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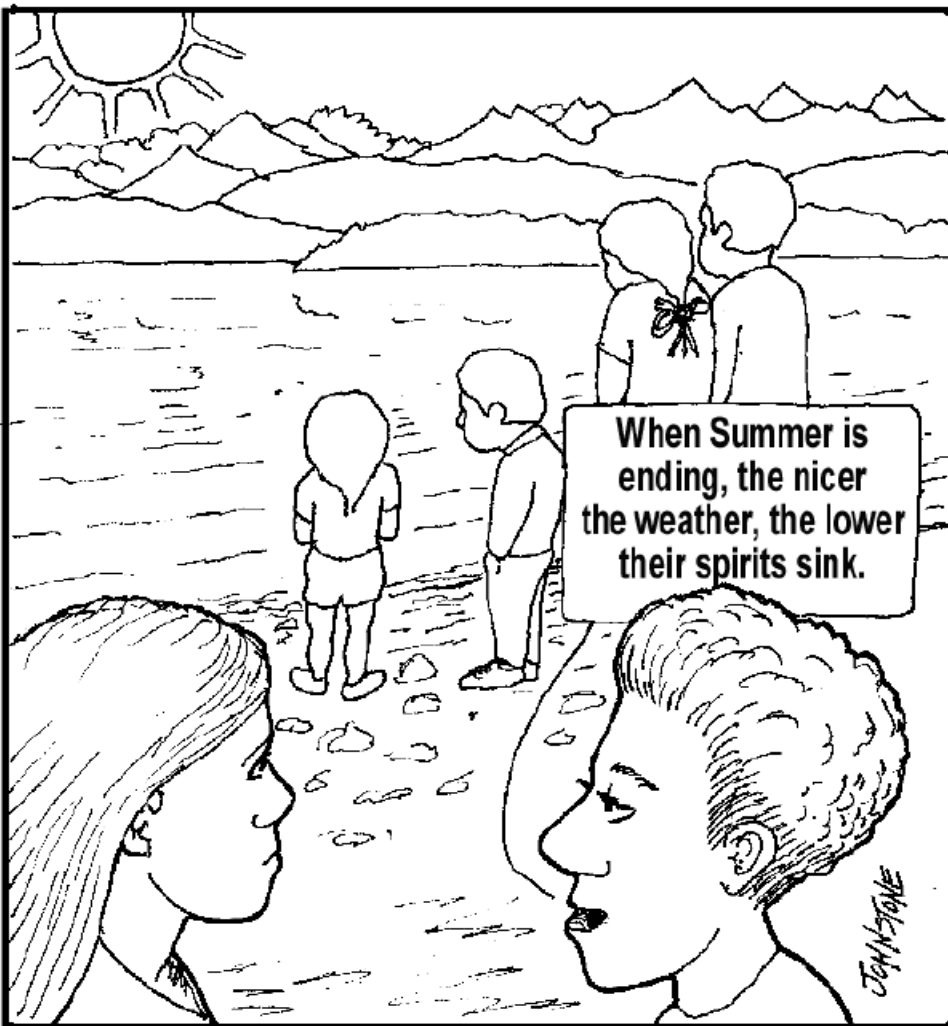
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- **Every Thursday**
-Jam with Moe
8p.m. Quadra Legion
- **1st Friday of every month**
-Open stage at the Yak Shak Coffee House, 7:30-10pm
- **Every Saturday**
-Farmer's Market
10 am - 2pm Behind Credit Union
- August 19, Saturday**
-Sand Castle Day 9:30-3:30 Smelt Bay
- August 21, Tuesday**
-Free Internet Training Quadra Is Library
- August 25, Saturday**
-CCAP Opening Celebration
1:00 pm QI Community Centre
- First Nations Storytelling
8 pm TsaKwaLuten Lodge
- September 1, Saturday**
-Blue Monks Jazz Trio TsaKwaLuten Lodge
6 pm
- September 4&5, Tuesday & Wednesday**
-Fire Dept Open House #1 Fire Hall Q-Cove
7 pm
- September 8, Saturday**
-Puentes Brothers QICommunity Centre
8:00 p.m.
- September 23, Sun.**
-Q. Phil/Connection Giant Garage Sale QI Community Centre
- September 29, Sat.**
Comedy Night TsaKwaLuten Lodge

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Sunday, September 8, at the Quadra Community Centre, 8 p.m. More details to come...

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Our first overnight trip to Tofino, on the west coast, especially the Rhododendrons. Second Toba Inlet for its magnificent waterfalls, petroglyphs in Walsh Cove and an hour stop in Refuge Cove. Third two boats (24 people) went to beautiful Savary Island (2 hrs) to walk about chatting with the local summer residents, lunch and a walk about Lund.

Thanks to our club excursion committee, Shirley, Ruth & Jean along with mascot Jilly, for planning our tours and many walks and hikes. A special thanks for one senior's trip to Cortes Island with Jean & Jilly just there and back. Thanks to the Early family of Way West Ventures who gave all our seniors special treatment.

