast.

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alongside an assortment of weird and wonderful characters, many of whom she still counts among her closest friends.

She tells her story in the memoir, Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber, and Life with the Tree-Planting Tribe.

Eating Dirt won of the BC national award for Canadian non-fiction





Charlotte Gill

and is a finalist for the Charles Taylor Prize and the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize.

Her earlier book, *Ladykillers*, won the BC Book Prize for fiction and was a finalist for the Governor General's Award. ice Munro, Robertson Davies, Alistair MacLeod, W.O. Mitchell and Morley Callaghan.

All that remained in order for Douglas Gibson to complete the literary triangle was to write his own book.

Stories About Storytellers con-

sists of 21 mini-biographies, a sort of greatest hits of his editing and publishing career.

It's not about dishing dirt on the rich and famous but sharing fascinating stories only a close associate would know.

Like how Morley Callaghan once knocked down Hemingway in a boxing

#### **DOUGLAS GIBSON**

Friday, August 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Writers know who Douglas Gibson is.

During a 40-plusyear career he has edited and/or published the work of many of the biggest names in Canadian literature, including Al-



Douglas Gibson





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match — with Scott Fitzgerald as timekeeper.

Or Mavis Gallant was once reduced to selling her clothes for food in Spain. Her stories had been sold to the New Yorker but her agent had pocketed the money.

This memoir affirms Douglas Gibson's lifelong love affair with books and his admiration for their creators.

#### **JOEL BAKAN**

Sunday, August 19 at 1 p.m.

The Corporation, Joel Bakan's groundbreaking analysis of big business as citizen, is succinctly summed up in its subtitle:

The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and

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The book and its companion documentary film have racked up over two dozen awards.

Corporations, Bakan says, with the advantage of deregulation, privatization and minimal government oversight, have been free to pursue

> their relentless self-interest regardless of any consequent harm to individuals and society.

The versatile UBC law professor's latest book is Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children.

Here again, governments have largely abdicated responsibility as regulators and protectors. Children are being systematically addicted to ultra violent video games and online products and services that have tens of millions of firmly hooked, paid subscribers.

Sugar, salt and fat laden junk foods have resulted in an epidemic of childhood obesity and diabetes.

Then there are the big pharmaceutical companies bribing doctors to prescribe to children drugs approved for adults only.

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#### **Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative**

By Marlene Cymbalist

The Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative was formed in early 2012 to take advantage of a grant from the Vancouver Health Authority's SMART Fund.

The mission statement of the initiative:

To improve the quality of life of seniors from Middlepoint to Egmont, many of whom are living in isolation, by creating programs and resources, which they can easily and comfortably access. In pursuing that mission, the PHSI also strives to encourage peerto-peer support and intergenerational bonding.

Following the guidelines of a needs assessment conducted earlier this year, the PHSI advisory committee and facilitator Marlene Cymbalist have been busy organizing activities to benefit the seniors in the area.

#### HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

The Harbourside Friendships program held at the P. H. School of Music has been running for over 20 years with support from the Pender Harbour Health Centre and the PHHC Auxiliary.

Program co-ordinator Cathy Anderson is doing an excellent job of organizing and planning weekly activities.

Harbourside Friendships meets Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. from September to June.

The cost is \$5 and includes lunch with dessert.

It provides a social get-together for Harbourites aged 55-plus.

Transportation is a big issue as there are some seniors who are no

longer able to drive but would benefit greatly from the outing.

Car pools have been arranged so persons from Madeira Park, Garden Bay, Earls Cove and Egmont are able to attend.

Attendance has grown in the last six months reaching anywhere from 25 to 34 persons.

#### **CARPET BOWLING**

With the help of the Pender Harbour Community Club we introduced another program in May.

Carpet bowling runs every Wednesday, starting at 1 p.m., even through the summer months.

This activity was set up with a drop-in fee of \$3 plus a \$5 annual membership in the Pender Harbour Community Club.

