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## Next Deadline

**Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**



## Jim Abram's "Balance."

### Dear Editor,

I am writing to express support for Jim Abram's latest attempt to achieve "balance" in the public process, this time in regard to the controversy over proposed fish farms in the Johnston Strait.

I have always been impressed by Jim's commitment to the common good as determined by the traditional local democratic process by providing a forum for public debate. This is particularly manifest in the public hearings required in rezoning applications. Although they cannot guarantee local autonomy, they at least enable the possibility of a degree of local self-determination by ensuring the public's right to be heard. Jim might not always like what people say but he defends and protects their right to say it.

In this current manifestation of the polarity between jobs and the environment, typically after having and weighed very carefully and respect fully the value of opposing arguments, he has proposed a solution which attempts to achieve balance by incorporating some of the best of both. Apparently he is satisfied that, given some final stage funding, the technology for containment pens will be available within a couple of years at which point, according to the conditions of the rezoning permit, the proponents would be legally required to adopt it at their proposed site at Gunner Point. The final approval of the permit requires them accepting this condition. This provides a huge incentive for the proponent to help make the containment systems viable.

This kind of creative compromise that takes not only courage but also imagination is extremely rare in the fragmented world of modern politics. I believe we are very fortunate to have such an experienced practitioner of it as our local representative. If his gamble pays off and we get containment fish farms then the whole BC Coast will be indebted to him. If not, we will be stuck with the grim status quo. I personally am prepared to give Jim's proposal the benefit of the doubt.

Rob Wood

Maurelle Island

# Island Forum

## On Gunner Pt.

Like many in our community I was very disappointed to hear the news of the Strathcona Regional District Directors' decision on the Gunner Point fish farms and would like to share some observations on that.

The location of the proposed farm could hardly be more perfect to deal the death-blow to south coast wild salmon, at the 'jugal' of the Inside Passage. One has to admire the audacity of Greig Seafood as all pretence of the industry's war on wild salmon comes so boldly out of the closet.

While I respect the intent of the RD's conditions to strike a 'balance', I am sceptical that will come about in an era of million-dollar government gifts and sweetheart legislation like Bill 30. There may be good intentions behind the strategy Jim Abram and his RD colleagues have taken but personally I hold out little faith that a facility as large as that proposed for Gunner Point (already as large as three 'normal' farms) once operational would reinvest and retool in closed containment.

There are ample opportunities for job creation in our region in nonpolluting, environmentally benign and even remedial industries. These sectors will never get a chance to get off the ground if governments of all levels continue to acquiesce to the likes of Grieg, TimberWest, Plutonic and other corporations who are already so close to taking complete control of our public natural resources for their private profit.

And besides what of the health and safety of the workers? I find it hard to believe that fish processors would not be a lot better off working with healthy wild salmon rather than the pharmaceutical ridden product that comes out of a fish farm. To say nothing of jobs in other sectors threatened by the loss of wild salmon.

Ultimately, the reason our environment and wild salmon continue to endure this onslaught is because the government and complicit opposition provincially and federally are not serving the public's or the environment's best interest. It could be a while before we return to the polls but I urge one and all to think about that until then.

Philip Stone

## Fish Farm Furor

Living up in Granite Bay and only coming down once a week to shop and pick up mail, I am often behind the times. However, I have finally caught up on all the furor surrounding Grieg Seafood's application for new farm sites. This is a hot topic. There are those who oppose fish farms on an environmental basis and those that support them for economic reasons. I have a son who worked for various fish farms over the years and I worked briefly for Walcan in 1979 and was glad to have the job. I have read the environmentalists report on the sealice problem and other concerns with open-net pens and Alexandra Morton's letter to the editor in the Courier-Islander, she makes some valid points, not the least being that we elected a government that supports fish farms.

The Regional District Board have faced a really tough decision. In the July 3rd edition of the DI Jim Abram described the fine balance he and the board tried to achieve. Jim Abram was elected by both those who wish to see the fish farms go and those that earn their living from them.

I believe the board tried to make the best of a decision that would have given Solomon a feeling of trepidation!

