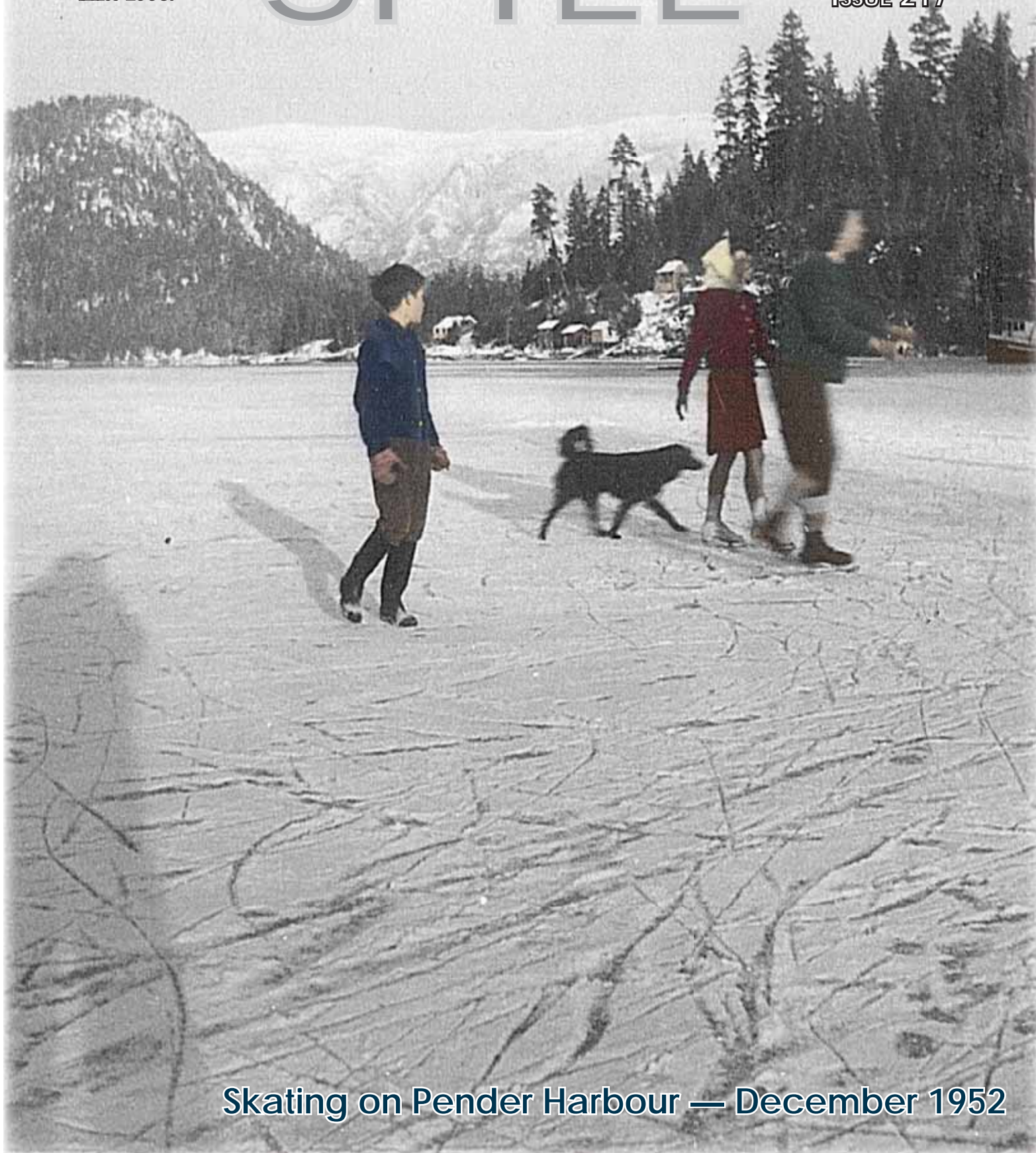


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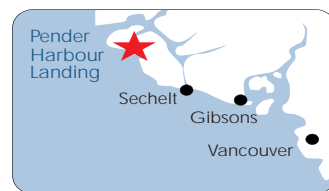
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EDITORIAL

Books teach in mysterious ways

By Brian Lee



For the most part, I was a fairly normal kid growing up in Pender Harbour.

I loved soccer and fishing and chopping

down alder trees.

But like many little boys, my friends and I also had a “healthy” fascination with toy guns and the imaginary shooting of Nazis.

We’d set up elaborate mock battles with scrounged wood loosely resembling the weapon of choice: machine gun, rifle, flame thrower, bazooka — whatever would efficiently slay an opponent while remaining true to the specific properties of the battlefield terrain.

We were incredibly knowledgeable about our weaponry. Life depended on it — arguments always broke out about who was more dead in an open shoot-out.

“At a 100 yards, a 12-gauge shotgun would have only maimed me but I hit you, like, 10 times with my M-16 and I was using hollow points so you’d be hamburger.”

Sometimes the gunfights turned into fist fights.

I don’t reveal all this as a cry for therapy — we all grew out of this penchant for shooting each other — but to deflect responsibility for an overactive imagination. It was all the fault of the Pender Harbour Reading Room. (See story, page 12)

My Grandma Clara volunteered at the “Adult’s Library,” then in the corner of the community hall, and I’d stop in to see her sometimes after school.

I was probably already bored with the kids books in the elementary school when I discovered shelves lined with exotic books of every description; all free for the borrowing.

I was amazed to find I could just show up and take home books — up to six at a time. So I did.

I remember there was a great coffee table book about guns. I probably checked it out a dozen times and the technical detail it provided made me a formidable force on the faux-weapon battlefield.

Naturally I also read spy and mercenary novels to satisfy my 10 year-old lust for action and adventure but at some point I must have discovered a different kind of story.

Maybe Grandma tricked me into reading a Michener novel with promises of gruesome carnage.

Or maybe some of those books illuminated the human tragedy of war as well as the glory — some of the sombre thoughts that run through a soldier’s head as he races toward certain death.

And maybe from there I began to appreciate the subtle benefits of a well-written story where, sometimes, the good guys lose.

But it doesn’t really matter how you travel as long as you get there and the Reading Room had a pretty profound influence on my early life in Pender Harbour.

As it moves into its 42nd year of doling out reads, I’d like to think that, right now, there’s another kid being tricked into reading by a coffee table book about guns.

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Ray Edwardson and the *Sea Dew* head out of the harbour on a sunny morning after the snowfall on Dec. 18.



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Nichols takes silver at Sunshine Coast Idol

The judges heard a winning Melody.

Melody Ondzik bested Pender Harbour's Shauntelle Nichols to win the inaugural Sunshine Coast Idol competition.

Ondzik found out she took home a \$10,000 prize and professional recording package at the finale at Pack Ratt Louie's on Dec. 19.

The competition was held each Tuesday evening at the 100-seat Gibsons restaurant since Oct. 28.

Peter Beauchamp, the host and co-owner Of Pack Ratt Louie's, said they have sold out every week and he turned away more than 100 people on the last night of competition before the finale.

The final three, Ondzik, Nichols and Bob Shaw, battled it out on Dec. 16. Supporters were separated around the restaurant like English soccer fans, all clapping politely for each competitor but becoming raucous and animated when their favourite took the stage.

But it's hard to tell who are fans and who are family. The Nichols clan has faithfully attended every one of her shows; no small feat considering the two-hour return drive from Pender Harbour.

That kind of support — and vot-

ing — is crucial. The four judges only get half a say in deciding who stays and who goes. The other half is decided by audience voting.

Nichols wowed the 100-plus crowd with a tearful rendition of Trisha Yearwood's "On a Bus to St. Cloud."

Judging by the applause, she was clearly a fan favourite but the other two competitors had chops and supporters in the crowd too.

Melody, cute and soulful, put in a great performance with some R&B hits including Otis Redding's "Sittin' on the Dock at the Bay."

Shaw is more of a rocker and he's funny — which may be what carried him this far. He chose an incredibly hard song to pull off, Radiohead's "Creep."

Before he left the stage Shaw joked with the judges and crowd, "Vote for me or I'll see you burn in hell."

In the end the judges had to make the final decision between Ondzik and Nichols.

Beauchamp opened seating inside Sunnycrest Mall that allowed for another 100 spectators to take in the finale performance that saw Ondzik crowned Sunshine Coast Idol.



Shauntelle Nichols sings 'On a Bus to St. Cloud' at Sunshine Coast Idol Dec. 16.

Nichols won a prize package that included some recording time and cash. She says she has no regrets and took a lot away from the experience.

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Pender Harbour church to join new Anglican 'province'

Coming a month after one local Anglican church announced that it was suspending Sunday services, another announced it has joined a new "Anglican ecclesiastical province."

Christ the Redeemer Anglican church, along with 13 other Anglican Coalition in Canada congregations, announced its participation in an emerging province calling itself the Anglican Church in North America.

The formation of the Anglican Church in North America will bring together more than 700 congregations representing about 100,000 Canadian and American Anglicans.

Bishop Bob Duncan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is functioning as the leader of this new province.

The ACNA is not approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury, a stamp that legitimizes a province within the Anglican Communion.

The ACNA is viewed by many as a parallel province of conservative North American Anglicans who disagree theologically with the Anglican Church in Canada and the U.S.