The carpet bowling is very popular with a regular attendance of eight to 16 people.

The group is enjoying the challenge and encourages folks of any age to come and join in, no experience necessary.

We are in need of at least one more bowling carpet and set of bowls.

If anyone knows of some available, please contact the Health Centre.

#### **GAMES CAFÉ**

The newest of the activities, games café, started July 9 and is held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park every Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is also set up as a drop-in event for a fee of \$10 which includes lunch and dessert.

The Legion is a great facility to host this event and people are able to use the billiards table, play crib or throw some darts.

In the future we would like to obtain a Wii game to hook up to the big screen TV and introduce some virtual games.

#### **FUTURE INTITIATIVES**

In the fall we will be organizing informational meetings with guest speakers on subjects such as borrowing, investing, wealth management, estate planning services, mortgages, wills, power of attorney and deferring property taxes.

Three volunteers have already attended a Foodsafe course.

More training opportunities in CPR, first aid and Foodsafe will be offered for volunteers in the fall.

The PHSI could always use more volunteers to help with the weekly events or to participate in the carpooling.

If you are interested, please contact the Pender Harbour Health Centre for more information.



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Time for Spring Tune-up....

#### HARBOUR ALMANAC

# Skookumchuck viewing times ~August~

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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Aug. 2: Enva Delaney and Jessica "Lu-Lu" Kammerle.

Aug 3: Peter Wray.

Aug. 4: Kathleen White, Daniel White, Carol Reid, Jessica Sutherland and Gloria Keene.

Aug. 5: Genevieve Patterson and Bill Purnell.

Aug. 9: Shirley Adams.

Aug.10: Bryan Clerx and Norma Martin.

Aug. 12: Mary White and Helga Morin.

Aug. 13: Peter Kenny.

Aug. 15: George Huey and Daryl Percival.

Aug. 16: Paul McKimm, Anna-Maria Massullo and Justin Tiefenbach.

Aug. 17: Bob Forsyth.

Aug. 18: Charles Dougan.

Aug. 20: Jim Barnet, Willy Rousseau, June Reeder, Glen Spencer, Helga Thiele and Rachel Wilson.

Aug 21: Joyce Fowler, Kory Francis, Shelley Clay and Klisala Harrison.

THE DAYS

Aug. 22: Buzzard Edwardson.

Aug. 23: Kelly Reid.

Aug. 25: Rory Percival.

Aug. 27: Warne Clay and Kailee Yablonski.

Aug. 28: Wilma Thompson, Mike Ough and Brent Metcalfe.

Aug. 29: Steve Adamson and Karen O'Leary.

Aug. 30: Ruth King, Donna Hobson, Megan Bathgate and Barbara Lof-

Aug. 31: Eric English, Bryce Higgins, Corinne Gamble and Lillea Hohn.

#### **AUGUST WEATHER**

#### **TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)**

Our average August daily high temperature is 21 C and our average daily low is 14.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7 C. August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

#### PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

August averages seven days with rainfall and a total of 38.1 mm for the month (the lowest of the year). The highest daily rainfall recorded in August was 42.4 mm (Aug. 4, 1962). August has an average of 275.3 hours of bright sunshine.



The Pender Harbour Lions Club is urgently seeking volunteers to help with the third annual Pender Harbour Garlic and Music Festival at Lions Park on August 11 and 12.

If you can spare some time that weekend, please contact Neale Smith: (604) 883-3693.

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#### **OF AUGUST**

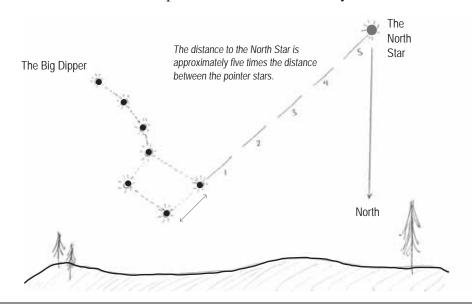
#### LOCATING THE NORTH STAR

Polaris, also know as the "North Star," is aligned with the earth's axis and sits almost directly above the North Pole. It has always played an important role for navigators in the northern hemisphere because its position in the sky is fixed relative to the observer.

