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irate neighbor takes action

DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

Iverson got tired of having her dog away from a pile in the yard next to her house. She moved the pile to the middle of the lane behind her house.



TIM SHOULTS/THE CHIEF

While cleaning the trash, which included rotten elk meat, left behind by a tenant evicted last month, Iverson took four municipal crew members an hour and less than an hour to remove the mess. The day, acting district public works director Arnold said Friday.

The house, located at 38140 Avenue, is the subject of a number of complaints to the mess.

City manager of administrative services Trudy said she could not provide any information on the complaints, though confirmed complaints have been registered and the municipality was in the process of enforcing the bylaw.

Under the bylaw, the owner of the property is given 14 days to respond to the complaint, or a council motion to remove the mess. The district automatically does the clean-up

Fed up with the pile of trash in the yard next to her residence, Jodi Iverson decided to move the garbage into the lane behind the Third Avenue home.

and bills the owner. The bill, if left unpaid, can be added to the property taxes. Iverson could also be charged, though in her case it would be littering on municipal streets, under the traffic bylaw.

"People could be charged

for illegal dumping," Coates said, "if there are witnesses who are credible and willing to appear in court."

"I will go to court with this because I think this whole thing is a joke," said Iverson. "I'd just love them to put me in court because they'd never

hear the last of me.

"Am I criminal for doing this? No. People were not doing their job, so I did it for them. "The bottom line, I was not feeling safe next to that yard," Iverson said.

The house is owned by an 80-year-old widow living in

West Vancouver, said Iverson.

The property is managed by a local property management company. The owner of the house could not be reached for comment at press time.

Iverson said the real victim in all this is the owner of the house.

shots fired at residence, no one injured

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Squamish RCMP are releasing details after several drive-by shootings were fired at a residence in the area of Government and No Name Road on Friday night.

According to police, the shooting occurred in the early morning hours of between 3 a.m.

Det. Fran Bethell said specialized units were called and assisted in the collection of evidence at the

residence.

"This would include our dog section and our forensic identification section," Bethell said Sunday night. "Several people were inside the residence at the time of the shooting, fortunately no one was injured."

Bethell said the residents are understandably upset and concerned by this incident and both the family and the police are hoping that someone may have more information about the incident.

There was also unconfirmed reports that the incident was a

drive-by shooting, but Bethell said it was too early in the investigation to say how the shooting occurred.

"I can't confirm whether the suspects were in a car or on foot," she said. "We have several investigational needs, but

at this point we have no suspects in the incident."

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Altercation leads to arrest

Police have arrested a 20-year-old Squamish man in connection to an early evening altercation on Friday night.

Bethell said around 8 p.m. on Friday there was an altercation between two males at a

home in the Brackendale area.

"As a result, a 24-year-old male was taken to Squamish General Hospital with several cuts and two stab wounds," Bethell said.

"The injuries were

non-life threatening." Bethell said the 20-year-old man made his first appearance in Squamish Provincial Court yesterday to face assault and weapon charges.

Police are continuing to investigate.

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Oct. 6	3:59 a.m. (4.98) 11:04 p.m. (7.78)	9:26 a.m. (12.42) 4:53 p.m. (14.7)
Oct. 7	2:49 a.m. (5.4) 11:41 p.m. (6.87)	8:31 a.m. (12.74) 5:25 p.m. (14.74)
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Oct. 9	1:16 a.m. (6.09) 1:16 p.m. (6.59)	6:17 a.m. (13.41) 6:22 p.m. (14.37)
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On council's agenda this week:

Items to be discussed at tonight's council meeting at 3 p.m. in council chambers at Municipal Hall:

Council will consider authorizing issuance of a development permit to Dynasty Property Corp. for the renovation of Highlands Mall, including an expansion of Extra Foods, and the erection of the largest highway sign in Squamish.

Council will receive delegations from Darren Moore on using recycled tires as roofing material, from Madi Roberts on a grant in aid to the Royal Canadian Legion, and Terrill Patterson on traffic lights at Garibaldi Way and Hwy. 99.

Council will consider a grant-in-aid of \$180 to cover the cost of renting the auditorium at Brennan Park to hold a public all-candidates meeting 7-10 p.m. Nov. 4, hosted by the chamber. Commerce.