Successive Federal and Provincial governments have been missing out on green research and technology. We actually have a company producing electric cars in our country that aren't for sale in Canada. We could be leaders in closed-containment fish farms. Why not?

It is nigh on impossible to please everybody and Jim Abram, a man who has dedicated himself to the betterment of our community for as long as I have known him, has done a remarkable job of trying to find a balance and a solution. Good on ya Jim!

Chris Toulmin



# Island Calendar

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## The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Thurs & Fri at 7 pm and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Sing for Pure Joy! 3 - 4:30 pm Room 3 Q.C.C. All Voices Welcome.
- **Every Tuesday** - Quadra Children's Song Circle - 3 - 4:00 p.m. Room 3 Q.C.C.  
- Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre  
- Folkdancing QCC-7:30 pm Sept-April
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Community Lunch noon Q.I.C.C.  
• **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.  
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church  
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market behind the Credit Union 10 am - 2 pm  
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00 pm, Steak Dinner at 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - QI United Church Service-11am, Set. - June  
Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church  
- Buddhist meditation 10 am Q.I.C.C., everyone welcome  
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st Monday** - Quadra writers group - 7:00 to 9:00 pm 285-3656
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre

**Next Deadline: Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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## Day by day

July 3 – July 31st Perrin Sparks "Familiar Faces & Places" DRAW Gallery

### Friday, July 17

- Jazz Berry Jam  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Landing Pub

### Saturday, July 18

- Hal Douglas Blues Band  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Landing Pub

### Sunday, July 19

- Heriot Bay Hullabaloo  
2nd Annual serious fun event  
11 am to 3 pm  
- Sunday Painters  
Heriot Bay Gov. Dock  
11 am - 2 pm

### Thursday, July 23

- AXIOM & Ra Focus  
9 pm \$5 cover  
Quadra Legion

### Tuesday, July 28

- Jazz Berry Jam  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m. April Point

### Wednesday July 29

- Rex Weyler and David Hughes  
6:00 pm Global trends and local implications in a reduced fossil fuel era  
Manson's Hall,

### Saturday - Sunday, August 1 - 2

- Cortes Island art studio tour on Cortes Island  
Various Locations  
Cortes Island

### Saturday, August 8

- Horse & Riders Gathering  
Q.C.C. 10:30 am

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# Regional Director's Report, Area C

July 17, 2009

by Jim Abram

**W**ell, it has been two weeks since my last report. How time flies! The last report was about one issue: the fish farm rezoning application that was dealt with at our last Board meeting.

I would like to add a couple of comments to that report.

At the same meeting of the Board, we passed a resolution, unanimously, that will go to the Union of BC Municipalities convention in September. As many of you know, this is the organization that represents all local governments in BC. Our resolution stated the following:

## UBCM Resolution

Whereas the Province of BC receives significant economic benefits from both wild and farmed salmon and depends on the future security, viability and stability of both sectors;

And Whereas emerging closed containment aquaculture technologies offer the ability to separate commercially farmed salmon from the natural environment, limiting negative environmental impacts, especially the transmission of diseases and parasites between farmed and wild salmon;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments immediately allocate sufficient funds to ensure the establishment of a closed system aquaculture innovation and development fund;

And Therefore Be It Further Resolved That the UBCM request that the Provincial and Federal Governments create and implement a plan to transition open net-cage salmon farms to closed containment system aquaculture as soon as commercially available.

Up until now, no level of government has been willing to take on the issue of closed containment research and development nor promotion of the same. We, as a Board, supported a joint presentation by the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (the environmental side), and Marine Harvest Canada (the fish farm side), which asked us to request funding for closed containment research and development from the Province. This would be a three-year funding proposal. All parties would contribute. We supported it and we wrote to the Premier to make the request. We have still not heard back from anyone in government. Hence the resolution to UBCM to get the attention of the other levels of government that should be concerned with this provincial and federal issue. We are concerned about the health of wild stocks and we are doing everything possible to promote closed containment technology.

## Positive developments

Since the Board meeting that I described in the last issue of my report, we have received two very welcome responses from two well known conservation groups. The first came from the Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA), the best known defender of our coastal marine ecosystems. In an email to us, the GSA had the following to say:

"I appreciate your intention to use the Gunner Point Salmon Farm zoning application to leverage change in the industry. No one in government has attempted to do this before now and I applaud your creativity.