Though the stars are stationary, the earth's rotation makes it seem as though they rotate around the sky. A keen observer notices that Polaris is the axis around which the constellations rotate. If you view a long exposure photograph of the night sky (taken in the northern hemisphere) and the lines seem to arc around one central point, that central point will be Polaris.

Polaris isn't the brightest star in the night sky but is easily located by using a well-known constellation called the Plough or the Big Dipper. The two stars that make the outer edge of the Big Dipper's cup are called the pointer stars. If you take the distance between the two pointer stars and visually estimate a distance five times that along a line created by the two, you will find a star that is relatively alone.

That is Polaris and the point on the horizon directly below it is due north.



#### **AUGUST ASTROLOGY**

#### **JULY 23 - AUGUST 23 (LEO)**

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. Likelihood of career advancement is high to the 15th. However, if such a boost fails to materialize by then, it will not happen. So quit.

#### AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23 (VIRGO)

Virgos value knowledge highly. They make good teachers and advisers while avoiding positions of high power. Often shy, Virgos hide their sensitivity under a self-controlled surface and overt sexual delinquence. Veterinarians recommend that Virgo housepets be spayed or neutered on the August new moon.

# The Harbour Spiel's NAME OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOUR \* confest \*

The Powell River area has clung to our coattails long enough.

Let us us guide our northern neighbours in finding their own identity and restore the name "upper" Sunshine Coast to where it belongs — Pender Harbour and Egmont.

In this spirit of beneficence, entries are now being accepted to help rename the area from Saltery Bay to Desolation Sound.

The winning entry will be announced Oct. 6 at this year's Pender Harbour Fall Faire. (Fabulous prize package TBA.)

E-mail entries to:

nonn@harbourspiel.com

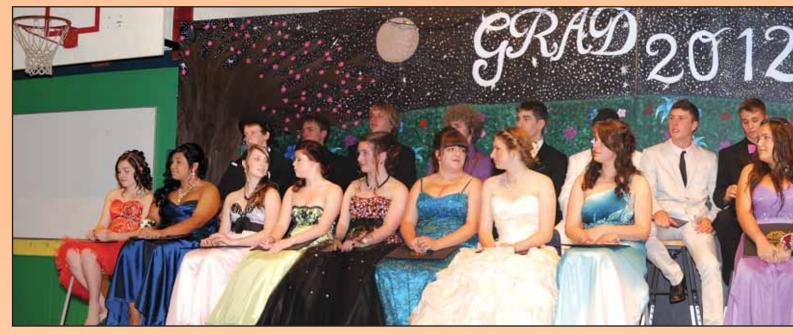
or mail:

4130 Francis Peninsula Rd. Madeira Park, BC V0N 2H1

**Contest closes October 1.** 

Dare to reach your hand into the dark, to pull another into the light.

~Norman B. Rice





ANGELA GOODWIN (Crystal Goodwin)



SARA DYBWAD ALLISON SCOULAR



COURTNEY HANNA



AMBER LA FRANCE (Brandon Ewen/Autumn La France)



SHYLA LAMS (Desiree Leech)



EMILY HARGROVE (Cody Kincaide)



LUKE ROOSE (Janet Nickerson)



SAM LANGFIELD (Daffney Jones)



BEN GARRETT



MADISON WILLIAMS-RICE (Mitchell Williams-Rice)



CHELSEA SCOULAR (Zach Mansbridge-Fafard)



MACIEK GLOWACKI (Charlotte Gray)



KOHL WHITEHEAD



ELIZABETH ROWLANDS (Christopher Rowlands)



The class of 2013's Brandon Ewen and Ryleigh Lighbourn (I) accept the ceremonial Key of Knowledge from grads Kari Scott and Joel Field.