Smith declares candidacy

By TIM SHOULTS
Editor

Community activist Shelley Smith became the 12th person to announce a bid for District of Squamish council Thursday.

Smith, a 15-year resident of Squamish with four children, has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and with community events and groups such as the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair, the Fall Fair Squamish Centennial

Celebration, the Economic Development Committee and the University Initiative Committee. She also organized the inaugural Pride in Youth Walk in 1998.

Smith said she is running because "we're at a very important point in the community's development. The type of council we have will strongly affect where we go from here."

She cited her extensive community involvement as qualifications for the office. "I think we need somebody who's a doer," she said.

She identified downtown development, economic diversification and creating a welcoming atmosphere for new business as the main issues in the campaign.

Smith welcomed the fact that the number of council candidates could top record of 16 set in 1996. "I think it shows a lot of passion for our community," she said.

The vote for the six council positions and mayor, as well as school trustees and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District directors, takes place Nov. 20.

Reduction in maintenance only in summer

By DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

Any reduction in maintenance on Hwy. 99 will only apply to the summer months.

At its Sept. 21 meeting, council was concerned over a reduction in maintenance being part of the new contract now being negotiated between the Highways Ministry and Capilano Highway Services Co.

Howe Sound district highways manager Wayne Keiser, who assumed the post on Friday, said he could not comment on the contract as it is still unsigned. He could say, however, it will run for three years and will include cost-savings to the taxpayer and government.

These involve some work reductions, reductions in profit, and "efficiencies"...

Keiser said he hoped the contract will

be finalized in the next month.

"It's fairly significant that we're not looking at reducing winter maintenance services," he said. "That's not on the table for negotiation."

In a related matter, the Highways Ministry's study of Hwy. 99 is ignoring a raft of issues important to Squamish, district staff told council Sept. 7.

Community Planner Margaret-Ann Thornton's report to council included nine items that will not be addressed in the corridor transportation study.

Among the issues not included are access and egress onto Hwy. 99, consulting major land owners, highway capacity, a public meeting on the study's findings and recommendations, smog impact and bike routes.

The study will also not address means to retain jobs and employment in Squamish to reduce commuting. Hwy. 99's connection to the GVRD transporta-

tion network and Hwy. 99's impact runs through and divides Squamish.

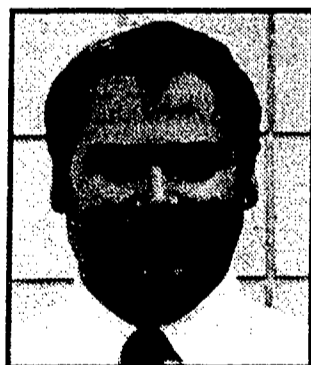
Council voted to advise Harry Lalonde, minister of transportation and highway and West Vancouver/Garibaldi MLA, of the district's concerns.

The matter was brought up at the UBC of B.C. Municipalities convention week, when the district met with Lalonde.

Thornton's report was a follow-up to her Aug. 10 meeting with a representative of Reid-Crowther, the consultant retained by the ministry to undertake the study. Despite most of the district's concerns not being addressed, certain issues raised by Squamish will be added to the study. These issues include full participation by the district, input from Squamish Nation, Squamish Chamber of Commerce and the provincial Ministry of Forests, truck freight movement, various traffic peaks, not just Whistler tourist traffic.

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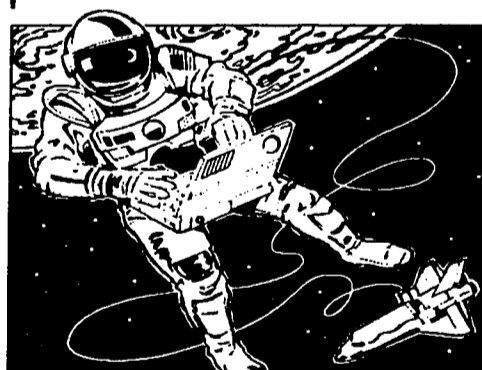


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BRIEFS

Correction
In a story in last week's Chief on the 7 J's development permit for the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit building, it was incorrectly stated that the building permit for the CGHU was fast tracked council.

In fact the developer went to council to ask for a relaxation of the formal requirements that required development permit to be registered title prior to issuing a building permit.