Christ the Redeemer Church was barged over from Campbell River and set up at its present site near the Pender Harbour High School.

Episcopalian Church. A key issue in the divide is the blessing of same sex unions.

"The blessing of same-sex unions is actually a symptom of something much larger," says Reverend Barclay Mayo, Christ the Redeemer's senior pastor and national ACiC network leader.

"The way that the liberal churches justify going down that road is by stripping the scripture of its authority and once you start to do that it affects a whole bunch of other things."

"They use the Bible for the things that support their position and they don't use the Bible for the things that don't support their position. So, they can still call themselves 'biblical Christians' but really what they're doing is practising a different religion."

Barclay says the move shouldn't have a profound effect on the day-to-day operation of his church but it will provide some solidarity with other North American Anglicans who share similar theological views.

"It's kind of like being authenticated by a bigger group," says Barclay.

"It just basically says to our guys here that 'Yeah, you've done the right thing.' We knew that anyway but there's more people that agree now."



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MPES gets approval for seismic upgrade

The Madeira Park Elementary School will soon be a little safer thanks to \$1.4 million in seismic upgrades announced last month by Education Minister Shirley Bond.

The school opened in 1952 and has 114 students in kindergarten to Grade 6.

The seismic upgrades at MPES will include the installation of sheathing on some interior walls to create new walls and new footings to upgrade connections between the roof, walls, floors and foundations. There will also be additional bracing around the lower perimeter of the two-storey area.

"It will be reassuring and relieving to families, students, staff and community members involved with Madeira Park Elementary to see this work being done for a safer educational environment," said S.D. #46 Board chair Silas White.

"Our school district will do our best to ensure there is as little disruption as possible, and we look forward to the project's timely completion."

Work is expected to begin this spring and continue to fall 2009. Classes will continue while construction is underway.

The project budget includes \$20,000 for the relocation of an existing portable to provide temporary accommodation during the construction period.

"Madeira Park is the only elementary school in the Pender Harbour area and home to one of our new StrongStart BC early learning centres," said Bond.

"It's important that we support Madeira Park Elementary as it is clearly a vital community asset."



An old school like Madeira Park Elementary probably has more than a few construction oddities that would need to be rectified by a seismic upgrade.

Currently, 30 seismic upgrades have been completed across B.C. with 33 more under construction and a further 16 projects approved to proceed to construction.



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Community Hall Christmas potluck gives back to the community

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One of the most broadly attended community events in the hall for some time took place Dec. 8 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

The second annual Christmas Potluck attracted more than 180 people who donated a small truckload of food donations and hundreds in cash for the local food bank.

"A lot of people support the hall at our fundraisers so this was just our way of giving back," said Pender Harbour Community Club treasurer Diana Rae.

"It was a thank you to the community for supporting us."

The event also collected two tables full of donations plus \$600 in cash for the Pender Harbour Food Bank.

Rae said the rewarding aspect of the event was not only the incredible numbers of people who came out but the diversity of community members who attended.



Mary Cain photo

Before dinner and Santa arrived, kids got a chance to build gingerbread houses. Santas elves were busy cleaning up the mess afterward but all had a great time.

"It was packed and it was all ages," said Rae.

"There were people from all areas of Pender Harbour and people I hadn't seen in the hall before."

The success of the event has already started thoughts about having a similar potluck every season.

"Our whole motive is 'let's get

this hall back open,'" said Rae.

"Let's get the community using it again."

The Pender Harbour Community Club is in the midst of fundraising efforts to put a new roof on the hall.

The Pender Harbour Community Hall was built in 1946.



Mary Cain photo

The packed house made quick work of the potluck feast



Mary Cain photo

Santa had a hard time concentrating on handing out presents as he passed by the buffet table at the Christmas Potluck.

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Thursday, January 15, 2009

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- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

Monday, January 19, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. Budget

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

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Wednesday, January 21, 2009

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Thursday, January 22, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Corporate/Admin. Services Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Community Services Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Regular Board

Friday, January 23, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. Budget

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Area A APC will meet on
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Committee members should represent community interests; we are seeking a total of five to seven individuals with at least one representative from each of the following areas: Madeira Park, Egmont and Garden Bay.

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The short and tall of it



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

I was sworn in as your regional director on Dec. 4 and I feel like I stepped on a treadmill already going at 50 km/h.

THE BUS

Former director John Rees received funding approval for the purchase of a bus through the gas tax rebate.

The local Ford and GM dealerships looked through Canada and U.S. and a 19-passenger Ford Diesel was picked — on the condition of a third inspection, this one by us, once it arrives on the Sunshine Coast.

I am now advertising for a qualified bus driver and for up to seven volunteers to sit on an advisory board that will look at such things as bus schedule, fares etc.

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Any costs above the gas tax grant will be coming directly from Area A taxpayers unless we can find other funding.

PENDER HARBOUR POOL

The Pender Pool has been operating since 1980 and there must be major repairs in order to keep it going. It was decided and approved by a reverse referendum that \$850,000 should be spent on repairs and major renovations in order to keep it open and to increase the number of users.

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INCORPORATION

The regional district received a letter from Minister of Community Development, Blair Lekstrom, stating that either a Regional Growth Strategy for the whole Sunshine Coast or an Incorporation Strategy for Area A can be applied for but not both at the same time.

In committee, the SCRD decided to move first on the completion of the RGS draft terms of reference.

One good note is that the provincial government changed the assessments in 2009 to take into account the fact that property values have gone down.

Property owners can pick their 2007 or 2008 assessment in 2009, as I understand it.

This was a major concern for many homeowners in Area A whose assessments increased in 2008. Area A assessments averaged seven per cent higher than all other areas on the

Sunshine Coast.

If we can pick an assessment for our 2009 year from the assessment in 2007 the taxpayers in Area A are then treated more fairly.

There are many items that I am working on but I thought these were three important issues.

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The Pender Harbour Reading Centre: Forty two years of stoking



Johnny Gooldrup takes a break with Harry Potter on the steps of the Pender Harbour Reading Centre.

By Edda Matzen

You might have to look to find it but our library — officially called the Pender Harbour Reading Centre — is one of the unique little gems that make up our community.

It's tucked away in the area known as the cultural centre along with the School of Music, the Harbour Artists Gallery, and the Serendipity Play School.

The Pender Harbour Reading Centre offers a wide variety of reading material at very little cost.

As with many local organizations, the Reading Centre has a long history. In fact, it's been a part of the community for the past 42 years.

In 1966, three ladies, Doreen Lee, Joan Rae, and Elna Warnock thought it would be nice to have a community library.

Initially they received support

from the Pender Harbour Community Club who gave them a small space to use in the Community Hall.

This was a tiny, windowless room to the left of the stage but it was an exciting start.

They collected books for the new library by literally going door to door asking people to donate.

Doreen recalls people being very generous which hugely encouraged the pioneer librarians.

Armed with typewriters, they then got down to the task of cataloguing the hundreds of collected books. A typewriter is still used to prepare books for the shelves though a catalogue is maintained on an offsite computer.

They also devised the lending system — handwritten notecard pockets for each member that hold the card of the borrowed book with its title and due date. It's a system that has withstood the test of time and is still used

to this day. It's simple and faster than a computer.

Volunteer Irda Sherman says it has the added benefit of letting borrowers know if they've taken a particular book out before — a handy benefit considering the volume of reading achieved by some of patrons.

The little library grew quickly in popularity and in no time was bursting at the seams.

The Community Club, happy with its tenants, offered up the old dressing room located at the other side of the stage. It was larger — 406 square feet — and came with two windows.

The volunteers were in seventh heaven and quickly moved in.

At some point the library began paying \$200 annually to the Community Club for the space, which included heat, lights, building insurance and access to the washrooms.

local readers imaginations

The library's primary expenses included purchases of new books, insurance for the books, and supplies necessary for getting books ready for circulation.

Money to operate came chiefly from membership fees totalling about \$300 a year plus an annual grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Library Services of \$800 to \$1,000 (it varied). Annual membership fees back then were \$1. It's \$5 today.

A much needed and welcomed change to the busy little library came in June of 1985.

It achieved the official status of Reading Room within the Library Services Branch of the provincial government.

This change meant that the library could now tap into provincial government coffers for a fixed annual grant given to reading rooms around the province. It also enabled a link with the Prince George library system for access to a regular supply of books.

The Prince George connection has since been replaced by what is now known as Inter-Library Loans whereby we can borrow books from other libraries.

Gaining Reading Room status was important as funding from the Regional Library Services was coming to an end.

In the meantime one of the volunteers, Ruth Schafer, passed away.

The general public never saw Ruth as she was bedridden but that didn't prevent her from being an important volunteer.

Ruth was the gal responsible for doing the telephoning — the communications liaison person, if you will.



The book lending system has remained the same throughout the Pender Harbour Reading Room's 42 years.

Because she couldn't get to the library, the library ladies would bring books to her home every week.

This good relationship resulted in Schafer naming the Pender Harbour Reading Centre in her will.

She had wanted the money to go towards building a library facility or, failing that, to be put into long term investments.

The total bequest was invested, first in bonds and subsequently in GICs with the local credit union.

Ruth Schafer died in November 1986. Thanks to her the Reading Centre is able to continue operating

without financial worries.

By the mid-1980s the library — now officially the Pender Harbour Reading Centre — had again outgrown its space in the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

Unfortunately, the Community Club could not give up more space so another location had to be found.