I would like the opportunity to talk with you about how to most effectively leverage the change in the industry we all would like to see.

I also appreciate the long and careful attention you have given to this important issue. I know it can't be easy."

The second offer came from the Wilderness Tourism Association (WTA) President, also offering to work with the Strathcona Regional District to help us implement our Board resolution. The WTA represents a very substantial percentage of the wilderness tourism sector, all of whom are concerned about our coastal ecosystems.

So, I am heartened by these two major offers of help to make our proposal work for both wild and farmed salmon. So far our compromise position is doing as intended. I know that there are constituents out there that are not pleased with the compromise that we presented. Strategic action is not always supported by some people, especially when it was difficult for us to explain all of our rationale due to the constraints of the Local Government Act leading up to and after the public hearing. It is too soon to determine the results of our actions, but we have made an attempt at making our coast a better place while still looking after the fish and the jobs of both the wild and farmed sectors.

## On other fronts

Although the fish farm issue has totally consumed us for the past many months, that has not slowed the pace of all of the other activities that I have had to continue to be involved in:

- \* The Granite Bay Hydro line completion - application for Federal funding is in and I am following up on it weekly with our MP, John Duncan

- \* Transfer of School District properties on Quadra and Stuart Islands to the Regional District for community purposes - Meetings set for Sept.

- \* Site visit to Sonora Island to view a run of the river project that will remove Sonora Lodge from diesel generated power - Visit Sept 8th.

- \* Site visit to Evans Bay to determine that feasibility of taking over the Evans Bay Wharf

- \* Meeting with Transport Canada regarding the Evans Bay Wharf - July 21st.

- \* Public Hearings in both Gold River and Oyster River on major developments

- \* Attended the Electoral Area Service

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# Area B Regional Director's Report

July 17, 2009

by Noba Anderson

Committees (which I chair), The Committee of the Whole and the SRD Board meetings.

\* Attended the Chief Administration Officer Evaluation Committee and the Transition Team meetings (from CSRD to SRD)

\* Attended the UBCM Offshore Oil and Gas Committee meeting in Vancouver. (I am the SRD representative)

\* Attended the UBCM Electoral Area Director's Forum in Vancouver - our one chance each year to discuss only rural issues!

\* Attended the Bute Inlet update meeting on June 29th.

\* Many meetings with organizations and individuals on Quadra

That is just a sampling of the things that are going on.

One issue that has come before the SRD is that the Cape Mudge Band has applied for rezoning of the area that they staked for a Temporary Industrial Use Permit (TIUP) about a year ago. They now want to rezone it for long-line shellfish aquaculture. I have not seen the results of their testing that was to be done under the TIUP. This will be advertised when it comes up for public hearing. It comes before the Committee this week.

Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

## My Fish Farm Vote

### A Special One-Topic Cortes Regional Director's Report

The health of our coast and indeed of our wild salmon that bind this ecosystem together are of the utmost importance to me. This is essentially the intro and conclusion (minus all the middle content) of a long article detailing why I am conditionally supportive of one of the two proposed new fish farms for which Grieg Seafoods has applied off Sayward. For the full article, see the Regional Director's page at [www.cortesisland.com](http://www.cortesisland.com).

We are working toward a solution at the Strathcona Regional District board that includes both a move toward closed containment as well as more local jobs. We have received supportive responses from both the Georgia Strait Alliance & Wilderness Tourism Association. Ruby Barry, Executive Director of GSA has wrote, "I appreciate your intention to use the Gunner Point Salmon Farm zoning application to leverage change in the industry." She wrote, "No one in government has attempted to do this before now and I applaud your creativity."

After 5 months of reading, meeting, listening and touring, after two public hearings in Sayward with packed houses, and after reading hundreds of public submission, Brenda Leigh, Jim Abram and I voted, with majority, to approve rezoning for one of the two proposed sites with many conditions. The most compelling condition is that this fish farm site will move to closed containment as soon as 'commercially available',

which, according to Middle Bay Sustainable Aquaculture who is developing this technology, is about two years away. Early adoption of closed containment by a major player will help turn that tide.