Council to decide
200's future

Leigh's future as Squamish's economic development officer will be decided at today's council meeting. Leigh's six-month contract was signed March 26, it is extended to today (Tuesday). Council will hear recommendation from the economic development group before making a decision.

Field users meeting
planned

A field users meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday starting at 7 a.m. for all those interested in the upcoming field referendum issue. The meeting will take place at the Brennan Park Community Centre. For more information call Bob Smith 892-9243.

Master plan in the
works

PG Partnership and MG have been hired to prepare a master plan for delivery of health services in Sea to Sky corridor. The plan is being prepared in order to develop a capital plan for future health care delivery to identify the need for expansion plus major equipment acquisition, according to a press release from the Sea to Sky Community Health Council. The report should be completed by Dec. 31.

Afsar drops out of
race

Local health has forced Shammad Afsar out of the election race. Afsar suffered a heart attack Sept. 28 and due to the condition of his health is not able to continue as a candidate for municipal council.

Volunteers needed

The Squamish branch of Special Olympics will hold its annual general meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 38021 Fourth Ave. Volunteers are needed to assist the executive and staff in areas such as coaching, said Martha Sanders. For more information call 892-1565.

DARREN GALLAGHER/THE CHIEF

Browsers check out the merchandise at the Squamish Partnership of Youth (SPY)/Howe Sound Inn garage sale Saturday. The sale was held in the underground parking garage of Howe Sound Inn and Brewing Company. By the 9:30 a.m. opening, there were more than a hundred people waiting. Profits from the sale will be split between the Brew Pub, \$288, the food bank, \$100, and SPY, \$760.



Contractor's lawsuit against district grows to \$7 million

By TIM SHOULTS
The Chief

A local contractor's lawsuit against the Howe Sound School District and several current and former officials has grown to claim more than \$7 million.

But the School District's lawyers are dismissing the contractor's claims — and so, it seems, are the courts.

As reported in The Chief in January, William and Vivian Breti of Design Planning Co. were seeking \$1.079 million for unpaid work at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary done in 1995 and 1996.

They have since added a claim for \$6 million in damages for lost work between 1996 and now.

The defendants included the Howe Sound School District and its superintendent, Axa

Pacific Insurance Company and Nicholson Tamaki Architects Ltd., former superintendent of schools Doug Courtice, capital projects coordinator Phil McCloy, his assistant, Ross Selbey, assistant secretary-treasurer John Hetherington and trustee and former board chair Don Wilson.

The Bretis claim they are owed \$1.079 million for work they completed on a six-classroom expansion of Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School in 1995-96 because the school district unfairly caused them to forfeit their contract.

Design Planning won the tender to build a six-classroom addition at the school in May of 1995 with a \$1.7-million bid.

In May 1996, with the project substantially completed, they were removed from the project and replaced by another contractor which finished the project and did additional work.

The \$1.079 lien was laid in January of this year, and the new claim for \$6 million in damages was filed in June.

The suit claims that several irregularities in the bidding process and interference between Design Planning and their contractors by district staff, including McCloy and Selbey, forced them off the job.

The Bretis also claim that they were forced to sign the final contracts for the project in July 1995 under duress without being allowed to consult legal advice first and that the district withheld regular payments on the project starting in November 1995, causing Design Planning to lose the project and its bond.

The Bretis have made several attempts at legal action, starting with a \$600,000 lien against the school in June 1996. Those liens expired in April 1998 and the Bretis filed a new suit for \$2.8 million in unpaid work and damages in August 1998.

On Aug. 17 the court cancelled the Bretis' liens and struck down its claims against the individuals named in the suit last month, leaving only the architectural firm, the bonding company and the school district named.

Henning Wiebach, a lawyer representing the school district said the district moved to cancel the liens because they were simply re-filings of the lien which was filed in 1996, which was "totally improper."

Wiebach said any further actions against the district will be defended, but court dates have not been set yet.

"We've had difficulties with them because they're not giving us notice of application," Wiebach said.

"They're getting nowhere." The district has filed a

counter-suit to dismiss all the Bretis' claims.

Axa Pacific has filed a separate application for Design Planning to post security to cover its court costs, which it estimates at about \$48,000, before discovery and trial of the matter.

Jeff Breti, who is representing Design Planning in court, said they have also contacted the RCMP's fraud division and have requested a Ministry of Education audit of the district's accounts.