But finding something affordable to house the ever-expanding collection — about 5,000 books in 1985 — didn't happen until 1987 when the SCRD took over the old Forest Ser-

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Pender Harbour Reading Centre (cont.)



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vice site from the province of B.C.

The reading centre entered a bid for one of the two houses on the site and were successful in acquiring the larger of the two.

The building once housed the forest service ranger and his family.

It was in sad shape but, between the reading centre volunteers and the SCRD, the necessary repairs were made.

The rent was, and still is, a symbolic \$1 per year but the reading centre became responsible for all utilities, interior maintenance, and yard maintenance.

Nevertheless, it was an excellent

solution to a serious space problem. The library ladies packed all the books into boxes and the volunteer firefighters moved them to the new premises in the summer of 1987.

On March 10, 1988 the Pender Harbour Reading Centre was incorporated as a society. This made it a legal entity with operating and reporting rules to follow as per the *Societies Act*.

The decision to become a registered society was made upon the SCRD's recommendation when we became their tenant in the new location.

That was the last significant

event in the library's history. Since then it has rolled along rather smoothly with a stable membership and a long-serving group of volunteers.

Financially, the Pender Harbour Reading Centre Society is doing fine.

We receive an annual provincial grant of \$2,000, we collect annual membership fees, and we earn interest on the money invested from the bequest. Our expenses are primarily book purchases, utilities, and insurance — \$903 this year.

The residents of Area A are not directly taxed to fund the reading centre though it does benefit from tax dollars — the building is owned by the SCRD and we receive the provincial grant.

The Pender Harbour Reading Centre still functions best with a volunteer base of 18 or 20 and it's open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. It's been that way for probably the past 30 years.

We have more than 8,000 books on the premises and acquire about 400 new books annually. The books

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are mostly fiction but there are biographies, history, cooking, health and gardening books.

The reading centre also has all of Harbour Publishing's selections which are generously given to us by Mary and Howard White.

The reading centre is well used by the membership — last year 6,602 books were loaned out.

Because it isn't a public library, the reading room doesn't have multi-media like computers, videos or CD's. What it does have is a great selection of books — many of the current bestsellers and new books arriving weekly. A fabulous group of helpful volunteers can assist you in searching for that special book.

The society could always use more help — right now they are a little short.

The Reading Centre has a separate area assigned for used book sales and sells off excess books at low prices. This has been particularly

successful with transient boaters in the summer thanks to the government wharf nearby.

If the reading centre doesn't have the book you're looking for, a volunteer will source books from libraries around B.C. for a nominal charge of 50 cents.

Because of the reading centre's affiliation with the SCRD, it is also an outlet for SCRD voting forms (when necessary) and various other SCRD information bulletins.

The annual membership fee of \$5 allows borrowing of up to six books at any time, by any member of the household. If six books isn't enough, a second membership can be taken out.

If you have never been in, feel free to stop by to have a look, meet a volunteer and take home a good read. New members are always welcome.



Irda Sherman is one of the many volunteers who offer their assistance in helping you find the book you're looking for.
January 2009

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Olga Esther Silvey

MARCH 13, 1920 - NOVEMBER 18, 2008



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Olga was predeceased by parents Thomas and Olga Peddie, sisters Ida and Jennie, brother Thomas, her husband Malcolm (Ki) and son Angus.

She is survived by sons Doug (Elaine), Larry (Bev) and daughter Lynn, brother, Jock (Carol) and one sister Margaret, many nieces and nephews, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Olga began life in Liverpool, England on March 13, 1920.

She was the second of six children born to Thomas and Olga Peddie.

When Olga was five, Thomas moved his family to Canada as he had accepted a teaching position in Terrace.

They left England aboard the *S.S. Regina* of White Star - Dominion Lines and arrived in Quebec on Nov. 14, 1925.

The family made their way to Terrace where Thomas taught for a time before he once again moved his family to Prince Rupert, then Vancouver and finally Burnaby.

Olga had two more siblings, both born after the family's arrival in Canada.

Olga attended Model School in Vancouver and did her Senior Matriculation also in Vancouver.

She received her teaching degree in 1940 after completing the necessary studies at Duke of Connaught School in New Westminster.

She was appointed a position at the Egmont School where she taught for approximately a year before being transferred at the request of her father to the Stillwater School.

Olga married Ki on July 17, 1942 and they lived in Egmont at Ki's parents' home while they built their own home.

It was built entirely by hand and Olga recollected cutting down trees "up the Skookumchuck trail" and dragging them by hand to the site

of their home. There they peeled the bark, cut them to size and used them to build their home.

Olga had her first child in 1943, followed by twins who were born aboard the *Rose Silvey* while en route to St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay. Their youngest child was born in 1950.

She took time off from teaching to be home with her four children during their early years and resumed her career in 1963 when she was offered a teaching position at the Madeira Park Elementary School.

She retired from teaching in 1985.

Upon retirement, she moved to White Rock to live closer to her sister Jennie and brother Jock.

She spent 13 years in White Rock before moving back to the Coast.

Once back on the Coast, she spent time working with her son Doug around the property in Egmont doing odd jobs.

Olga enjoyed knitting, sewing, embroidery and baking cookies for her family.

She looked forward to the Harbour Spiel each month with great anticipation.

There will be no service at Olga's request.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pender Harbour Health Centre, Shorncliffe or the BC Cancer Foundation.

We would like to thank all the care workers who attended her home and the wonderful nurses who cared for her at Shorncliffe.

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**Meal service will resume on
January 19th.**

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Norman A. (Wiggly) Brown

JULY 12, 1934 – DECEMBER 5, 2008

Norman A. Brown passed away December 5, 2008 at the age of 74.

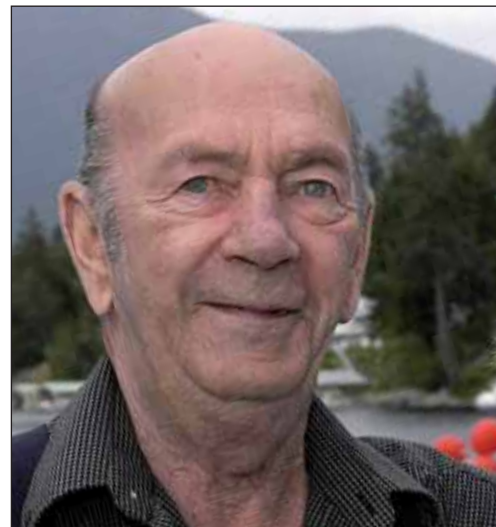
Predeceased by his wife Nancy (2003), Norman is survived by son Ian (Cathy); daughters Tammy Holt (Mark) and Correen Bjornson (Kerry); and brother Rod (Sheila).

Grandchildren Gina, Tara, Clay, Keynon (Brown), Travis Stockwell, Nicole Phillips, Norman MacDonald, Riley, Kristy, Stacey, Brady (Bjornson); five great-grandchildren; along with a large extended family and

many friends.

A celebration of Norman's life was held on Sunday Dec. 14, 2008 at the Madeira Park Legion.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Pender Harbour Health Centre.



Doris Celia Edwardson (née Mullett)

AUGUST 21, 1922 – NOVEMBER 20, 2008



It is with sadness that we announce Doris's passing Nov. 20, 2008.

She was a wonderful spouse, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt and is greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her longtime partner Jack Day, daughter Carolyn, granddaughters Charlene, Sonya and Jodi, seven great-grandchildren and

many in-laws, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Gordon, brother William Mullett and son, Jackie Cumming.

She is best remembered by her family and friends for her many years of work and volunteering at Legion 112 and as past-president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Prior to her Legion work, she wrote a column for the Coast News under the pseudonyms "Muttley" and "Queen Rat."

She had a passion for gardening and an amazing green thumb — everything she touched thrived. Her other passion was her love of animals.

Thank you to all the family and friends who visited her during her stay at Totem Lodge after her stroke.

At her request, there will be no service and, in lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to her favorite charity, BCSPCA.



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Bursting out all over — spring, that is

By Jim Rutherford &
Nolan Sawatzky

Bursting out all over — spring that is.

We didn't really have one last year. Buy an extra copy of the *Spiel* and mail it east.

Cut forsythia, a first harbinger of spring, is about the easiest way to bring spring indoors. Kerria works as well. Star Magnolia isn't too bad, but the white blossoms fade quickly.

A little colour in the buds of forsythia and Kerria will give best results for forcing.

A tall opaque vase, will hide the dirty work we plan. Smash the cut ends of the woody stems you plan to use and dip in a root hormone for woody stems. Smashing the cut ends exposes conductive tissue of the stem.

I guess the easiest way to get control of the branches is to criss-cross cut foliage stems in the vase. Salal and dagger ferns are fine — they don't drop leaves in the water to foul.

Finally, curly willow. Cut long, tall and wild for a great buffet arrangement. Add a little sugar to the water in the vase to feed the material



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and some full sugar (clear pop). The acid acts as a fungicide. As a floral preservative, it actually prevents root formation.

Besides a decoration for spring, you can root these branches right in the vase.

Make sure to smell the water in a couple of days to see if it's a little skunky. If so, it means it's time to change the water. Tie string around the bouquet at the top of the vase to keep it all together so you won't have to re-arrange after.