Former PHSS principal Nancy Brindley was invited by the grads to be their guest speaker.



'Did you hear the one about the principal and the school trustee?' PHSS principal Mark Heidebrecht and S.D. 46 trustee Lori Pratt react to board chair, Silas White's (r) humour.

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DOM DE LA CANAL (Savannah Sosa)



SAMANTHA HOWITT (Cyrus Foster)



AISHA BARKASY (Kathleen Wilmetts)



BRANDON FAWKES (Britanny Sheppard)



CODY EDWARDSON (Danielle Dreidger)



KHOYA CRAIG (Teaguen Craig/Jarvis Gra



EMMA CARILLO (Estelle Carmona)



ASHLEY BILCIK



(Karyn Frewin)



CARSON ANDERSON



GUS EDWARDSON (Robyn Kelly/Christie Bliss)



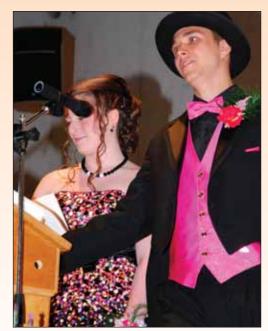
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KARI SCOTT



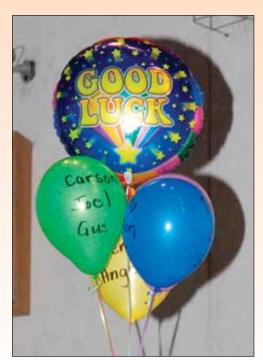
SAVANNA HELSDON (Jordan Marshall)



Class of 2012 valedictorians Khoya Craig and Carson Anderson.



You just don't see enough purple tuxedos anymore. Maciek Glowacki accepts his commencement certificate from principal Mark Heidebrecht.



All photos: Brian Lee

August 2012

## It's hammock time with fresh memoirs from McWilliam and Didion



By Theresa Kishkan

We once had a rope hammock which we'd string between two trees behind our house each summer. It

was a perfect reading refuge — wide enough to get comfortable in, to hold a stack of books, and you could wedge a glass of lemonade or cool wine in one of the areas between the knots. The nicest thing about it was that you had to leave the house to read — an adventure, a short field trip to the edge of the woods.

That hammock was eaten by mice and I miss it. Summer reading always feels like a holiday indulgence, something that should take us out

> BC Bestsellers: (For the week of July 22, 2012)

1. Whitewater Cooks with Friends by Shelley Adams

- 2. *The Book of Kale* by Sharon Hanna
- 3. Eating Dirt by Charlotte Gill
- 4. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
- 5. *The Uchuck Years* by David Esson Young
- 6. *No Sailing Waits and Other Ferry Tales* by Adrian Raeside
- 7. *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese
- 8. *Exploring Vancouver* by Harold Kalman and Robin Ward
- 9. *Canada at War* by Paul Keery and Michael Wyatt
- 10. The New Granville Island
  Market Cookbook by Judie
  Glick and Carol Jensson
  - ~ Assn. of Book Publishers of BC

of our routines. I almost never read travel books in summer because I tend to travel in fall or winter and I don't want to think about trips when there's watering to do or beans

to pick.

But I do love memoirs. I like to lose myself in the lives of others. And there's no shortage of recent memoirs and autobiographies to keep me reading all summer, and beyond.

Candia McWilliam is a Scottish writer. In her younger years, she was a renowned beauty, working for Vogue. In the first chapter of her memoir What to Look Forms

memoir, What to Look For in Winter (Harper, 2012), she tells us something about herself:

"I am six foot tall and afraid of small people.

I am a Scot.

I am an alcoholic.

There is nothing wrong with my eyes.

I am blind.

I cannot lose my temper though I am being helped to.

I exude marriedness and I am alone."