He also denied the liens had been dismissed and said their legal action is going ahead, although a date has not yet been set.

"We're at the point of almost going ahead, but they're trying to smokescreen us," he said.

William Breti said Wednesday he was also losing his house to foreclosure because of the matter.

Bear complaints on the rise, says conservation officer

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

It's feeding time in Squamish.

As winter nears, bears in Sea to Sky Country have been roaming around town in search of food as they prepare for winter hibernation.

"Over the last three weeks, I'm getting 10 to 15 bear complaints a day," said conservation officer Dan LeGrandeur. "They are feeding actively for about 20

hours a day and we're getting complaints from pretty well every subdivision in town."

LeGrandeur said the bears are coming into town to feed on fruit trees as the heavy snow pack in the mountains is making it tougher for the bears to find food.

"There is no real public safety concern," LeGrandeur said.

"The bears seem to be feeding in the late evenings or early mornings when no one is around or is asleep."

He said last week he put down two bears in the Garibaldi Highlands, one who chased after a small boy and the other who acted very aggressive towards human contact.

He said the first incident was near Rhum & Eigg Drive while the second incident was on Kintyre.

"The large male bear who chased the boy was very aggressive," LeGrandeur said. "The second bear was also very aggressive and when I inspected it afterwards I

found that she was very old and would have probably succumbed in the wild."

LeGrandeur said he would rather not put down the bears, but when it's a matter of safety — he's taking no chances.

"Bears at this time of year are impossible to trap," he said.

"I get concerned when I see these bears showing no fear of people. The two bears that I put down fit this criteria.

"I'm not going to compromise public safety for the sake

of a bear." To combat the problem, LeGrandeur suggests people pick all the fruit from their trees.

"The bears are going to be in your yard if you have fruit," he said. "Get rid of the attractant, once the fruit is gone the bears will move on. This is an unusual year. I've been here for six years and I've never seen so many bears. Hopefully this is something we can deal with in a safe manner so the bears and the community can co-exist."

News



DARREN GALLAGHER/THE CHIEF

Britannia Beach residents met last Wednesday. A new president, secretary, treasurer and directors were named.

Land transfer options a big issue for community group

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

The Britannia Beach Community Association has a new president, new secretary, new treasurer, and two new directors after Wednesday's meeting, along with a mandate for monthly meetings in future.

Ron Fulber is now president, Ann Barnes treasurer and Willow Thornhill secretary. Lynn Boyd and Horst Walters became directors by virtue of an eighth director's seat being added to the board. All achieved their office by acclamation.

Fulber said he'd been avoiding the presidency for 12 years, but supposed it had to happen sometime.

The meeting primarily covered three topics: the housing land transfer from Britannia Beach owner Copper Beach Estates Ltd. (CBEL), the foreshore, and the community's ball field.

The Fraser Basin Council, the not-for-profit organization that facilitated the public meetings on CBEL's pollution

remediation proposal for Britannia Mine, has agreed to continue that role in the land transfer.

CBEL presented the transfer as part of the remediation plan, the "social solution." With the province granting the plan conditional permits, the transfer is going ahead.

A public information meeting will be held in late October to provide information on land transfer options and related issues. "There's a lot of info but nothing concrete, though lots are happening right now," said Fulber. "To get the treatment plant built and running and prove it's working is a prerequisite before anything happens. It's going to be a few years yet."

Ralph Fulber gave a report on the community's involvement with the foreshore. He said B.C. Assets and Lands, the Crown corporation charged with handling the lease agreement on the foreshore, is coming to an understanding Britannia Beach residents are the people to develop the foreshore.

"They're actually entertaining a 20-

year lease, which could easily lead to another 20 years, which is the kind of long-term assurance that attracts the kind of capital we need," he said.

The community's three-year lease expired in May but was extended a year. Ralph Fulber said foreshore development would serve more than Hwy. 99 travellers, and could get the Royal Hudson and MV Britannia stopping at Britannia Beach again.

On the ball field issue, an knee-high layer of sand and dirt will return grass to what is now 3,716 square metres of dead earth. Spearheaded by Hope Island Productions, the TV series filming in Britannia Beach, and Michael Williams, the field project should see turf in place by the end of the month, CBEL receiver/manager Maurice Neill said.