An opaque vase will hide any algae filled water. Skunky water left in a clear vase will etch it and always be seen. So, change the water as needed and scrub.

After two weeks in a vase, we hope to see some little rootlets. The blossoms are finished and you're ready to plant out in soil that is well cut with sand. If there are no rootlets, discard the foliage and put the branches on the back deck in a clean bucket with water and wait to see if roots develop.

A reminder to keep pussy willow dry, because in a few days they won't look like pussy willows — they grow and shed.

DAFFODILS

Those potted spring dwarf daffs, sold everywhere, work best for instant spring in your borders or containers. The tall King Alfred daffs, without full sun and cold conditions, tend to reach for the sun and flop over the pot side. Paper whites are the same so just treat them as cut flowers and enjoy the scent.

TULIPS

There is a type of tulip called Red Riding Hood that you will see for sale shortly and it's a winner.

These tulips are short and compact with red blooms and have red and green foliage. They should go right into the pot then to your outdoor location. These tulips are closer to the original species and very rugged.

Keep in mind the daffs and tulips you see for sale have been fertilized, forced and refrigerated to hit the market and look their best. After

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blooming, they'll do very nicely for years to come, just don't expect too much the first season in the ground.

Let the pots die down on their own. Remove the dry foliage and tap them out of the pot. With a generous handful of bone meal, separate the bulbs so they're not touching and then plant in your border.

PRIMULAS

The ones at the grocery store thrive in cool temperatures. Once it warms up, they're done. Not dead, just shabby with yellow leaves and limp flower heads. Enjoy the colour while you can.

The primula family has many great members from border and rockery perennials to bog plants, but there isn't room right here and now.

An easy way to pot these plants

is to cut a hole with a sharp knife, big enough for the pot in your container/border. Lift out the circular piece and pop in your pot. This is a good opportunity to get a chunk of nice ivy or perennial for another location.

Warning: Don't try this with plants that could freeze if there's still a threat of frost.

To harden off plants, place them in a sheltered spot to protect them or wait until the weather warms a little.

Just don't tell your friends back east.

HELLEBORES

A good place for hellebores is in a mixed or shrub border.

Well-drained humus soil is necessary and they thrive best in partial shade though we have seen them do

great in almost full sun with no water.

Sometimes called a Christmas Rose, hellebores' flowering ranges from mid-winter to late spring. These perennials bloom white to purple and anywhere in between tinged with pink to green.

The flowers last well when cut for indoors but keep in mind all parts are poisonous, so deer won't touch them and your pets shouldn't either.

It's best to buy young plants (you can see the flower colours at a nursery) as division takes a long time for the plant to recover.

P.S. Any ornamental grasses that look a little "gone with the wind" can be cut right back to a two-inch stubble before new growth appears.

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The question of ferry versus bridge explored

In response to the government of British Columbia's Initiative for Public Consultation September, Oct. 2008. Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Dear Committee Members,

The usual mode of transportation to and from the Sunshine Coast is by BC Ferries.

In addition to ever-increasing fares for this trip, there may be an even higher cost to our environment.

And anyone who regularly takes that 45-minute ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale also knows the many inconveniences — missed appointments, missed sailings and long waits in the parking lot that impose a high level of stress.

Few would disagree that ferries are necessary, but where a better alternative is available I think the choice is clear.

Most people today would agree with the principle of safeguarding the environment. With the prospect of global warming and degradation of the immediate environment, it is imperative that we act now to remedy the obvious.

FERRIES VS. ROAD ACCESS: A COMPARISON ADDRESSING POLLUTION

Ferry or road access to the Sun-

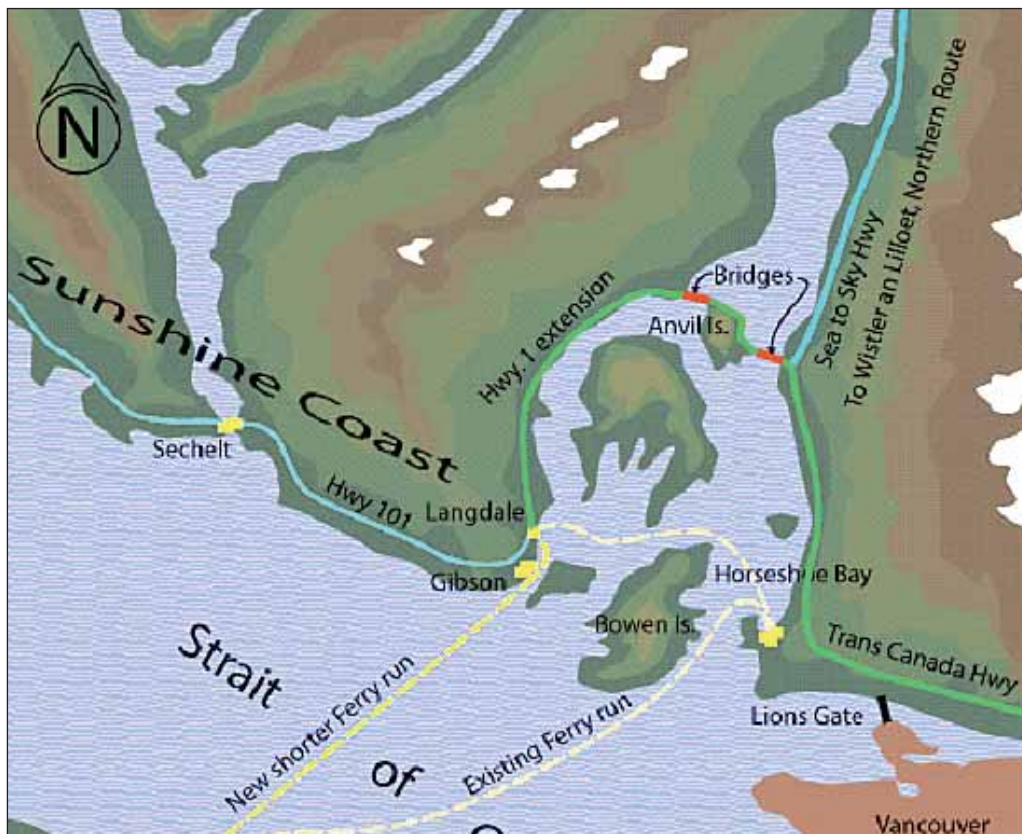


Illustration by Hal Lindhagen

Map showing possible routes linking Sunshine Coast to the Sea to Sky Highway with a bridge and Vancouver Island with the left over ferry service.

shine Coast? Let's look at the numbers:

The Queen of Surrey ferry burns approximately 1,300 litres of diesel fuel for each trip between Langdale and Horseshoe Bay. That's about 6,800 litres per 100 km.

At maximum capacity (362 vehicles onboard) that is 3.6 litres per vehicle, equivalent to 40 kilometers of road travel per vehicle (an average midsize car burns nine litres per 100 km).

If a road connection was made across Anvil Island (see illustrations) the approximate distance would be 40 kilometres by road between Langdale and Horseshoe Bay. The numbers would indicate that the ferry fuel use is equal to what 362 vehicles would use travelling a possible road and bridge.

But the Sunshine Coast ferry runs on average at 44 per cent of vehicle capacity. In 2007, the ferries that serve the Sunshine Coast made a total of 6,600 trips carrying 1,062,900 vehicles and 2,516,000 passengers.

That is an average of 161 vehicles per trip which equals eight litres per vehicle transported. That's more than twice the fuel a car would consume travelling by road.

What's worse, marine engines have significantly higher rates of pollution than auto engines. There have been significant improvements made to automobile engine emissions over the past decades while marine engines have not kept pace.

By implementing a road system, we would conserve more than 4.5 million litres of fuel each year, not counting fuel used at the terminals.

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Better still, we would reduce carbon emissions and improve the health of the planet.

Premier Gordon Campbell could do much better finding real and permanent solutions to the underlying problems of transport and global warming instead of imposing a sur-tax on gasoline, something that hurts people with low income.

The big fuel consumers, such as our ferries, just pass the cost of fuel, with all its taxes, on to the consumer.

And do you believe a person or company who owns and operates a luxury yacht that burns four litres per kilometre cares about the cost of fuel?

Probably not.

Extending the Trans-Canada Highway to the Sunshine Coast and linking to the Sea to Sky Highway would be of great benefit to everyone.

Anvil Island could be the cross-over point with two bridges. Each span would be about 1.7 km in length.

The Sunshine Coast ferry can then be used for Vancouver Island service (Langdale to Nanaimo).

Travellers from the north and east would then have a choice between Fraser Valley Trans-Canada route or the shorter Highway 99 (Sea to Sky) route through Cache Creek, Lillooet and Whistler.

Travellers could choose between a 100-minute ferry run to Nanaimo from the crowded Horseshoe Bay terminal or an 80-minute ferry run from the Langdale terminal (see map illustration).