In 2006, at the age of 50, McWilliam was diagnosed with a rare neuromuscular disorder called blepharospasm, in which her eyelids wouldn't open. Already struggling with alcoholism and having recently left her second husband, whom she loved, for an ill-advised affair with a politician, she hit rock-bottom. Her book chronicles her descent and the difficult work of returning to life again.

She is an intelligent and funny writer, even though so much her story

is desperately sad. At the age of nine, she found her mercurial mother dead in their home, an apparent suicide. Her father remarried but his new life

Candia

McWilliam

What

A Memoir

Blindness

didn't really include her, though attempts were made by a glamorous stepmother to encourage the plump Candia to lose weight, improve her attitude, and keep busy with academic and athletic activities.

She found a replacement family. She found several of them, actually, and her accounts of idyllic summers at Colonsay, a small island in the Inner

Hebrides, are sweetly poignant. Colonsay remains the place where she goes to heal and to write.

There's a surprising ending to this story of blindness and loss. Is it happy? Does the protagonist regain her beauty, her sight, and her beloved second husband? One of these things is true.

Joan Didion was one of the most important practitioners of the New Journalism, which sought to use the techniques of storytelling and fiction to examine the facts associated with newspaper reportage. She chronicled the 1960s and '70s, the American dream and its collapse, the disintegration of democratic and moral principles, and the chaos that seemed to permeate American political and social structures. Her magazine pieces, gathered together in Slouching Towards Bethlehem (1968) and The White Album (1979) are iconic examples of her nervous, subjective style.

She and her husband John Greg-

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ory Dunne were successful screenwriters, bringing her 1970 novel, *Play it as it Lays*, to the screen, as well as *Up Close & Personal* and *A Star is Born*, among other films.

In 2003, Didion's husband suf-

fered a fatal heart attack at the couple's dinner table and afterwards she did what came naturally to her: she wrote a book to make sense of her sorrow. The Year of Magical Thinking (Knopf, 2005) was the result. It's both memoir and investigative journalism at the same time,

weaving together strands of both in order to look at the remains of a life after a long marriage to someone who was a working partner as well as life-mate. The book also describes, in harrowing detail, the medical misadventures of the couple's only daughter, Quintana Roo, who developed a serious septic infection after a bout of pneumonia.

Blue Nights (Knopf, 2011) is Didion's memoir about her daughter, who succumbed to pancre-

atitis just as her mother was embarking on a promotional tour for *The Year of Magical Thinking*. She revisits her daughter's childhood and tries to come to terms with her own shortcomings as a mother.

In a way, these two books should be read together. They form a clear-eyed account of how a writer survives two personal tragedies in part by focusing a formidable intelligence on the self. Didion's style is taut and electric, building her story by compounding and repeating details.

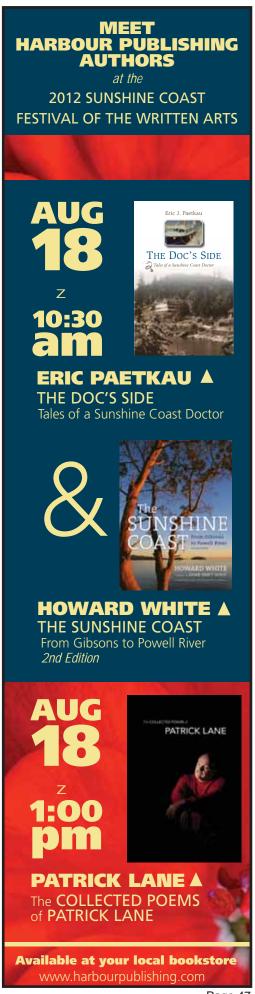
"I know that I can longer reach her. I know that, should

I try to reach her — should I take her hand as if she were again sitting next to me in the upstairs cabin on the evening Pan Am from Honolulu to LAX, should I lull her to sleep against my shoulder, should I sing her the song about Daddy gone to get the rabbit skin to wrap his

baby bunny in — she would fade from my touch. Vanish."