A trip not to be forgotten was to Quartz Bay, at the north end of Cortes. We visited the Sharp homestead. The Sharps gave us the grand tour of their lovely resort which has quaint cabins with an antique flair, a pitch and putt golf course and beautiful gardens. We all signed the guest book and were graciously served coffee, tea and baking. Thanks to Joy and Ray for inviting us and making our boat trip worthwhile.

We then travelled by boat to Teakerne Arm. Some hiked to Cassel Lake,

others had their lunch on the boat while sitting by the huge waterfall enjoying the marvellous scenery of the Discovery Islands.

Many of our club members went to Halbe Hall at Black Creek to attend a picnic lunch for the North Island Region of the O.A.P.O. pot luck lunch and many races, games and laughs.

Our next event will be held on Wednesday September 5th, our annual potluck picnic. We'll meet at 10:00 am at Rebecca Spit parking lot for a short hike or walk and many games. Hopefully canoe and kayak rides will be available along with Cortes Seniors. A big welcome to all seniors, new and experienced, come and join the fun!

We are also planning for our fall fair to be held on the first Wednesday in October.

We walk every Sunday on Rebecca Spit with Jean & Jilly dog at 11:00 am some start at the boat ramp and others at the main parking lot further up.

Our member and regional steward Martin Amiabel was elected provincial president for our B.C.O.A.P.O. which has 77 branches in BC. Martin's job will be to lobby the governments on many senior's issues. Congratulations Martin!

Start Saving Now

For the Quadra Philippines Connection's 7th annual GIANT GARAGE SALE to be held at the Quadra Community Centre on Sunday, September 23rd. Proceeds will go towards Quadra's continuing support of the Ipil and Mabato preschools in the northern Philippines. Drop-off homes will be announced later in August!

Open Stage

Come and share your talents in an evening of variety entertainment for the family, songs, poetry, juggling, dance. Admission \$3.50. Students & performers \$2. 1st Friday each month, 7:30 - 10:00pm, Yak Shack Coffee House, corner of Taku Rd.. and Heriot Bay Rd.. Downtown Heriot Bay. For more info. call John at 285-2958

Committee Struck to Discuss Tourism Promotion

Summer may still be in full swing but some have their eyes set on next summer and beyond. Where is tourism on Quadra and the neighbouring islands headed? Is there room for growth? What form should that growth take and how can it be fostered?

These are just some of the questions to be tackled by a new tourism committee sponsored by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. The group met Friday August 10th at TwaKwaLuten Lodge to begin a dialogue between interested businesses and other local groups.

With the recent changes that have occurred in tourism promotion in Campbell River, specifically the demise or at least diminishing role of *Campbell River Tourism* and the emergence of a regionally focused *Tourism North Central Island*, the need for a local group to address tourism issues and promotion has become clear.

The committee heard views and ideas from representatives from the arts community, adventure tourism operators, hospitality sector and local media. The need for a coordinated approach and representation from a broad spectrum of local businesses and the community at large was underscored. To that end it was decided to undertake a survey to poll interested parties to compile a list of suggested promotional activities and areas to concentrate on in the coming marketing season and beyond.

A meeting will be held on October 15th, 2001 at a time and place to be announced to discuss the survey results and other items before a second meeting with representatives of *Tourism North Central Island*. Anyone interested in participating in these meetings are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Susan Wilson at 285-2556 or Philip Stone at 285-2234

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Campbell River: Work begins Thursday, September 6 and includes sandblasting and painting of the tower piles. This work should be finished by Friday, September 14.

Whaletown: Work begins Sunday, September 16, where the ramp beams, and ramp and apron substructure will be sandblasted and painted. This work should be finished by Saturday, October 6.

In order to accommodate these activities, some work may take place at night when the ferry is not sailing. There may be some noise associated with this night work. No disruption to the regular schedule is expected. BC Ferries appreciates the patience of our customers as we work to complete this regular maintenance.

Farmer's Market & Bazaar

Our Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Set up charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians are very welcome.

This is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that the Credit Union parking lot is for Credit Union customers only! Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come and join us to make the Market the best it can be.

Information: Pauline 285-2076 or Dalyce 285-3180

Summer Rec.

Summer Recreation 2001 is now wrapping up for this year. It has been a wonderful summer and I have truly enjoyed working on Quadra Island. However, the Fall Brochure is soon due and if anyone is interested in teaching a class/workshop this Fall, call 285-3243 for more information.

Saturday August 25th at 1pm the Community Centre is having their Grand Opening for the new addition. Everyone welcome! Come for a tour and see the new rooms. It will be a nice social event. Hope to see you there.

Vandalism

Sometime during this past weekend August 10th to 13th, unknown person(s) smashed up an outhouse near the tennis courts at the Community Centre. This senseless act of mischief is very discouraging, as a lot of time has gone into the area and buildings at our community centre has been done in updating the appearance and making it all more appealing. Should any one have information regarding this or any other crime, please contact the Quadra Island RCMP @ 285 3631 or Crimestoppers at 286-TIPS.

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- new volunteers especially welcome!



Quadra History by Kayak

On Saturday, August 25th, the Museum at Campbell River joins forces with Spirit of the West and interpreter, Jeanette Taylor to give you a fabulous day kayaking through connected inlets north of Quadra Island. Stunning scenery, stories of our colourful past, a great lunch, and a hike through older growth forest complete the day.