Neither the Province nor the Feds have been willing to take on the closed containment issue, despite major public pressure to do so. I am interested in change to the industry for increased health of wild fish and coastal ecosystems. It is unprecedented that we at the SRD have this kind of leverage to demand the use of closed containment. This application has passed three of four readings. If at final adoption we are not satisfied that our conditions are met, we will not give it final approval.

Initially, I did not see how I could support this application, either personally or as a Cortes representative. Through forums, government panels and petitions there appears to be a clear public majority opinion that the current practices of open-net salmon farming are not acceptable. We are responding to that will through this effort to find a creative alternative.

This is a very imperfect situation. We are doing our best to use our

limited authority as creatively as possible. We are aware of the risk. Closed containment technology may never be developed possibly giving Grieg the use of this site regardless. The results of that could be very harmful, especially given the site location in the funnel of Johnston Strait. However, if this works, and one of the largest farms on the coast successfully goes to closed containment, it will be the first large model for every environmentalist, fisherman and politician to point to for the sea change we need.

We are taking a chance, no doubt. We are trying to step into a role that others have not been willing to take, and doing so with a company that says it wants to move in the right direction. My prevailing sense tells me to abide by the precautionary principle and, given the scientific evidence we do not need another open-net fish farm. Truth is, we are way beyond implementing the precautionary principle in so many global stories including fish farming. What I now believe we need are bold attempts to right our course.

Noba Anderson

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## Exploding Population Growth and Democracy Don't Mix

So Obama visits Ghana to celebrate its record on democracy. Wonderful. But no mention is made of the fact that with a Total Fertility Rate of 4.3, Ghana's population will double by 2050. With its ecological footprint exceeding its bio-capacity by 25%, what chance is there of continuing political stability?

In the rush to throw more billions of aid money into Africa to grow more food in degraded and ecologically-stressed environments, these supposedly well-briefed leaders are seemingly unaware or mute about the impossible population growth predicted for much of the continent. Nor do they apparently notice that several Arab states have purchased large tracts of land in Sudan and elsewhere in Africa to grow food for the rapidly rising populations of their own arid countries.

The Canadian Senate documented the futility of four decades of African aid in 2007. More than a half trillion dollars has made conditions even worse than were before the aid was dispensed. Feed 5,000 mouths now and 25,000 more hungry stomachs return in a generation. It is time we played hardball with democrats and dictators alike. Foreign aid must be increased, but made conditional on family planning. Empower and educate women, and tell local male politicians, bishops and mullahs in Africa, the Philippines, Haiti and the world--get with the program or get off the gravy train. No condoms, no help.

Tim Murray

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## At The Legion

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 Thursday July 23rd, 9:00p.m.  
 Quadra Legion \$5.00 cover charge. CD's available.

## Quadra Art Show

The Quadra Island Artists are following the success of the 2009 Studio Tour with their yearly exhibition of works at the Tidemark Theatre Lobby, July 3rd- August 30th. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on Sunday, July the 5th from 2 until 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. When you are in town during July and August, drop in to see this display. The theatre hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Living Life Large Festival in Heriot Bay

Living Life Large is the order of the day on Monday, August 31st, at the Living Life Large Festival of Performing Arts. This one day festival is happening in Heriot Bay on Quadra Island. Hosted by the Heriot Bay Inn, this waterfront event features live music, theatre, dance, good food and good vibes.

Shane Philip, Quadra Island's one man music sensation is headlining. Also performing are the AGB All-Stars from Cortes, and island jazz favorites Noelle Maffin and Annie Siegel. Theatrically speaking there will be a Shakespeare performance by 2009 Bard on the Beach actor, Neil Maffin, who is also teaching an acting workshop. The day also includes dj sets with live dance performances, hoola-hooping, a dance workshop, and roving performers.

The Heriot Bay Inn's new local ownership is supporting the vision of a performing arts space for Quadra and the North Island. The goal is to encourage live theatre, dance, and music that resonates both locally and internationally. The Living Life Large Performing Arts Festival begins this commitment to local culture. This event also brings awareness and funds to the North Island Survivors Healing Society.