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



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

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

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

By Anne Crocker

# PART XXV – AUGUST 1881 (Continued from July 2012.)

By her mid-teens, Mary Hsu's journal often shows signs of the sullen angst common during the teenage years. It's understandable because, as she writes, most of her time was spent working. There were times when she was able get away on her own and Mary seemed to prefer the solitude of walks to staying around their family home. Many of her journal entries describe notable wildlife encounters or interesting plants discovered during solo forays through the trails of present day Irvines Landing and beyond.

August was traditionally the time for picking salal berries and Mary Hsu relished the chance to get away from the salt shed in search of the sweet fruit. It was likely a welcome respite from the labour and odours associated with fish processing and summer heat.

It was also a very important chore.

Anthropologist Charles Hill-Tout visited Sechelt in the summer of 1902 and observed "a most ingenious method" for preserving salal berries for winter use. Hill-Tout describes the women making a "winter jam" involving boiling the ripe salal berries for an hour or so and then carefully mashing them into a uniform jelly with a wooden pestle.

"A layer of large leaves is now spread over a kind of tray made of narrow strips of wood fastened together by cross-pieces," Hill-Tout writes.

"Upon the leaves is spread a thin layer of Page 48

the jelly. The tray is then placed in the sun to dry and when the upper side of the jelly has hardened into a cake, the whole is turned over on to another tray and the other side is left to dry out. When both sides are dry, the jam has the appearance of coarse felt and can be rolled up like a mat and stored away for use."

To eat it months later, "they break off a piece, steep it in water for awhile and then reboil it." If kept dry and free of mildew, Hill-Tout was told the fruit would stay in good condition from season to season and even longer.

This is probably why Mary was able to abandon their busy fish processing operation at the peak of the fishing season. They too needed to gather the berries for winter food and it's quite likely they intended to sell any excess.

While picking salal berries in the summer of 1881, 16-year old Mary discovered a place that would become a private refuge from her daily drudgery. In her diary she describes finding an ancient dwelling on the western slope of Pender Hill.

The site had a 180-degree view of the Strait of Georgia but was hidden from the usual routes to the top of the hill by a deep thicket of salal bordering a steeper area that was once obliterated by a rockslide.

An entry dated September 12, 1881 reads like poetry despite her mix of Chinook, weak English and her mother's Nlaka' pamux tongue:

Yah-ka ni'-ka. Ni'-ka stagyn. (*It is mine. My hidden place.*)

I go a lone where mama do not and

#### IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED..

#### **Pender Harbour**

I walk different so no trale *(sic)* grows.

I look at the waters.

The klip-sun (sunset) is my friend.

It's possible the spot was a burial site or a camp but her descriptions suggest that it was used as a lookout to spot approaching war canoes from the north rounding Cape Cockburn.

Kálpilín was thought to be mainly a wintering village, occupied by large numbers at a time of the year when war parties from the north would be less likely. But evidence suggests it wasn't unheard of to fend off small warring parties of southern Kwakiutl or Euclataws who roved through the area from time to time.

Stories of large scale massacre are less common but oral histories suggest they did occur from time to time and the people of Kálpilín had to be vigilant. In his book, *The Story of the Sechelt Nation*, Lester Peterson writes,

"Skwalth, a grassy flat east of the mouth of Cockburn Bay, Nelson Island, derives its name, the Sechelt say, from the fact that much blood was spilled there."

Whatever it was, Mary Hsu's private fort was built out of expertly stacked rocks and looked as if it was once sheltered by a wooden roof. It was overgrown and almost buried by what may have been decades of arbutus and salal leaves and she writes that she spent hours excavating the debris and improving the view.

While doing so, Mary discovered a bed of shells and shards of unrecognizable tools or containers. Amongst the smaller debris, buried amidst layers of dirt and bits of wood, were various pieces of stone, carved into tools. (See illustration.)