The program costs \$110.00 adults/\$100.00 students 10 and over, and includes kayaks, guides, safety gear, instruction, and transportation on Quadra. Walk on the 8:30 a.m. ferry in Campbell River and be picked up on the other side by your guides. The instructors

History Alive

On Labour Day weekend, travel the road less traveled to Gold River to take a wonderful Campbell River Museum cruise to Nootka Sound. Learn entertaining vignettes on board the Uchuck III from our own interpreter, Chuck Syme, who makes the past come alive. Experience Nuu-chah-nulth heritage at Yuquot when Margarita James gives the Museum group an extra on-shore presentation this year.

Once you see this part of Vancouver Island, you will never again look out to sea without visualizing Spanish ships and whaling canoes on the horizon!

4 Days of Fun In The Sun Mountain Music Fest

Sixteen bands..one mountain of a stage! The music that echoes from the alpine meadows at Mt. Washington Alpine Resort won't be confused with that of Julie Andrews and "The Sound of Music". Unless the soundtrack calls for Long John Baldry with his hit "Don't Lay No Boogie Woogie On The King Of Rock n' Roll". Music fans get a head start on the weekend, and more than their fill of tunes, with Mountain Music Fest at Mt. Washington Alpine Resort. Satisfying virtually every musical need, Mountain Music Fest is 4 days of fun in the sun. Capitalizing on it's two years of summer outdoor concerts, Mt. Washington breaks away from the one-day, high-priced concert and instead offers a variety of musical styles through four days of family priced festivities. Beginning Thursday, August 16th, The Cool Blue Stage offers the very best in Canadian and international jazz and blues. Friday, the festival kicks up its heels on The Budweiser Rawhide Stage, featuring Country and Alt Country. Saturday, the Kokanee Rock Summit is an easy climb, followed by Sunday's relaxing World Beat and Reggae on the Labatt Genuine Draft Alpine Area Stage.

Located in the Courtyard Amphitheatre, the Sound Advice staging and lighting system is state of the art, giving a smooth, pleasant sound that will provide just the right audible atmosphere. Around the Amphitheatre, arts and crafts vendors from around Vancouver Island will have exquisitely crafted items to appease the shopper in everyone. And food and beverage choices include salmon burgers, fresh sushi, and barbecued oysters in the half-shell along with regular fare such as hamburgers and hot dogs. Overlooking the Courtyard Amphitheatre, Fat Teddy's Bar and Grill gives a

great view of the entertainment for those looking for something to wash down that meal. Access to the Courtyard Amphitheatre is by coloured wristband, which advance ticket holders can get at the Ticket Kiosk in front of the Alpine Lodge. Tickets are also available for sale each day of the Mountain Music Fest. Prices are \$10 advance, \$12 at the gate.

The theme of Mountain Music Fest is Fun In The Sun, and all of the services and amenities that the resort is famous for are open and available during the 4 days of the festival. The Eagle Express High Speed Quad chairlift, operating at half-speed for the summer, is operating for mountain bikers, hikers and those that want a sedate, birds-eye view of the Beaufort Range and The Strait Of Georgia. Giant outdoor chess is set up in the front cobblestone courtyard and bocce ball, horseshoes as well as disc golf are other relaxing activities for the whole family. And for the fat tire crowd, a selection of mountain bikes are available for hourly, half day and full day rental. Bikes range from kids models to front suspension all the way to full suspension free ride flyers. Horseback trail rides are a very romantic way to spend some time on Mt. Washington, and rides can be booked at the stable on the mountain.

Accommodation options are numerous and all allow the concertgoer to maximize their enjoyment of the festival atmosphere. Deer Lodge has its fully equipped condos just a few steps away from the Courtyard Amphitheatre, and the suites range from one-bedroom up to three. The Alpine Village offers single-dwelling houses, condos and townhouses located in the friendly environment of alpine meadows, ponds and lichen draped pine trees just minutes by foot from the concert site. Campers have their choice of full-service RV spots, including

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Gates to Mountain Music Fest open at noon each day, beginning Thursday, August 16th.

Thursday, The Cool Blue Stage

The Damian Graham Trio, The Jason Buie Band, David Go Go and The Junkyard Angels, Long John Baldry

Friday, The Budweiser Rawhide Stage

Leslie Alexander, Bijoux du Bayou, Leslie Alexander and The Hardcore Troubadours Sean Hogan

Saturday, The Kokanee Rock Summit Stage

Kylee, Wicked Shimmy, Strange Behaviour, Trooper, 10 Minute Cement

Sunday, The Labatt Genuine Draft Alpine Area Stage

Xavier & The Hum, Gone Clear, Fredlocks Asher

Get your tickets at Telus Phone Stores in Campbell River, Courtenay or Nanaimo, Crown Isle Golf Resort and Community, The Sound Station in Courtenay and The Music Plant in Campbell River. The Strathcona Hotel in Victoria is also a ticket outlet for Mt. Washington. Plan to stay the weekend, alpine accommodations are available too, call the resort or click on www.mtwashington.ca for details.

Explore Nootka Sound

On Sept. 1st, travel back in time to discover the history of Nootka Sound on board the Uchuck III with the Museum at Campbell River.