Live life large, take Monday August 31 off, and be immersed in a day filled with live expression and ocean side ambience at the Heriot Bay Inn. Gates open at 12:30, music and performances 1 pm till midnight.

Tickets for the Living Life Large Performing Arts Festival are available on Quadra Island at the Heriot Bay Inn and Hummingbird Office & Art Supply, in Campbell River at the Campbell River Art Gallery, or purchase by phone: 250.285.3322/1.888.605.4545. Single tickets are \$30 till August 15, and \$35 thereafter. Family tickets are (up to five) \$95, and remember, kids under 12 are free!

## Quadra Island Seniors BR. 91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

All the Seniors are very busy as usual, either with family, friends, maintaining their homes and gardens, and working at the Tourist Information Booth. We all had a great time at the N.I. Regional Picnic, which was hosted by Br. 52, Campbell River. The Picnic was held at Halbe Hall, Black Creek. We had a delicious Pot-luck lunch and later games, inside and outside with Prizes, and lots of laughs.

Ruth and Martin Amiabel attended, as delegates and proxys, for Quadra Island Br. 91, Campbell River Br. 52, and Cumberland Br. 51. to the Annual General Meeting of the B.C.O.A.P.O. in Agassiz. Fred Coates of Agassiz was elected as Provincial President for two years, and Betty Bolton of Coquitlam was elected as Second Vice President for two years.

On Wed. July 15th/09 our Seniors and family or friends, are visiting Butterfly and Orchid World, having lunch at Coombs Market where the goats are on the roof and travelling to Errington to visit North Island Wildlife for guided tour and a demo of owls in the wild.

The Objective of the B.C.O.A.P.O. which includes Quadra Island Seniors Br. 91, and many other branches in the Province, (7 in the North Island,) is to enhance the Seniors lives by having fun and friendship, and to educate them on the latest issues which affects the Seniors greatly.

Other Excursions which are planned, are to Mini Golf and lunch at Miracle Beach on July 23rd, A Boat trip with Jack Mar, Campbell River Museum and Lunch, and a visit to Willam Van Orden's Fish Art Studio. and lecture, in August and Sept. Call Ruth Amiabel @ 250-285-3801- or-- rmamiabel@gmail.com Our next meeting, a Picnic at Rebecca spit, Wed. Sept. 02/09, our annual picnic, with games with prizes and a Pot-luck lunch. For membership call Muriel @3216, Bob @ 2907 or Ruth 3801.

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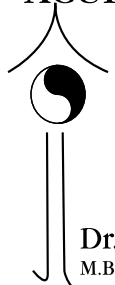
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Jams to be held on every full moon and new moon, coming dates are July 21, Aug. 5, Aug. 20. Starts at dusk. Location: Rebecca Spit at the gate (will be open, but closes later). If you're driving, park on side of road (right before the gate) - go immediately to your left - it's at the little park right there.

Spinners bring your own gas, preferably a safety, and come sober. See you there! For more info call Angela at 285-3994.

## Cops for Cancer

Cops for cancer fundraising event, Saturday August 22nd at the Quadra Legion. Pledge forms for those interested in participating in the head shaving event are available at Standed Hair Salon. If you would like to donate an item towards the raffle or if interested in helping out in some way please contact Sally 285-3608

## A Lucky Man!

Robin Schmitt is a resident of Quadra and a nurse at Campbell River Hospital. She was visiting Brooklyn to see her first grandchild and was having dinner on Friday evening of June 19th. There was a commotion at another table and Ms. Schmitt could see a man in difficulty and people at the table standing up around him. She decided she would offer her services and found that he was choking and already turning very dark red. She could hear that he was not getting any air flow, in or out. Another person was trying to give the Heimlich manoeuvre, but wasn't doing it properly. Ms Schmitt stepped in, applied the right amount of force with the proper hand placement and the obstruction was ejected. A long way from home, an excellent nurse . . . and a very lucky man! - Fay Hubbard

## From the Fire Dept.

The Fire Department would like to thank the community and guests for the outstanding support we received on Canada Day. The evening was as always, a time for celebrating and having our beloved island enjoyed by many. The fire works, food and activities, entertainment and cake contest are beyond expectations and we are proud to be part of such an organized event.