Artwork courtesy of Hsu family collection

Mary Hsu's sketch of what looks to be an axe head found near an ancient lookout on the cliffs of Pender Hill.

The discovery of this site and the artifacts it contained seemed to spark a curiosity about her home's past.

She writes:

Penders Harbor a ole man. Yah-ka mema-loost elip nesika cheechako ko.

Pender Harbour is an old man. He died before we (or the newcomers) arrived.

(Continued next month)

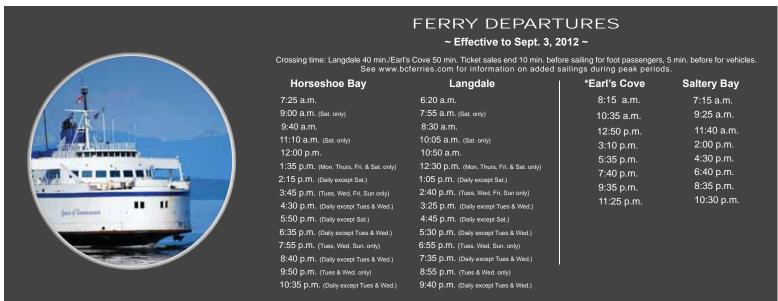
#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

# **AUGUST**

Fri. Aug. 3	Artisans Market - under the cedars in Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 5	GBP Sunday Jam with the Midnight Eagles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Aug. 6	P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Wed. Aug. 8	Lagoonies at the Iris Griffith Centre (BC! theme) - Iris Griffith Centre, 10 a.m 2 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 10	Artisans Market - under the cedars in Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 10	Coffee House at the School of Music - PH School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 11-12	Fifth annual Sunshine Coast BIOBLITZ at the Iris Griffith Centre.
Sat. Aug. 11 & 12	Pender Harbour Garlic Festival - P. H. Lions Park
Sun. Aug. 12	Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Garden Bay Pub, 10 a.m 4 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 12	GBP Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 15	Lagoonies at the Iris Griffith Centre (Turtles! theme) - Iris Griffith Centre, 10 a.m 2 pm
Thurs. Aug. 16-19	Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
Thurs. Aug. 16-19	Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival - P. H. School of Music, various times
Fri. Aug. 17	Artisans Market - under the cedars in Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 17-19	"Power of Paint" Group exhibition of paintings - Seaside Centre, 3 days
Sun. Aug. 19	GBP Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 18	P. H. Legion golf tournament and dinner - Pender Harbour Legion
Mon. Aug. 20	P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Wed. Aug. 22	Lagoonies at the Iris Griffith Centre (Pollinators! theme) - Iris Griffith Centre, 10 a.m 2 pm
Fri. Aug. 24	Artisans Market - under the cedars in Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 26	GBP Sunday Jam with Peter B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 29	Lagoonies at the Iris Griffith Centre (Birds! theme) - Iris Griffith Centre, 10 a.m 2 pm
Fri. Aug. 31	Artisans Market - under the cedars in Madeira Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



"When I was in prison, I was wrapped up in all those deep books. That Tolstoy crap — people shouldn't read that stuff."

~ Mike Tyson

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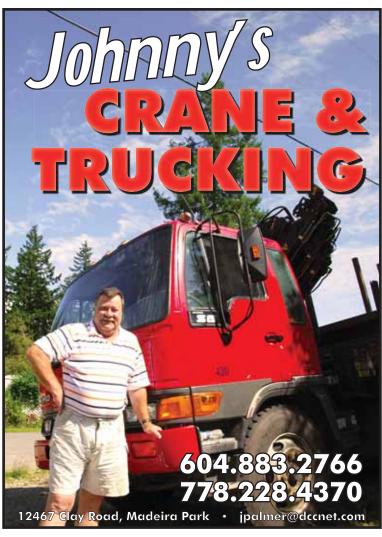
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