ADVANTAGES OF A ROAD CONNECTION

1. Much less carbon and sulphur emission than ferries.
2. Reduction in fuel consumption and at today's prices that's a savings

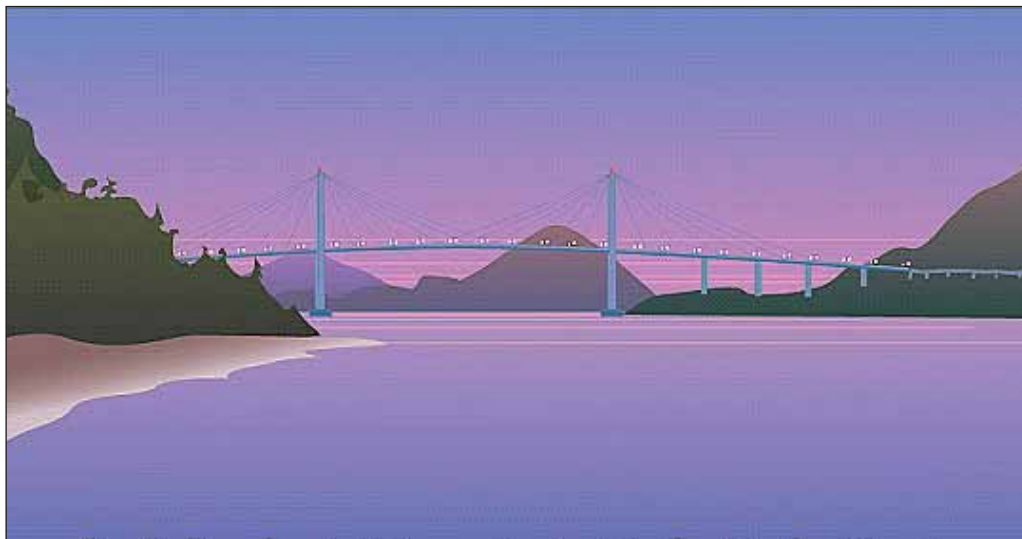


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Possible Trans Canada extension to the Sunshine Coast from the Squamish Highway via Anvil Island. This is one of two spans, looking south with Anvil Island on the right.

of about \$6 million/year.

3. Less crowding at Horseshoe Bay Terminal.

4. Shorter ferry route to Vancouver Island from Langdale (and with a shorter crossing, less pollution and less fuel expense)

5. No wasted time waiting at ferry terminals (with a possible half-hour wait per vehicle multiplied by 1,050,000 vehicles carried last year it could equal 502,500 hours. That is 57 years of wasted time every year sitting in a ferry parking lot.

6. Fewer large scale accidents (BC Ferries does not have a good record here).

7. Emergency vehicles and others will have 24/7 access to the Lower Mainland.

8. Employment opportunity for local construction crews to build the new route. (As the Sea to Sky project nears completion, that labour force will have something to look forward to.)

9. Bridges require less maintenance, do not pollute, and unlike ferry boats, rarely need to be replaced.

10. Bridges are usually attractive,

a delight to both residents and visitors. (see bridge illustration)

This is obviously not meant to be an engineering analysis but rather a layman's observation. Much of this information has been gathered from public sources.

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Free and easy! Approvals or disapprovals! (Please keep them short.)

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A hatchful of seals to **Wiggly**.
Ray Edwardson

A Seal of Approval and a big thank-you to **everyone who has baked, donated and supported** our bake sale over the last three years at the Pender Harbour Markets. Your support has been appreciated so very much and helps to keep our hall operating for everyone's use. Thank you all!

Muriel Cameron
P. H. Community Club

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Ron Dickinson / Sunshine Coast Pest Control** for donating his services to help clean up the future Sarah Wray Heritage Hall. And thanks to all the volunteers who crawled through the cobwebs!

Judy Renouf
Sarah Wray Heritage Hall

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Dean Bosch / Dean Bosch Contracting** for donating a load of gravel and spread-

ing it for the new driveway at the future Sarah Wray Heritage Hall.

Judy Renouf
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A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Adam Kerslake / Straight-Up Landscapes** for donating labour and bobcat services to help clean up the yard at the future Sarah Wray Heritage Hall.

Judy Renouf
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A Hall full of seals to **the Oak Tree Market, Marketplace IGA, John Henry's Marina, Laverne's Grill and Sechelt Party Rentals** for contributing turkeys, hams, potatoes, vegetables and supplies for our second annual Christmas Potluck on Dec. 8. As a result, we were again able to provide a free turkey dinner buffet for everyone.

Diana Rae
Pender Harbour Community Club Society

Special seals to **Heather Brown, Lori Pickles, and Jill Wagner** for organizing an amazing community event — the second annual Christmas Potluck. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out.

Diana Rae
Pender Harbour Community Club Society

Seals to the community for supporting the Pender Harbour and Egmont Bursary Christmas Basket. A special thank you to **Bobbi and Bernie Bennett, Painted Boat Restaurant, IGA, Mountainview Petrocan and Twentyman's Coffee**.

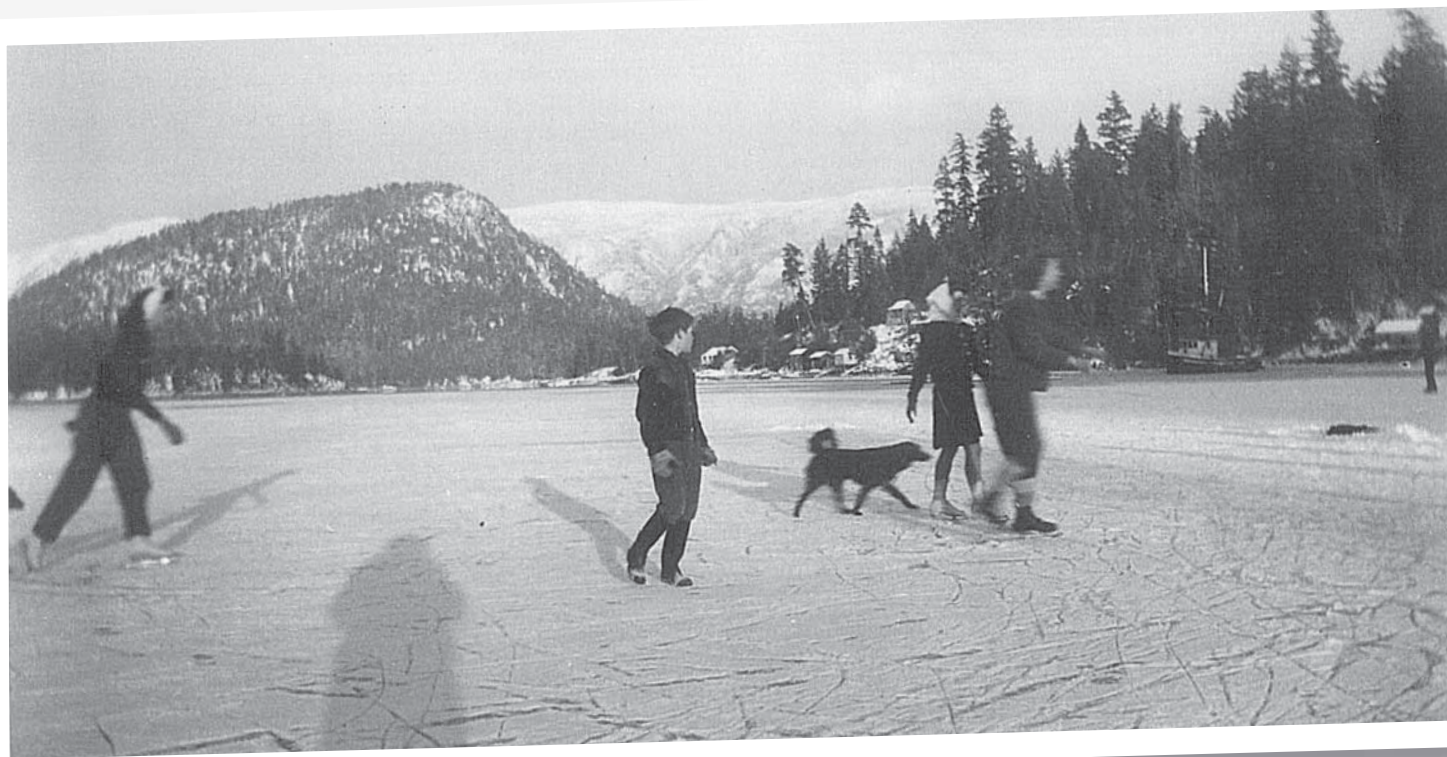
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Pender Harbour & Egmont Bursary Committee



Ed and Betty Wray photo collection

This(above) photograph was taken in December 1952 from the end of Hugh and Nellie McCall's float at the head of Whiskey Slough. The background is the end of Warnock Road where the government wharf now sits. The photo below is the same as the image on the front cover and looks out from Whiskey Slough to Garden Bay.

Freeze ups in Whiskey Slough apparently weren't uncommon back then — but they didn't extend out into the main entrance. At least one story exists of the entire harbour freezing up once, prior to European settlement in Pender Harbour. Apparently a huge snowfall coincided with a spell of extreme cold weather afterwards resulting in a freeze up all the way out to the harbour



Ed and Betty Wray photo collection

Quiet year for Pender Harbour's high-end homes

By Alan Stewart



What a year!
It's staggering how quickly the pulse of the real estate market in Pender Harbour and Egmont can be affected

by external forces both in Canada and abroad.

It's reasonable to expect that a "recreational" community would be affected faster and harder than other areas in times of economic uncertainty but the statistics offered by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver paint a confusing picture of what is happening in the area.

Here's a quick refresher on how the stats work.