Just a reminder a back-yard burning ban is in effect through the summer until late Sept. or early Oct.

For more information or questions give us a call at the Fire Dept. (250-285-3262) or check out the Forest and Range web site, open fire ban <http://bcwildfire.ca//weather/maps/dangerrating.htm>. or try <http://bicildfire.ca//hprscripts/wildfirenews/bans.asp>.

Thank you again.

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## Senior Housing News

Congratulations to Connie Burns and Ray Marean on winning the June raffle of BBQ + \$100 for steaks. Thanks again to Quadra Builders for a reduced price on the BBQ, and Cheers to Heriot Bay True Value for their "spirit points" program, which allowed us to include a \$100 credit at the store. Over \$700 was raised to help move the project ahead. THANKS QUADRA.

This month's raffle is for a mountain bike + \$100 for the sports drinks and energy bars you'll need while riding. Get you tickets at the farmer's market Saturday or from any of the directors. Thanks to Island Cycle for the price reduction.

Work has been progressing on testing of the water well, and John Toelle has been talking to BC Hydro re: getting power to the site. He reported progress to members of the Board at a meeting last week, and the Board approved his suggestions for furthering the project.

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## Studio Tour 2009- A Sweet Success

All the economic indicators were uncertain but the Quadra Island Studio Tour 2009 passed with flying colours. The co-ordinated efforts of the Quadra Island Artists were rewarded with a memorable weekend. The increased number of visitors experienced our island under ideal conditions. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reflected their appreciation for the hospitality on Quadra and the quality of the work that they admired in the studios.

We have many supporters to thank for this year-round project. With their help, the Artists and Quadra Island are gaining some renown. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals: Waypoint Signs and Graphics, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, On Root Nursery, The Discovery Islander, O.A.P. Tourist Booth, Mary Thomson, Marjorie Luce-Haddon, All of our advertisers, Quadra Island Recreation Society, Campbell River Arts Council



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Then there's Heriot Bay Survivor. It's similar to the TV show, but nice. You may have to eat a lot of watermelon or scavenge some very difficult to find items. Last year we had a few men in their twenty's, a few men over forty and one teenage girl compete for the \$100.00 cash prize plus \$100.00 Quadra Island gift package. Emily Yates won and is the standing Heriot Bay Survivor. Do you think YOU can survive? Pick up your pledge forms at the Heriot Bay Inn or Hummingbird Office and Art Supply. Your first task is to fundraise for the QI Emergency Services. Start now and be a winner.

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So, there is a long list of folk to follow. Please take time to read them, and appreciate their contribution to this island celebration. If we have missed anyone, we do apologize (it's a long list, as you can see!) and thank you too. Of course, the day would not be complete without all the islanders and visitors who came out to play...so thanks for coming, one and all!!

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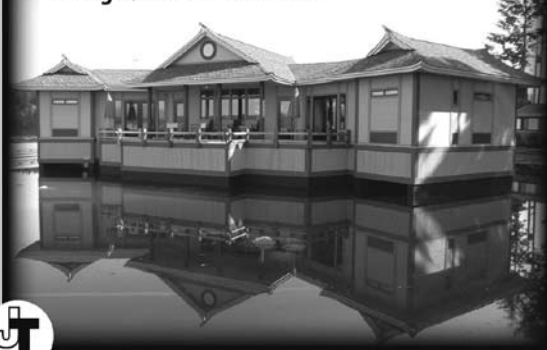
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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Harsh Lessons

British Columbia has produced quite a number of excellent writers, and I recently had the pleasure of spending some time with Paul St. Pierre, or at least vicariously through reading a couple of his books. St. Pierre earned his spurs, so to speak, writing a column for the Vancouver Sun for a couple of decades, and showed his flair for descriptive writing in a half dozen or so novels. His stories are peopled by characters based upon acquaintances of the author living in BC's Cariboo-Chilcotin region, and they are generally larger than life people who prefer the rigour of wilderness life over city comforts, or in many cases are in hiding from their past. During my time in Williams Lake I met many such characters, but I've also encountered the same while in Whitehorse, Alert Bay and here on the Discovery Islands. While it seems that rural areas have a large proportion of "characters", I long ago decided this isn't so...they just stand out more prominently than they do in the cities. Here's a few memorable ones.