Nootka Sound is one of the most important historic spots in B.C. In 1774, a group of Nuuchahnulth people is said to have seen something far at sea. They paddled out to discover a group of strangers in a peculiar watercraft. The peoples exchanged greetings and gifts before a storm blew up and the strange boat and its commander, Juan Perez, were swept far away from the canoes. Later, in 1778, Captain Cook received a friendly welcome there and trading ships from around the world rapidly followed his visit. 1792 found both Captains Vancouver and Quadra in this port, disputing their respective countries' claims to this portion of the coast. All of these events must have seemed bizarre to the First Nations people who have inhabited this coast for thousands of years. Indeed, many Nuuchahnulth people on the west coast of the Island belong to the same families who greeted those explorers.

The trip to Nootka Sound is history itself with important connections to Spanish and English exploration, World War II history, resource development, and the strong Nuuchahnulth heritage. As well, the Uchuck III is a working coastal freighter, and co-owner, Alberto Giroto says most travelers enjoy the concept that they do things "the old-fashioned way."

While your private guide, Chuck Syme draws attention to vignettes of history throughout

the voyage, at the village the group is met by Margarita James, who describes more about the history and culture of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht people. She spends additional time on shore with the Museum's group, visiting an historic pole, the site of a whaling shrine, and other important features.

Join us by pre-registering at the Museum at Campbell River. The cost is \$90.00/ adults for the day. The Uchuck III leaves Gold River at 10:00 a.m. and returns at suppertime. Please pre-register at the Museum. For more information call 287-3103.

Coast to Coast Foot Roast

The second annual Coast to Coast Foot Roast will take place 8:00 am Saturday, September 29, 2001. The Foot Roast is a 46km walk from Port Hardy across Vancouver Island to Holberg.

Participants are welcome to run the distance but it is not a race! Last year's fastest time was 3:44. The average finish time was between six and eight hours.

The Coast to Coast Foot Roast is open to people of all ages from any community. All walkers who complete all 46km will receive a certificate at the closing ceremony which will take place at the Holberg Community Centre. There will be lots of food including a salmon barbecue.

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Thank You Quadra Island

The time has come where we must say good bye, or at least see you later. To say good bye, would make it sound as though we are not coming back, however, we will be coming back quite often. The friendships we have gained from this community will be with us forever. Your kindness and acceptance of us was genuine from our first day here, well maybe second day, because our house got egged on the first night. It is not always easy, as I am sure many know, to come to a new community and try and fit in. However, we were welcomed with open arms from all who our paths crossed. The list is too long, and I would hate to miss someone, to start naming and thanking those who have been so kind to us. It is your kindness, that makes it so very hard to leave here.

Policing a small island community has brought many challenges. Everyone seems to know you, but you don't know everyone. But, as time has gone by, I think I have gotten to know a lot of you and I am very thankful for that. My wife, Shannon, (for those of you who only knew her as the Cop's Wife), has had a great opportunity to get involved with the school and work with the P.A.C.. Shannon really enjoyed the commitment of the parents involved and the friendships she has gained. Shannon will also miss her "Other children", those from her daycare and the daycare at Cape Mudge so very much. Cody and Kayla,

the cops kids, I know will miss their friends dearly. This has been the longest, (3 years), we have spent in one house as a family. As such, it is more like home here, than Victoria is. We hope to eventually come back, either to retire or work again, but only time will tell.

To all who I had the opportunity to play Slowpitch with and against, a great big thank you. You are all a great bunch, even those that struck me out. The laughs enjoyed at Blenkin park (and Gold River) will be with me a long time. I hope I can come back and join in a tournament or two.

As some of you know, there are two new officers on the island now. I am sure they will, or have received the kind welcome that my family did. Heather Alexander and the new corporal, Dennis O'Gorman, are very enthusiastic and are going to enjoy their time here as much as I did.

Thank you once again, as well as thanks to those on Cortes Island who I also had the pleasure to get to know. Be sure to look us up if ever in Nanaimo, or come visit us at the campsite the first week of July each year. Good luck to all in the future, and please save us a home here.

Sincerely,

Craig, Shannon, Cody and Kayla Peterson

Sierra Quadra - Notes

Each cup of coffee requires about 100 beans, about one-sixtieth of the beans that grows on a coffee tree each year. Drinking two cups per day will consume about 129 litres (34 gallons) of liquid coffee or 8 kilograms (18 pounds) of beans in a year.

A Colombian farmer will have about 12 coffee trees growing to support one such coffee drinker. Each farmer will apply about 5 kilograms (11 pounds) of fertilizer a 100 grams of pesticides to the trees each year. And Colombian rivers will swell with 20 kilograms (43 pounds) of coffee bean pulp that has to be stripped from the beans.

Most coffees are not grown on shade tolerant species, so the 12 coffee trees were accommodated by cutting down native trees. But shade tolerant coffees are available. These coffees grow beneath a canopy of larger hardwood and fruit trees, allowing for the co-existence of the coffee plants and the forest.

This healthy mixture reduces soil erosion while the increased numbers of birds and other insect eaters minimizes the need for insecticides. The fruit trees also provide food and an alternate economy for the farmer.