The average price is calculated by dividing the total sales price of all property in an area by the number of sales. The median price is simply the price of the house that falls in the

middle of the total number of homes sold or listed in that same area. The pitfall to the average price is that it can be heavily influenced by one or two exceptionally high or low sales.

At the time of writing this article, there were 57 detached houses listed for sale in Pender Harbour with an average listing price of a staggering \$914,307 and a median listing price of \$589,000.

So far in 2008 there have been 33 detached home sales with an average selling price of \$535,845 and a median selling price of \$389,000.

By way of comparison, 2008 saw a nearly 60-per-cent drop from the 82 detached home sales in Pender / Egmont for the same period of 2007.

The average selling price of the 82 home sales in 2007 was \$561,356 with a median sales price of \$398,000.

When it comes to bare land, there are 69 lots for sale in the area at the moment with an average listing price of \$319,000.

So far, for 2008, we've seen 28 bare land sales with an average price of \$255,267 and a median price of \$221,250.

In 2007 we saw 28 per cent more sales (36) with an average selling price of \$382,668 and a median sell-

ing price of \$215,500.

Although, statistically, our 2008 prices are static or slightly higher than 2007, the reality is that buyers are getting far more for their money this year.

While it's difficult to fix a value on it, we would expect a house which sold this year to have sold for between five to 10 per cent more last year. For example, a house which sold on Merrill Road in Madeira Park in August of 2007 fetched \$354,000. The same house was relisted and sold in August of 2008 for \$335,000.

The more expensive waterfront properties have been more dramatically affected. A five-acre waterfront parcel which sold for \$1,850,000 in August of this year is back on the market and now listed at \$1,750,000, five per cent less than was paid only three months earlier.

So here's a quick snapshot of the Pender / Egmont market.

Of the 57 houses listed for sale in the area, 27 are priced above \$740,000. So, in 2008, the odds of selling a high-end home (\$750,000 or more) in Pender Harbour and Egmont were one in 28.

So why aren't owners of waterfront and high end homes moving



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their prices down to meet the market? Only eight of those 27 high-end homes listed for sale in Pender and Egmont are occupied year round and the rest are secondary properties, many purchased years ago for a fraction of their current value.

Many absentee owners do not feel financial pressures to sell. Those who are highly motivated are having to accept offers significantly below asking prices.

Last month saw a 1.3-acre waterfront property in Madeira Park, which was originally listed in May at \$1.09 million, sell for \$690,000.

While I'm confident that things will turn around and we will eventually see housing prices back to their record levels, history tells us that that could take some time.

While many real estate experts feel that we will start to see a recovery as early as spring of 2009 and certainly by 2010, the last two housing downturns in 1981 and 1994 took seven to eight years to recover to their previous peaks.

So if you must sell a home in the Harbour in 2009, be sure to know your home's strengths and weaknesses compared to similar properties available for sale.

Make sure you have your house in a state of good repair and perfectly presentable to buyers, and finally, be sure you are priced sharply.

In a recent article in the *Western Investor*, real estate expert Ozzie Jurock recommended that, if you are in a position to purchase, work with a sharp realtor to find a suitable property, do your research, and make an offer.

In a time when governments

are printing more and more cash and weakening the currency, hard assets like real estate are bound to increase in value. While there are fewer listings on the market than in the summer, there is still a wide selection of properties available for savvy buyers.

Interest rates are down again and

variable rate mortgages are available at close to four per cent, making the market more and more attractive for first-time buyers and investors.

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

Today's dentists can restore your ability to chew or make your smile more attractive by fitting a denture to replace missing teeth, or provide

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Another option that is becoming popular is an implant.

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

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

These problems can usually be corrected with braces.

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

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On Tues., Jan. 6 and Wed. Jan. 7, Kimberley MacDougall, family nurse practitioner, will be at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

These days will be reserved for cervical screening (Pap/pelvic examinations; well-woman check). Book your appointment by calling (604) 883-2764

HEALTH CHECK PROGRAM

January is the month when we either become concerned or despondent about our health needs.

To this end the Health Centre is offering a Health Check program starting Jan. 14 on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A dietitian and registered nurse

will be on hand to take blood pressure, blood glucose tests, diabetes and offer nutrition counselling.

We will be holding this clinic in the Presidents' Learning Centre. This room was developed to provide resource materials to the public on all areas of health issues. Named after the past presidents of the health centre's auxiliary, this room is ideal for small group counselling. It also has a library and other health care resources for browsing or borrowing. Come and check out our new program and let us give you an orientation to the room. Free pedometers will be offered to the first five participants. See you Jan. 14, between 1 and 3 pm!



Rose Doepel photo

Members of the It's Ours committee (l-r: Doug Davis, Marlayne Williams, Janet Thomas and Sharon Halford) unveiled a plaque recognizing the major donors to their campaign. The unveiling took place on Dec. 8, which was also — not so coincidentally — the 32nd anniversary of the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre. The plaque, displayed in the lobby of the health centre, was created by local artist Marshall Mars. Metal fish bearing the names of the donors are swimming in a school through a copper sea.

In 2007 the It's Ours campaign raised enough money to retire the mortgage of more than \$300,000, taken out to finance the recent expansion to the health centre building. Not being burdened by that debt better enables the staff of the health centre to provide additional programs to the community such as a women's health program, a teen drop-in clinic and a diabetic education program. The new wing is being used by a number of specialists who are now offering their services closer to home for Area A residents.

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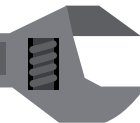
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JANUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

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

PRECIPITATION

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

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PENDER HARBOUR & DISTRICT WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society will hold their first meeting of 2009 on Tues., Jan. 20 at Pender Harbour High School. Time is 7:30 p.m. Speaker TBA. This meeting will also serve as the AGM of the Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society. Anyone interested in hearing about preparations for hosting the Fall AGM of the Federation of BC Naturalists or in taking part in that event is welcome — you do not have to be a member of the wildlife society to attend the meeting.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Women's Connection welcomes Terri Bosner, a local published poet/writer, to our first gathering of the year, Tues., Jan.13 at the School of Music in Madeira Park. Our gathering Tues., Jan. 27 will be at the School of Music as well, doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the gathering from 10 a.m. until noon. Members, non-members, and drop-ins are always welcome in sharing of mutual interests. Drop-in fees are \$2 to cover the cost of coffee, snacks and the facility.

PENDER HARBOUR PADDLING SOCIETY

We're off the water until March, but still busy. We've purchased an OC-6 outrigger from Gibsons Paddling Club. Once refinished, it will have a home on Garden Bay Lake for year-round use. We've also decided to create a scholarship to assist a local student entering sports medicine or a related field. In early March, some of us will attend a dragonboat conference in Vancouver to learn about new equipment and techniques as well as how to run a festival — we're organizing one of our own for September 2009. Friday night meat draws at the Garden Bay Pub help us out immensely. And we invite everyone to come out and try dragonboating. Age is no restriction, and your physical condition is not a deterrent. Check out www.penderharbourpaddlers.com.



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Some tips on dealing with midnight meowing

By John Wade



Dear John,
I have a cat,
he's male and I've
had him for almost
five years now.

We've been

through three moves in the course
of a year. I'm sure that's been
stressful.

My problem is that he's wak-
ing me up almost every hour on the
hour. I feel like I have a newborn
baby at home!

I recently took him to the vet
for his physical and all is well.

I realize that cats are nocturnal
and it's in their nature to hunt at
night but I'm absolutely exhausted.
I've tried playing with him before
bed to try and tucker him out, but
it hasn't made much of a difference.

— L.L.

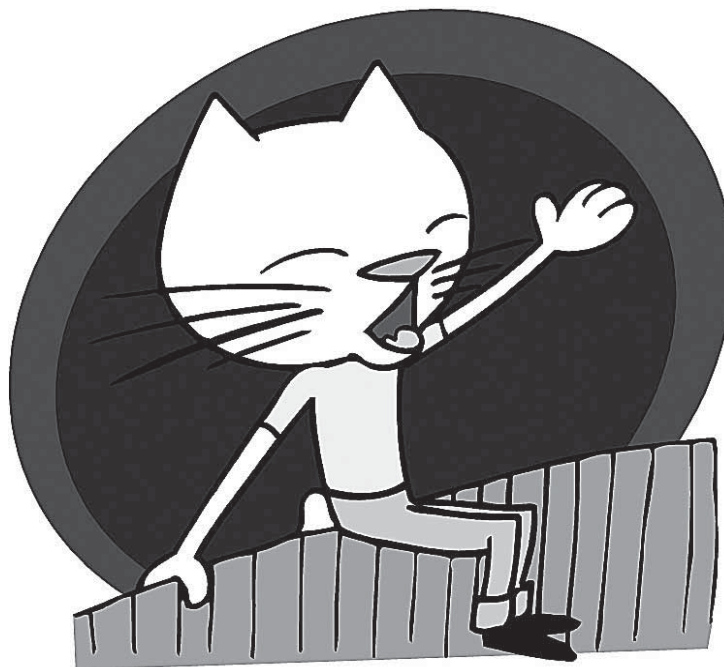
Hi L.L.

After three moves in a year, he's
probably just checking to make sure
you haven't moved.

I know cats are nocturnal but I
have a hard time calling a pet that can
— and does — sleep day and night as
anything but lucky.