The sprinkler system, already installed, was donated by Mountain Builders, Neill said. Resident Jane Iverson said a team would have to be formed to challenge the Hope Island crew to a game before they wrapped up filming for the year.

Council looks to borrow money for fields

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

The fields referendum will be on the ballot for this November's elections, but council is already in the process of borrowing the money.

Council voted 4-2 at its meeting Sept. 21 to give first three readings to the playing fields loan authorization bylaw. Councillors Sandra

Bauer and Meg Fellowes were opposed.

Council also authorized, with the same 4-2 split, to ask voters if they are in favor of borrowing a maximum of \$966,000 over three years to build a slo-pitch field and two all-weather multi-purpose fields.

However, the ballot cannot reveal this project will cost the average household \$95.76 over the three years. It will

also not include what other projects may also require an assessment. The district will require \$100 million in infrastructure works over the next 20 years, some of which will go to referendum.

"I just find it incomprehensible that it's illegal to put in that this is going to cost you [taxpayers] another tax," said Bauer.

"The question, the way it's worded here, does not reveal

the full cost," Coun. Lyle Fenton said. "It does not include maintenance, which has been estimated as high as \$70,000 and as low as \$15,000."

District staff and the field users groups disagree over the cost of maintaining the all-weather rockdust fields.

Users have said it is as little as \$5,000 a field a year, while district staff's latest estimates are for \$25,000 each.

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Exact cause of crash may never be known

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Investigators say they are unable to pinpoint a cause for last month's Glacier Air helicopter crash.

However, Transportation Safety Board (TSB) investigators said Thursday that they will never know fully what actually caused the accident.

Without being in the air or on the hillside it's difficult to say 100 per cent what caused the crash," said Bill Yearwood, regional manager of the air division investigations for the TSB. "The information that we have gathered so far is expected to lead us to a likely scenario that caused the accident."

Squamish pilot Colin Yearwood, 38 and his four passengers, all from Vancouver, died on Aug. 15 when the Glacier Air A Star Helicopter

they were traveling in struck a rock face.

The group was on a sight-seeing excursion at the time of the disaster.

Yearwood said during the past month, investigators have been sifting through the wreckage at their facilities in Richmond and have answered a number of questions.

"We've examined the wreckage and done a thorough examination of the engine, controls and power components," Yearwood said.

"We've determined that the aircraft was making good power during the crash and there is no evidence of there being a mechanical failure prior to impact."

Yearwood said they have also inspected the rotor blades of the helicopter and have determined that the blades struck a granite rock before the helicopter made contact with

some trees.

"We reviewed the area of the crash site and have identified a rock formation that is likely one that the main rotor blades struck," he said. "The damage is constant with the helicopter traveling at a slow speed. Right now we're exploring/investigating the weather conditions at the time the aircraft was flying and in what location and why those conditions could have led the pilot to fly in the vicinity of the rock formation."

Yearwood said he could not give a time frame as to when the investigation will be closed.

"The investigation is still ongoing," Yearwood said. "We will continue investigating until we've answered all of the questions that are leading up to this event or until there is no more information to be gathered."

Lonsdale elected to UBCM board

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

Mayor Corinne Lonsdale was elected for her second term as a director of the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) at last week's convention in Vancouver.

"I see sitting on the UBCM as part of my job," Lonsdale said Sept. 15.

"I believe my involvement on the UBCM board has helped get some of our infrastructure projects. They [provincial officials] know me, I'm not just a name at the end of telephone or a face that drops into my office once in a while."

Some 1,500 delegates, including the whole of Squamish Council, attended the convention, along with representatives from almost every ministry and agencies like ICBC, the RCMP, and B.C. Transportation.

"It's a whole broad spectrum of issues across the province," Lonsdale said.

"There's considerable business that goes on here because of the large number of players in one place," said Coun. Meg Fellowes. Squamish delegates met with ministers of Transportation and highways, environment and municipal affairs. Issues included the trans-

portation corridor, BC Rail, CanOxy, Britannia Mine, Garibaldi at Squamish, boundary expansion, the logging road in the Mashiter Creek watershed and the national park proposal.

Coun. Lyle Fenton said Joan Sawicki, environment minister, said logging roads are not allowed in Class A parks. The Mashiter Creek watershed partly lies within Garibaldi

Provincial Park. Council is concerned over water quality degradation resulting from the road's construction and use.