Submitted by

Ray Grigg

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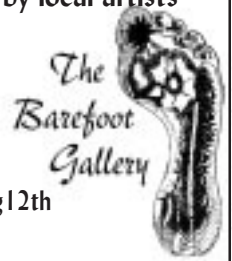
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Though it was a long time ago, if ever there was a love that was pure it belonged to Joe and Sally. It was a bond shared by two people who were born for each other, the kind of love that only Shakespeare could write about. The essence of their devotion shone so bright it could reach out and touch the lives of those who were in the presence of this young couple and who's impact is still felt to this very day. It was said in their time that when they met all the angels of the world got together and had a huge party. They were truly blessed.

Joe and Sally were simple folk with simple needs. They bought a small acreage and together they built a modest home. In no time at all they had rooted themselves to the land with a huge garden that grew vegetables so delicious they were sought after by all the folk from miles around. Turnips so tender and sweet they could have been dipped in honey, heads of cabbage twice the size of an average man's skull, bushels of ripe berries and fruit that would take prizes each year at the fall fair and grace the tables of neighbours all winter long. They were truly blessed.

Each morning Joe would arise with the sun and look upon the face of his beloved Sally as she slept. "Dear sweet woman," he would whisper, "Yours is the face of an angel sent to me from the heavens above and the only face I could ever love." He would then lightly kiss his sleeping wife to ever so gently wake her. Sally would return from her dreamland to gaze into the eyes of her Joe and fill her heart with such a light that she felt it could kindle a fire. Together they would work the soil and together they would go to market. It was a blessed life.

Many blissful years would pass but ever so gradually restlessness had taken root in Sally and the fullness in her chest had given way to desire and yearning. "Ah Joe," she wept one grey morning. "Of all the seeds

that we have planted there is only one that I desire to grow." Joe brushed away a tear that had settled on her cheek. "How could it be that we have such fertile ground and yet my womb is barren?"

It was as if all the light had left their humble land. Darkness settled over Sally and for the first time in their married life, Joe found himself heading off to the garden alone. His beautiful crops were now competing with vigorous weeds for their very existence. There were no awards that year at the fall fair, bushels of fruit rotted on the very branches they sprouted from. Still each morning Joe would arise to look upon the face of his dear wife. Her rosy cheeks were sullen, dark circles appeared under her eyes, her gentle demeanour had been veiled by desperation. And he would whisper. "Dear sweet woman, yours is the face of an angel sent to me from the heavens above and the only face I could ever love."

Now some say it was the angels that intervened and others suspect it may have been a generous neighbour that missed the sweet apple pies on a cold winter evening. But it is told that the following spring while Joe was preparing his beds for sowing he distinctly heard the cries of a child coming from the garden shed. There he found an infant swaddled in blankets and placed carefully in a wooden crate.

That was when the darkness lifted and Joe knew that all would be well again. Every morning from that day on Joe would arise with the sun and gaze quietly upon the faces of his family while they slept. "Dear ones," he would whisper. "I am just a man who works the land as best he can and yet I live in the presence of two angels." Now there were three lights to shine brightly in the garden and he was truly blessed. And so too were all the neighbours in all the land.

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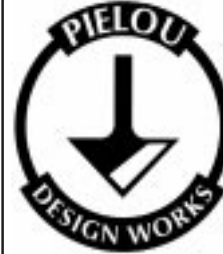
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Superior to What?

by Steven Halliday

Do you remember the last time we had a financial institution fail in Canada? Without doing any research, my memory tells me that the dual failure of the Northland Bank and the Canadian Commercial Bank in the 1980's were the last major events. Of course, there have also been some investment company failures, but this discussion is limited to deposit taking institutions, either federally or provincially regulated. I work for a provincially regulated institution, and the province bears the responsibility for ensuring that we operate in safe and prudent manner. As is the case with federally regulated institutions, this responsibility is met by strict monitoring and inspection routines. On the whole, these regulators do an excellent job, best evidenced by the strength of the financial system in Canada.

At the end of July, regulators with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the U.S. seized a regional bank in Chicago named Superior Bank. This bank, with \$2.3 billion in assets, is apparently in very sorry shape, as it has been speculated that the bank's failure could cost the FDIC in excess of \$1 billion in deposit insurance. The reason for the failure? Here's what the regulators had to say – "poor lending practices, improper record keeping and accounting, ineffective Board supervision of management, operating in a high risk business area without a good understanding of the risks". It appears the FDIC became concerned as early as spring 1999, but took no action because they were relying on the accuracy of the financial statements produced by the

auditors, Ernst & Young. However, in the spring of this year the regulators realized that bank's records had been "sloppy" and "improperly maintained", and that Ernst & Young had miscalculated the value of assets, effectively overstating value by as much as half a billion dollars. The FDIC forced the auditors to adjust the books and restate earnings, which led to the immediate shutdown of the bank.