I don't think the upheaval is
the cause. If he was that sensitive it
should have started on your first or
second move. I've found that when
an animal has a sudden unexpected
change in behaviour it's worth a trip
to the vets for blood work to see if
something is physically amiss.

With this sort of thing there's
often another cat prowling about in
the vicinity. Usually they need a vi-
sual to go over the edge but if you're



in a walk up or a high rise maybe he
is seeing a feline infringer. Even if
you're higher up, just hearing some
yowling would be enough to upset
him on "his" new territory.

You're on track as far as trying
to wear him out before bed which can
be tough because "Feel the burn" isn't
exactly part of a cat's vocabulary. A
cat's idea of a workout is chewing its
food. With a little creativity you might
get him moving.

Try giving him a paper bag to
play in, a ping-pong ball to knock
about or chase the dot from a laser
pen, but only before bed.

On the flip side, when he wakes
you up for attention, why don't you
give him some. Keep a spray bottle
beside your bed and spritz him. The
key board cleaners that are used to
blow cookie crumbs from a keyboard
make a hissing noise and can make
some cats change their ways. For
interfering with my sleep, more my
style would be a blast from one of
those mini air horns you hear at hock-

ey games. I'd want him to be thinking,
"For God sake! Don't wake him up.
He's a bear without eight hours." Your
neighbours might not be thrilled with
that one.

But before you start rocking his
sensory world, have your vet do a
blood panel and look and listen for
any sign of other cats in the neighbor-
hood.

Pawsitively Yours,
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Thanks for the support of everyone who bought raffle tickets or made donations
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In particular, we want to recognize the great generosity of the following local businesses for donating fabulous prizes (names of prize-winners in brackets):

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RONA MADEIRA PARK - Drill plus \$100 (Lorraine Jones)
PRUDENTIAL-SUSSEX REALTY - \$100 gift certificate (Steve Morton)

A special mention to RICK SMALLEY and staff of Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital Ltd.,
for once again paying our \$500 insurance costs
and to STU EGGLETON and BILL LOUGHEED for MEGA donations.

The following individuals/businesses kindly donated the refreshments that warmed you up and sustained you while you marvelled at the display:

STEVE WHYTE (Grimms) for the wieners, DAVE PARSLEY (Canada Bread) for the buns, DAVID AND LOUISE TWENTYMAN (Twentyman's Coffee) for the coffee, and TROY CALLEWAERT (Marketplace IGA #78, MP) for the hot chocolate.

BOB FIELDING, of Garden Bay Marine Services, kindly towed his barge and floats into position for us to use, STU EGGLETON let us use his trailer, and local COAST GUARD AUXILIARY members patrolled the waters while the display was going on - thanks, guys.

THE SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE HAS ONCE AGAIN SHOWN FOR THIS EVENT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY YOUR FIREFIGHTERS, AND MOTIVATES THEM TO DO IT ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

Golfer's New Year maxim: 'Look out ahead'



By Jan Watson

The Pender Harbour Golf Club Society wishes everyone a very happy and healthy year for 2009.

November was warmer than usual but at times rather damp and, as is normal for this time of the year, it was quiet on the golf course.

The course is in good shape — just a few wet spots — and golf carts have to stay on the paths.

Reduced rates are in effect during winter and the driving range is open daily. Remember to phone the Pro Shop, 604-883-9541 because if it's frosty, there could be a tee-off delay.

Unfortunately we were forced to close the restaurant due to lack of business and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

ANNUAL LOBSTER FEED

This seventh annual fundraiser was held on Nov. 22 and was a great success.

This was a sell out event and everybody enjoyed a tasty lobster dinner prepared à la Nova Scotia style.

The lobsters were once again cooked to perfection by Rusty Ellis and his assistant Glenn McCuaig.

Thanks go to Grant and Pat Hallborg for organizing this event.

We would also like to thank all the non-members and members who supported this event.

A BIT OF HISTORY

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



These two had the course to themselves on a dry afternoon in late November.

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

The old Scottish warning, essentially meaning "look out ahead," probably originated in military circles where artillery men used the call as a warning to troops in forward positions.

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

FROM THE 19TH HOLE...

Like life, golf can be humbling.

However, little good comes from brooding about mistakes we've made.

The next shot, in golf or in life, is the big one.

— Grantland Rice



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Three books — and authors — for the New Year you might have



By Theresa Kishkan

Readers of the book pages of major newspapers might be forgiven for thinking that publishing is

mostly about the best-seller lists and glossy packaging. Many of the books that receive attention by the media are written and designed to appeal to the majority of readers. This is not unreasonable. But there are other books that deserve our attention, too. You might not hear of them otherwise so this month I'd like to look at three of them.

Saudade: the Possibilities of Place (Coach House Books) by Anik See, *The Book Collector* (Nightwood Editions) by Tim Bowling and *Stranger Wycott's Place* (New Star Books) by John Schreiber.

Two are books I mentioned very briefly in my Christmas round-up. All

three are published by small Canadian publishers.

Coach House Books in Toronto has its roots in the 1960s. Some of Canada's iconic writers – Michael Ondaatje, Matt Cohen, Margaret Atwood – published early books with Coach House, titles that were a little avant garde. The press has changed over the years but still features work that is quirky and fresh, books that might not easily find a place on the lists of the mainstream publishers. Its books are beautifully designed, with quality papers and interesting use of typography.

Nightwood Editions is firmly based on the Sunshine Coast after several incarnations elsewhere. It publishes poetry, fiction, and non-fiction; often these are books with a richly literary focus.

And New Star Books is a long-lived publishing house in Vancouver, bringing out books with a political or cultural flavour. One of New Star's editors, Terry Glavin, chooses titles for a series called Transmontanus. (Full disclosure: one of my own books, *Red Laredo Boots*, was part of this series.) The Transmontanus books, named for the elusive white sturgeon, concern themselves with issues west of the Rockies.

ners of the earth. Patagonia, Armenia, Iran, the Republic of Georgia – she explored on her bicycle during breaks between her work as a researcher for James Barber's *Urban Peasant* television show.

In *Saudade: the Possibilities of Place*, she continues to pursue her interest in far-flung places but her perspective has broadened. She ponders the meaning of “saudade”: It translates roughly from Portuguese as a yearning, a longing for something not quite lost. Memories of a childhood cabin accompany her as she travels through Cuba and Sri Lanka. The notion of simplicity keeps uneasy company with abundance.

In the Northwest Territories watching wood buffalo, waiting at Rainy Summit in the foothills of the Rockies for news of a dying grandmother, hurtling across NW Queensland in search of Karumba, or thinking about urban development in Amsterdam (her new home), Anik See notices the world in its glory of details, its strange and unexpected beauty.



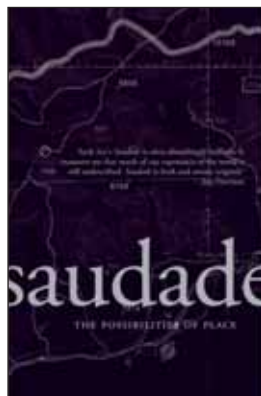
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ANIK SEE

Anik See is a wonderful writer. Her first book, *A Fork in Road*, traced her travels, often by bicycle, to some of the loneliest or least-touristy cor-



TIM BOWLING

Tim Bowling is a gifted poet who has also written three novels and a powerful memoir of growing up in a fishing family in Ladner. In

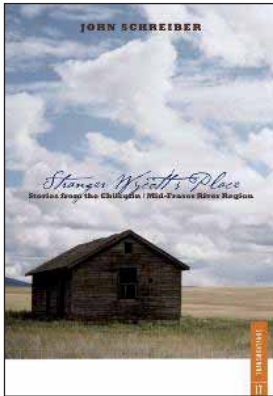
the poems of *The Book Collector*, he laments the loss of what he once took for granted – the healthy salmon runs, clean watersheds, small vibrant com-

otherwise not heard about

munities where a boy could wander and dream, "...all the wrecked cars in the marshes, the orchards, the barnyards of failed farms."

As a father of three young children, Bowling examines memory and how it shapes and contours a life. His is a rich and deeply moving voice:

*How can nothing change, and everything?
Tides, mists, roads like whaleback,
and five people with five hearts
ghosting their way
from then to now.*



JOHN SCHREIBER

In *Stranger Wycott's Place*, John Schreiber shares a beloved landscape with his readers. For years he has explored the Chilcotin Pla-

teau and its fringes, its side valleys and far mountains. By car, on foot and on horseback, he followed forgotten trails, examined the trash heaps of ancient homesteads, and listened to the stories of people who have lived entire lives on Grinder Creek or Tatlayoko Lake.

William Wycott was a pioneer

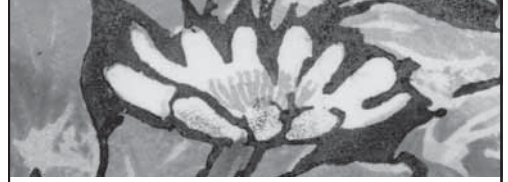
who fathered many children (it's unclear exactly how many) with at least two women, one of them English and the other Shuswap. His mark on the landscape was literal and figurative. His is one of the stories Schreiber attends to as he walks the bluffs where Wycott settled above Churn Creek in 1884, wondering about his crops, his water systems, where his children played, and then where they went after leaving home.

"All the while, the old homestead sits there in silence, sinking imperceptibly back into its sloped bench..."