Squamish put forward a resolution to give municipalities control of land use on property sub-leased from the Crown. This relates to a pumice processing plant operating in Squamish, over council objections. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

"The UBCM is extremely important and extremely successful," said Lonsdale, pointing out it is the only such organization to include 100 per cent of a province's municipalities.

"UBCM is so successful because it does pull together people from communities across British Columbia.

"When the province or the federal government is looking for input on an issue, [they] come to UBCM."



Mayor Corinne Lonsdale

Railway Park gets funding boost

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

The Brightbill House and a \$100,000 BC2000 grant are going to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park this week.

Minister Waddell, minister for all business, tourism and culture, announced the grant Thursday at the opening ceremony of the convention of the Association of Railway Museums (ARM) held in Vancouver last week.

"It's [the grant] going towards the finishing of the house that's under construction at the railway park," Don Evans said Thursday.

Evans is president of the West Coast Railway Association, which runs the park, and co-chair of the ARM convention.

"It won't get us all the way there but it's a significant amount for work on the inside of the station," he said. "Needless to say, we're delighted."

The station is being built to plans drawn up in 1915 for a Squamish Pacific Great Eastern station house that was never erected.

Now the park's key to year-round operation, it will house a library, archival research centre, gift shop and rooms for educational programs.

"Development of the her-

itage park will continue with the theme of 'building the past for the future,' providing a first-class attraction for the new millennium," Waddell said. That development will take another step Friday when the Brightbill House is moved from Stan Clarke Park to the railway park.

Owned by a railway engineer, the house was originally located on Second Avenue. After its move to Stan Clarke Park it was used as a heritage museum until the early 1990s. The \$17,500 move is funded by Squamish council, which cited vandalism and the unsafe nature of the house in its current location as reasons.

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News

Council still opposed to park

By DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

Squamish council declared again Sept. 21 it is against the 500,000 hectare national park proposed for the Elaho Valley.

Council, on a motion from Mayor Corinne Lonsdale, voted unanimously it was against further areas being protected, set aside or the working forest being eroded by any initiative to create a national park or wilderness area.

The motion also contained a resolution of support for integrated land use and the provincial Protected Areas

Strategy, which preserved 13 per cent of the province.

The motion cited reasons like 30 per cent of Squamish property taxes are derived directly from the forest industry, the economies of Squamish, Pemberton and adjacent rural areas are reliant on forestry, and between 22 and 24 per cent of the Squamish Forest District is already protected from logging.

Lonsdale said the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) board of directors unanimously supported her motion at its meeting Sept. 20.

She noted, however, Whistler Mayor Hugh O'Reilly had left the meeting. Neither O'Reilly nor Whistler council have yet declared a position on the proposed park.

Earlier in its meeting the SLRD received a formal request from the Whistler Resort Association to participate in a feasibility study of the park proposal. It chose to file the letter without taking action. Squamish has not received a request to participate, Lonsdale said Friday. She pointed out, however, the district would have no reason to support a park feasibility study if it is against the park.

Unpaid clean-up fee still needs to be paid

By DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

An unpaid clean-up fee from the Howe Sound Secondary School mocktail reception is still the 1999 Dry Grad Committee's responsibility - even if the group doesn't exist anymore.

Howe Sound School District trustees made the decision to require the committee to pay the \$381.19 fee at their meeting Sept. 15. The fee is a hard cost incurred for 12.5 hours custodial/security coverage and tablecloth cleaning and replacement, Rick Hume, director of facilities and ser-

vices, told the trustees.

The district agreed to waive the rental fee when the facility agreement was signed in May.

The issue was brought to the board of trustees by Wendy Magee, the Dry Grad committee chairperson.

Her Aug. 26 letter stated a double-booking of the multi-purpose room for June 5 occurred as the school did not contact the board to make the reservation.

Magee's letter went on to say they were surprised to learn of the fee when they completed arrangements to share the facility, and feel it is

unfair they have to pay the total fee as there was a double-booking.

When contacted Friday, Magee had not been advised of the board's decision.

"It's unfortunate that the school board can't support an event like dry grad," she said.

"They're being charged for what the parents did. The grads are gone and the money has been spent on their dry grad," she said.