Superior Bank was very different to any Canadian financial institution, but is hardly unique in the States. Superior is privately owned by two families; the wealthy Pritzker family (owners of the Hyatt Hotel chain) and Alvin Dworman, a New York property developer, shared control of the bank. Over the last 6 years, the owners drew out over \$140 million in dividends, an amount that exceeds the current (and likely inflated) capital reserves of the bank. Even at a quick glance it is easy to ascertain that this institution was being milked dry by its owners. What is particularly disturbing is that this bank operated in a very risky environment (so-called "sub prime" lending), which from a regulatory perspective generally means they must have more capital. Yet the FDIC turned a blind eye to this looting. And what really blows my mind is that these characters (the owners) did exactly the same thing in 1991, a scant 10 years ago. This time the vehicle was called River Bank America. Some of the top executives of River Bank found great new jobs after that bank was liquidated – they went to work for Superior Bank!

So who this failure will hurt? Unsecured small creditors for sure, as well as most of the rank and file employees. Anyone who was foolish enough to place over \$100,000 on deposit with such an institution will also lose anything in excess of that amount. I'm pretty sure Ernst & Young will suffer some financial misfortune for their sloppiness, but of one thing I am certain. The Pritzker's and the Dworman's will lose only the value of their invested capital, which I'll bet dollars to donuts was far, far less than the amount they collected in dividends over the years. And finally, U.S. taxpayers will pay any shortfall to insured depositors after liquidation, to the tune of the aforementioned billion dollars or so.

Canadian legislation dealing with ownership of financial institutions pretty much precludes a similar private money machine from making an appearance here, and as I stated earlier our regulatory environment is much stricter. But in the U.S. there are literally thousands of potential Superior Bank-like operations, many of whom have been very active in the sub-prime markets. Many observers believe that several of these smaller regional banks that will not survive a prolonged downturn in the U.S. economy – in fact, U.S. loan delinquency statistics are rising in tandem with the layoff announcements. The bailout of the Savings and Loan industry in the 1980's cost taxpayers billions upon billions of dollars – is it going to happen again? Lets hope not – anything exacerbating the U.S. economic slowdown will certainly have a negative impact on Canadian manufacturers, and trickle down economics ensures the pain gets spread around.

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Island Report

Tea Party Opens Teapot Show

by Tanya Storr

Artistic interpretations of the teapot are the focus of a new show at Explore Gallery, and a tea party was held on August 11 to open the exhibition. Looking around the gallery, it was immediately apparent that the artists in attendance had brewed an eclectic and impressive serving of visions of the teapot.

Images of teapots in oil, aerosol and pencil crayon, monoprint oil on plastic, embroidery, pencil and ink, acrylic, and fabric fill the walls, while a diverse collection of ceramic teapots and cups stands on a centre table.

An earthenware sculpture by Gordon James, entitled 'The Tea Party', is displayed against one wall, while a Zen brush poem by Ray Grigg hangs from the ceiling. Ray explained that the brush poem reads: "Teapot . . . pouring peace."

Explore Gallery owners Christine Masters, Terry Towne, and Mo Davenport decided to hold the community show after having a "re-visioning" meeting. The idea for the show evolved from their



Explore Gallery owners: Terry Towne, Christine Masters, and Mo Davenport at the tea party. Photo Tanya Storr



Lesley Mathews with her piece 'Gramma's Teapot' Photo: Tanya Storr

commitment to provide comprehensive and personalized attention to their exhibitors. As Explore is approaching its 10th anniversary year, now felt like a good time to hold a show that would promote local artists.

"We really want to do at least one community-based show annually that will provide an opportunity for the community to get together, have a good time, and produce something poignant or whimsical. This year we decided on the teapot theme, as the gallery has a tea bar," said Terry.

Terry went on to say that they sent invitations to participate in the show to artists listed in the Quadra Island Arts Alliance directory.

"We invited artists to address the notion of teapots or tea drinking in two dimensions, three dimensions, writing, performance art, or whatever," she said.

Mo added that many of the artists who contributed to the teapot show sell their work in the gallery.

"We are exploring the art of tea through the community efforts of the fine artists who have supported us in our first nine

years of existence," he said.

Christine stated that the best part of the project was giving artists a theme and seeing the wonderful results they came up with.

Barbara Desmarais, who is exhibiting three earthenware, clay, and paper pieces in the teapot show, said it was an interesting concept to have a theme to work from.

"It was a challenge. Group shows are always fun, because you get so many different points of view," she noted.

David and Lisa MacLean produced monoprints (oil on plastic) of teapot images for the show.

"It was fun. We dashed off our prints the night before last. It's a lot of fun to make art with some spontaneity. What I like about this technique is you can get a whole lot of textures and mark/line making. I like the theme of the teapot because it's whimsical. There are some really nice pieces here," said David.

Lesley Matthews created an oil painting of her mother's teapot for the show, entitled 'Gramma's Teapot'.



Above: 'The Tea Party' James Pottery
 Left: Onlookers admiring works on display.
 Photos: Tanya Storr

"I remember this teapot from when I was a kid. My Mom only brings it out for special occasions. When I was helping Mom put groceries away a couple of weeks ago, I saw the teapot and thought, 'I have to paint that for the show.' I think community art shows are fabulous."

The Teapot Show runs until the end of August. For more information, drop by Explore or call 285-3293.