This is an extraordinary book in which a landscape is read like a text, alive in the voice of a writer who loves its plants and birds, the ghosts of its early inhabitants, who has taken the time to walk to Potato Mountain to look for the old summer camps of the native people who went to dig spring beauty roots on its grassy slopes, racing horses on the meadows, and who has bent to look at the print of a grizzly cub:

"I looked at the little bear tracks... I could see the little creases, minute, crossing and crisscrossing each paw, myriads of them in the fine dust."

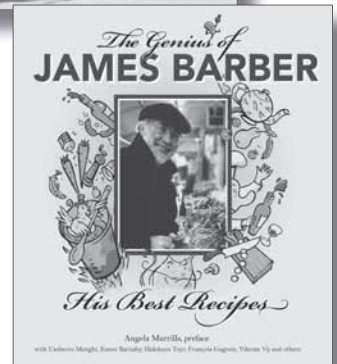
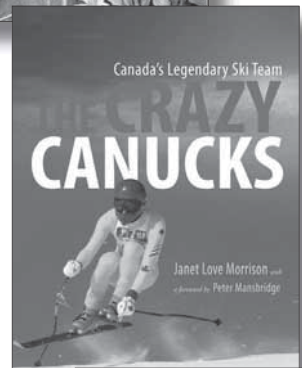
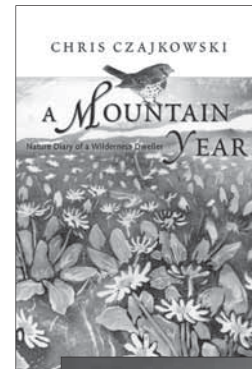
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They're looking for new members. Registration starts Jan. 2 and the club practises on Tuesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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Nonie McCuaig photo

This rare photo of what is believed to be a Barred Owl, *Strix varia Barton*, was taken in the Garden Bay backyard of Glenn and Nonie McCuaig on the morning of Nov 30.

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PHSS first term honour roll results

GRADE 7

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Alex Christian, Devon Dunsford, Autumn La France, Maria Lamarche, Zach Mansbridge-Fafard, Emily Reid, Matthew Silvey, Mackenzie Stewart, Solveig van Wersch, Rick Wagner, Matthew Watts.

Honourable Mention: Chloe Campbell.

GRADE 8

Brandon Ewen, Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, Heather Howery, Arhea Howitt, Jennifer Jones, Joanne Kuo, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Brianna Milligan, Paige Nattall, Alannah Nichols, Quinn Paul, Sahara Ramsey, William Reid, Brad Seabrook, Max Shoemaker, Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.

Honourable Mention: Coreen Saunders.

GRADE 9

Khoya Craig, Louis Dillon, Joel Field, Raine Gauthier, Angela Goodwin, Courtney Hanna, Sam Langfield, Luke Roose, Elizabeth Rowlands, Kari Scott, Allison Scoular, Chelsea Scoular, Madison Williams-Rice.

GRADE 10

Chloe Christie, Mike Chrystall, Shelby Crawford-Wilson, Shelby Foley, Eileen Glowacki, James Gray, Natasha Jerema, Mitchell Jones, Rebecca Kelly, Taylor McKay, Ryleigh Milligan, Stephanie Nichols, Aurora Noble, Travis Ramsey-Wall, Myrriah Roose, Hayley Schroeder, Brittany Sheppard, Janine Snell, Lauren Storoschuk, Rowan van Wersch, Mitchell Williams-Rice.

Honourable Mention: Gavin Wicks.

GRADE 11

Eric Bakewell, Alexa Dornbierer,

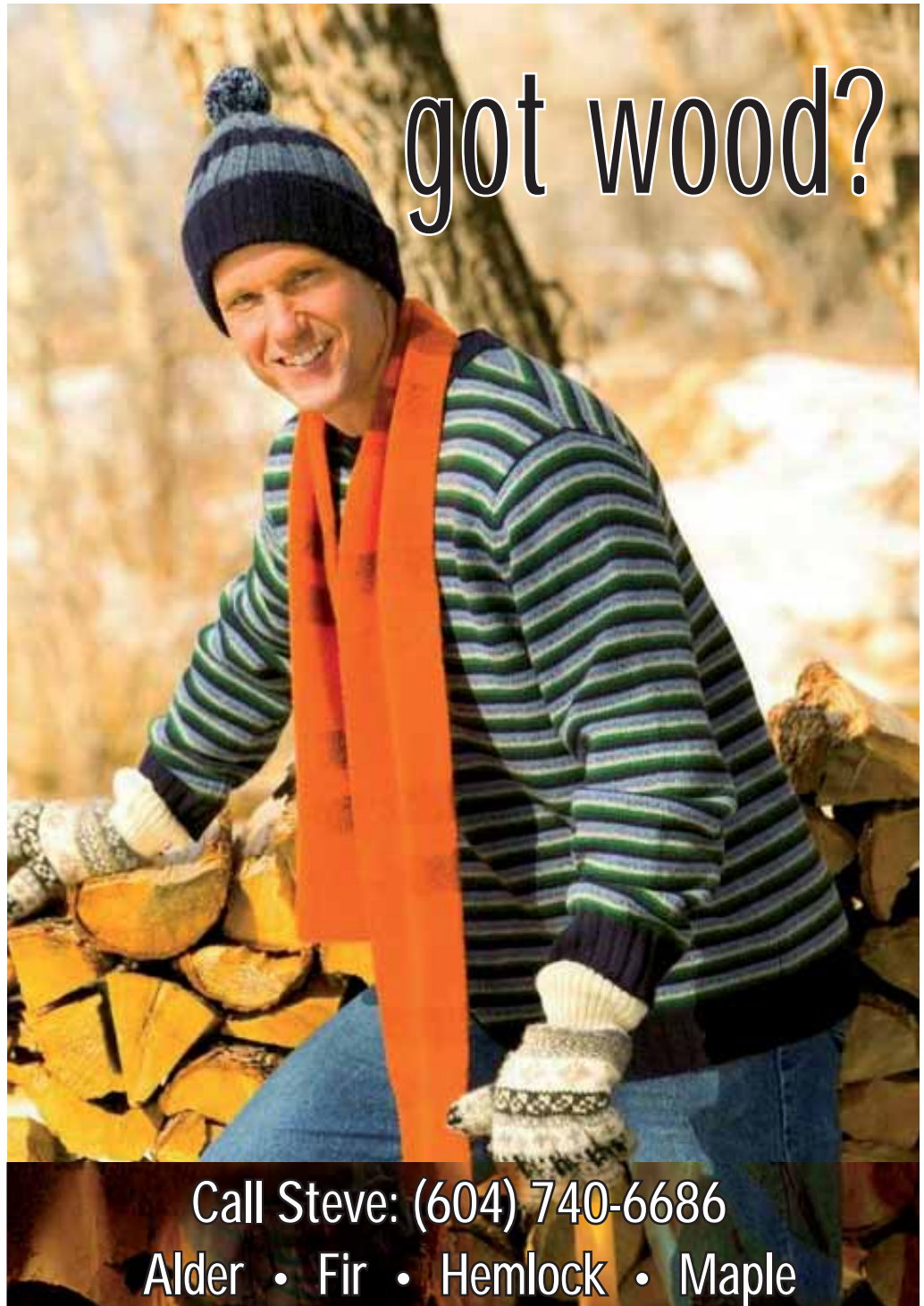
Katie Edwardson, Luke Hansen, Courtney Herdman, Cheyenne Lightbourn, Kelsey Nattall, Lauren Paton, Stephanie Phillips, Dion Pickles-Teller, Nicole Polacek, Kelly Roach, Alana Smith, Brody Storoschuk, Trevor Thorpe, Katie Woods.

Honourable Mention: Katie ten-Broek.

GRADE 12

Rowen Christie, Ricardo Estevao, Cody Foley, Kyle Girroir, Elizabeth Haines, Quinn McLellan, Kassi Ormson, Michelle Polacek, Amy Porth, Jenna Scott, Carlo Thoreson.

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JANUARY EVENTS

- Sat. Jan. 3.....Jolly Roger Inn re-opens, 11 a.m.
Sun. Jan. 4.....Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 11.....Mark Krissenger - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Jan 12.....P.H. Power and Sail Squadron Boating Course start - 10 Mondays (see ad page 17)
Tues. Jan. 13.....P. H. Women's Connection meeting - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
Sun. Jan. 15.....Mark Vance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 18.....Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 19.....Area A Seniors' Housing Outreach Healthy Meal Program resumes meal service
Tues. Jan. 20.....P. H. and District Wildlife Society AGM - PHSS, 7: 30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 24.....The Tiller's Folly - P. H. School of Music, 8 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 28.....Area A APC meeting - Rm. 107, PHSS, 7 p.m.



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Langdale	Horseshoe Bay	Earl's Cove	Saltery Bay
*6:20 a.m.	*7:20 a.m.	*6:30 a.m.	*5:35 a.m.
8:20 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
10:20 a.m.	10:00 a.m. (Apr. 10 & May 18)	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (Apr. 10 & May 18)	11:20 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. (May 14 / 15 only)	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
3:00 p.m. (May 14 / 15 only)	3:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. (April 9 only)	10:10 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (April 9 only)	5:30 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 13 / May 18 only)	11:00 p.m. (Oct. 13 / May 18 only)		

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