In Williams Lake I was doing a lot of vehicle repossessions, which of course brought me into contact with a lot of colourful people. I learned a very valuable life lesson from a wiry cowhand from the Riske Creek area, who had been giving me the runaround for months with various tales of woe involving his small ranch. Upon locating his truck in the parking lot of one the Puddle's seedier bars, this confident 19 year old marched in, spotted him at a table of men, walked up and confronted him by asking for the keys to the truck. My next recollection was picking myself up off the filthy floor, wondering why my head hurt so much. My quarry was long gone, and when I returned to the office to share my tale my boss shook his head in wonder at my brashness. "Never embarrass a man in front of his drinking buddies" was my boss's explanation of the lesson taught me by that cowboy, and I never did it again. Our little fracas, however, did get the cowboy's attention, and he resumed payments

on his truck. Never did apologize for decking me, though. Nowadays he'd have faced an assault charge, but not in 1970's Williams Lake, and in any event I was man enough to admit I probably deserved it.

Whitehorse is where I made my first bad loan, to a trapper from Bennett, BC. If you've never heard of Bennett you are not alone; Bennett is an abandoned town on the White Pass & Yukon Railway route that crosses briefly into BC from Alaska into the Yukon. This very rugged character came to my office with a tale of woe about needing a new snowmobile, the loan for which to be repaid almost immediately from the sale of last season's furs. The fellow was very engaging, and his clothing and aroma lent credence to his tale, as did his mink hat. I called the dealer and told him I would finance the Arctic Cat, then after recovering my hand from his vice-like grip I ushered him out and left my office to air out for the rest of the day. 3 months later I hadn't heard from the guy, nor seen a penny. One day I went to a local watering hole after work and lo and behold, there sat Trapper Jack (alone at the bar, of course) so I approached him about our little problem. "Only a couple of more weeks, my friend!" he promised, and his fur money would be in and he could pay off the loan. To back up his story he insisted I take his treasured watch, which had belonged to his father in the old country, as security, pushing it into my hands as he spoke. Of course the watch was useless as collateral, but I felt it would make him feel more obligated to keep his word so I accepted it. Three weeks later, still no trapper, so I made the long and interesting trip to Bennett to confront him - a fruitless trip however, since nobody in the region could/would say where he lived, though they acknowledged his existence. In the end, he kept the snowmobile (I later learned the machine broke down the same year and was abandoned in Bennett), I lost the watch (a

piece of junk, anyway), and the bank was out \$1,500. But at least I got a good story out of it and a lesson in character judgment.

Alert Bay is home to a number of interesting characters and as the town banker I got to meet them all. One fellow that stood out was a local "jack of all trades" whose name was not Jack, and he used to come to me every year, at the same time, to borrow \$1,000 with which he would go on a one-week bender. He always faithfully paid his payments, and would show up one year later to get another grand. I would occasionally share his table at the Orca Inn pub, and getting him to talk about anything was like pulling teeth. However, if he liked you and if he had enough beer in him he would occasionally talk about his past, though always in very oblique terms and never providing any salient details such as time, place or identities. Once, just before the anniversary date of his annual loan, he was in just such a mood when I asked him why he felt the need to have this annual blowout. He thought a long while before answering, and finally told me it was both a celebration and a wake. I pressed him to explain, and he said "Way back in the 1950's I let my brother talk me into doing something really, really stupid, and it cost me many years in BC Pen (the infamous and now closed maximum security prison in New Westminster). I go on a piss-up every year to celebrate my release, and the hangovers remind me of the stupidity that got me in there." Of course I had to ask, so when pressed on his crime he again hesitated for a minute, then smiled and said "Robbing a bank. Ironical, eh?" I had to smile too, and smiled again a few weeks later when we signed him up for his annual loan. Under "Reason for Loan", I wrote Education.

I consider it a privilege to have known them all, though I occasionally remember to curse Trapper Jack because I'm sure he was laughing behind my back.



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