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Local Guide Has His Day



Martin Young, Joe Watson, and the tyee at the Tyee Clubhouse Photo: Mike Rippingale

by Tanya Storr

Fishing stories about ‘catching the big one’ are as much a part of this coastline as are tugboats and kelp beds. Local sport fishing guides spend most of their time in season trying to provide a memorable fishing experience for their guests, rarely taking the time to fish for themselves.

Quadra resident and guide Martin Young is no exception. This is his 19th season guiding in local waters, and he has sent many happy anglers home with exciting tales to tell.

Over the years, several of Martin’s guests have caught tyees, or Campbell River chinooks weighing 30 pounds or more. Two of these fortunate people became lifetime members of the Tyee Club, a unique sport fishing organization founded in 1925, because they caught their fish according to club rules.

Until recently the biggest fish Martin had ever personally caught weighed 29¾ pounds, just ¼ pound short of being a

tyee. Martin had always wanted to become a member of the Tyee Club himself. On August 1 he realised his dream at long last.

Membership in the Tyee Club cannot be obtained for love or money, said Tyee Club weigh master Mike Rippingale in a recent phone interview.

“You have to catch a 30-pound or heavier chinook according to club regulations. Many hours are put in by anglers to try for these fish, but it’s a rare treat to catch a tyee. Part of the mystique of the club is the process and the ambience. It’s very appealing,” he explained.

“The mandate of the club is to promote conservation and provide the opportunity for anglers to try to catch one of these big fish using a traditional method.”

Club regulations state that the tyee must be caught on an artificial trolling lure (plug or spoon) with a single barbless hook. The line must be a maximum of 20-pound test and the rod no longer than

nine feet. The fish has to be caught from a rowboat, and although a motor can be used to propel the rowboat to and from the fishing grounds, the motor must be out of the water when the angler is fishing.

If a fish is hooked, no one other than the angler can touch the rod, reel, or line. The only exceptions are if a weight has not tripped or the need arises to clear a fouled line.

Anglers must register intent to fish within the Tyee Club boundaries for the season, which costs \$10 annually. If an angler is fortunate enough to catch a tyee and become a club member, the annual fee goes up.

The season usually lasts from July 15-September 15, however the Department of Fisheries and Oceans sometimes closes it down early if the fish are late arriving or stocks are low. Last year chinook returns in the Campbell River numbered 7,500.

Part of the money raised through registration fees goes to conservation. Spreading fresh gravel in the Campbell River to assist spawning salmon is one of the projects the club has donated to over the past five years.

The Tyee Clubhouse, where anglers go to have their fish weighed, is located on the Tyee Spit. Fishing boundaries are Race Point to the north and Cape Mudge Lighthouse to the south.

The Tyee Pool, extending from the river mouth to Argonaut Wharf, is the most heavily fished area by Tyee Club members or aspiring members. Frenchman’s Pool, located from Painter’s Lodge north to Orange Point, is another popular spot.

Early in the morning on August 1, Martin took the water taxi from April Point Lodge to Painter’s Lodge dock. The day had dawned fair and Joe was waiting for him in his 14-foot rowboat. Little did they know they were in for few surprises that day, on both fishing and weather fronts.

Joe has been rowing in the Tyee Pool since 1970, and in Martin’s words, is something of a “tyee guru”. For both guides to have a day off in the height of the season

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was a rare event, and they planned to make the most of it.

"The morning ebb tide was gorgeous—it was flat calm and a little overcast. There were two other rowboats fishing in the pool," Martin recalled.

Despite the excellent conditions, they had no luck on the first tide of the day. They decided to take a break, tied Joe's rowboat up at the Tye Club, and went out for breakfast. At 9 a.m. they returned to Joe's rowboat, after Martin paid his registration fees for the season (Joe had submitted Martin's intent to register earlier).

Just as they resumed fishing the weather started to take a turn for the worse. The tide changed to flood, the wind began to blow southeast, and it started raining hard. There were two other rowboats fishing in the pool, but they decided to leave.

Undaunted, Martin and Joe continued rowing, growing wetter by the minute. Of more concern to the two of them than the damp was the amount of weeds, however.

"At the beginning of the flood it's very weedy, because the tide brings in lots of weeds. I was continually weeding my line, which is sort of like gardening instead of fishing," said Martin.

Tired of weeding the line, they decided to move up the bar to the river mouth where there wouldn't be as many weeds. The wind and rain had intensified, but Joe and Martin were determined to keep fishing.

They had been in the new spot less than five minutes when Joe said, "Watch out for that kelp floating your way!"

Martin moved his rod from the starboard to port side of the boat to avoid the kelp. He hadn't even resettled himself on that side of the boat when he felt a fish take the spoon.

"It didn't register in my conscious mind, but my body reacted how it should. I brought the rod tip up to set the hook. At that point doubt started creeping in that maybe I had snagged the bottom. When the fish began to move I realised what was happening. Joe looked at me and said, 'I think this is a real

one, Martin!'"

Martin described the fight as intense and powerful.

"Using a single barbless hook and 20-pound test line, you're working on the extreme boundaries of your tackle. When you're fishing at that level, one mistake and it's all over. It was a dogged battle. At one point the fish vaulted into the air, gleaming silver with a flashing brass spoon hanging from its mouth. It was a beautiful sight. Joe and I looked at each other, our eyes widening in disbelief, and said, 'Wow!'"

Eventually, Martin brought the fish to the boat and Joe deftly netted it.

"I was shaking like a leaf the entire time and so was Joe. The whole experience was very exciting and intense," Martin remembered.

Once they had spent a minute examining the beautiful chinook, Joe said, "I think this could be a tye. We'd better take it to the clubhouse and weigh it."

They arrived at the Tye Club just after noon in the pouring rain, to find a note from weigh master Mike Rippingale pinned to the door: 'Back at 1 p.m.'. Martin and Joe attached the fish by its tail to the scale, and determined its weight to be just over 31 pounds.

"I started to worry that the fish might start to dehydrate and lose weight over the next 50 minutes. Fortunately, it was raining so that wasn't an issue," Martin later told me.

Mike Rippingale ended up returning to the clubhouse at 12:30. He congratulated the two fishermen and invited them in for a cup of coffee to tell the tale. Martin became the second person to join the Tye Club this year, and received a bronze pin to mark his achievement.

"The Tye Club has two big signboards—the upper one to record the biggest fish caught each season and the lower to record the most recent tye registered. The newest member gets to change the numbers on the lower sign to reflect the weight of their fish. Everyone on the water can see you changing

the numbers, except that day there was no one there to see it. New members also get to toll the large ship bell—three times for 30 pounds, four times for 40 pounds, and so on," Martin said.

Mike registered Martin's tye, recording the angler's name, the weight of the fish, date and time it was caught. He also took some scale samples to send to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which will be used to determine the age of the fish and other data.

Martin confessed to having a grin from ear to ear that lasted for days after catching the tye. He plans to share the bounty of his catch with family and friends.

"I got phone calls congratulating me from ex-guides and clients as far away as Oregon and Nova Scotia. They had heard about my tye through the grapevine."

Looking back on the experience, Joe said it was a real pleasure to row Martin to a tye.

"Rowing a tye is always incredibly sweet, but to row a friend to one is something special. There is only one first tye so to be able to share that with Martin was really neat. He's a Tye Club member for life now."

Martin is now looking forward to rowing guests in the Tye Pool for the rest of the season.

"I don't feel the need to catch another tye myself, but it would be great to register a new member in the club," he said.

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	Time	ft	m
18	0245	13.5	4.1
SA	1020	1.6	0.5
	1710	13.5	4.1
	2135	10.2	3.1
19	0340	13.8	4.2
SU	1100	2.0	0.6
	1745	13.8	4.2
	2235	9.5	2.9
20	0435	13.5	4.1
MO	1140	2.6	0.8
	1825	14.1	4.3
	2345	8.9	2.7
21	0535	13.1	4.0
TU	1215	3.6	1.1
	1900	14.1	4.3
22	0210	7.9	2.4
WE	0635	12.1	3.7
	1250	5.2	1.6
	1935	14.1	4.3
23	0305	6.6	2.0
TH	0745	11.5	3.5
	1335	6.6	2.0
	2015	13.8	4.2
24	0355	5.9	1.8
FR	0915	11.2	3.4
	1425	8.2	2.5
	2055	13.5	4.1
25	0450	5.2	1.6
SA	1050	11.2	3.4
	1530	9.8	3.0
	2135	13.1	4.0
26	0550	4.9	1.5
SU	1230	11.5	3.5
	1700	10.8	3.3
	2220	12.5	3.8
27	0645	4.6	1.4
MO	1400	12.1	3.7
	1910	11.2	3.7
	2315	12.1	3.7
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	2100	11.2	3.4
29	0020	11.8	3.6
WE	0830	4.3	1.3
	1530	12.8	3.9
	2215	10.8	3.3
30	0120	11.8	3.6
TH	0915	3.9	1.2
	1600	13.1	4.0
	2305	10.8	3.3

Richies Video Review

High Fidelity - 4

John Cusack (the king) and a cast of unknowns do an excellent job in this love it or hate it flick about Audiophiles - to be precise record trivia buffs - who own and work in a used record store. Cusack does the face-the-camera-and-tell-the-story routine and pulls it off.

He is just perfect as he goes through his deductions as to why he perpetuates the pattern of meeting someone, moving in, and then they move out on him. Then there are the whacko record snobs who work in the store with him who are played to perfection. All this, a great storyline, great acting, interesting action (although they were a bit heavy on the standing out in the rain, broken-hearted cliché), plus great music and Cusack who is the grand master and exalted leader of communication. You get a thoroughly enjoyable view. Or if you aren't into that thing, you may hate it, but what the heck, go for it, bet you love it.

The Sweet and Lowdown - 3

A story of a 1930's guitar player who was one of the best of the time. Sean Penn does a good job as the crude, egotistical, gory but talented musician. Uma Therman (sigh) plays his wacky wife. The costumes and ambiance is great, as is the music, but was broken up by talking heads, including Woody Allen, who comment intermittently on the guitarists checkered life. I thought it detracted from the continuity of the film and would have been better served by letting the audience judge. But it was pretty good, even the past where Sean Penn loves to take his .45 and shoot rats at the dump, I mean that's real entertainment. Also, the boy could really play guitar. Most viewers liked it better than I did.

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