Magee said the only possible source for the money is the two \$500 scholarships funded by the grads or the seed money for the 2000 Dry Grad Committee.



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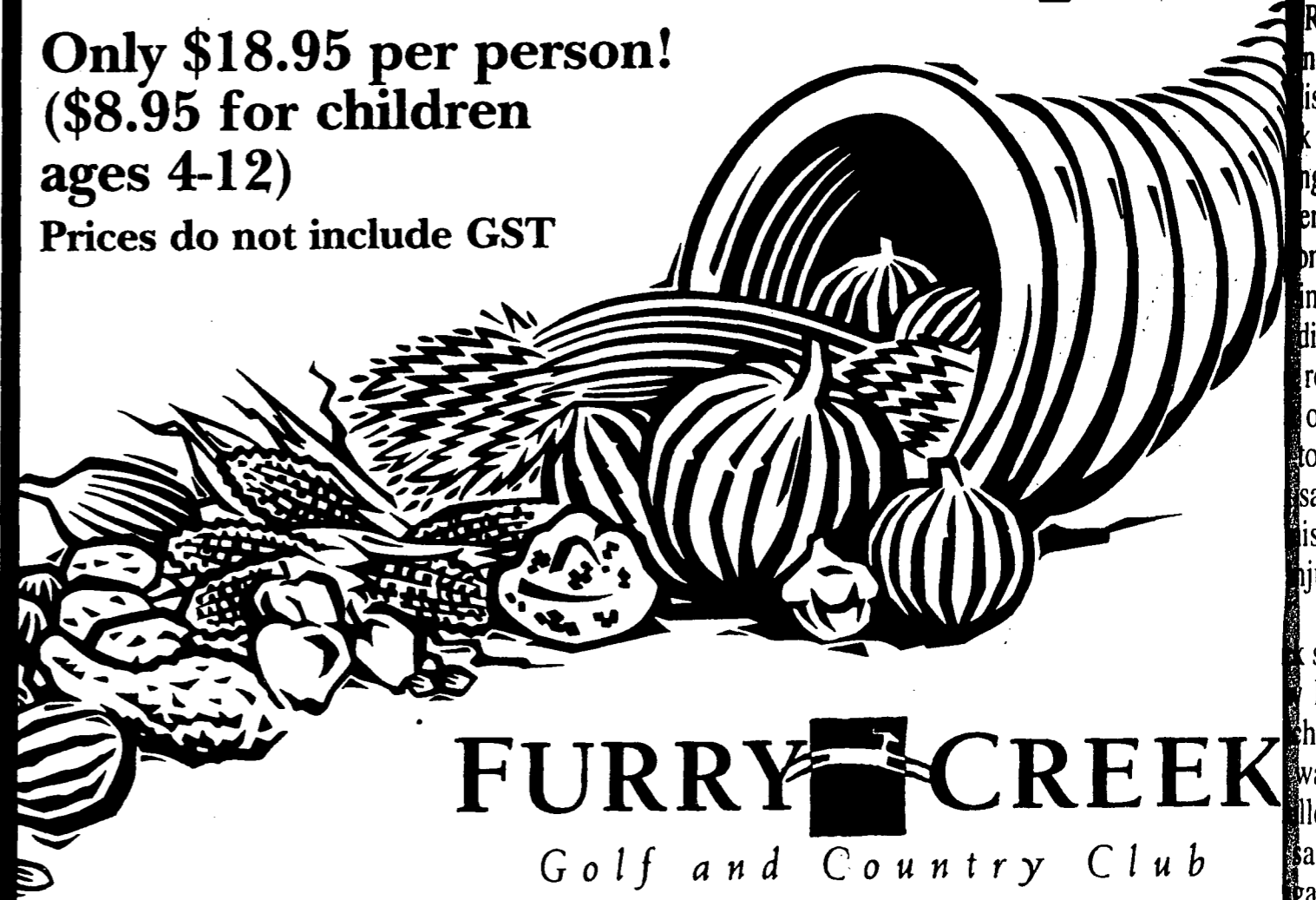
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News

Police Blotter

Witt Meadows man survives crash

Witt Meadows man is still in hospital recovering from injuries after he rolled his truck late Wednesday night. Police said they received a complaint from a complainant and a British Nation Peace keeper before 11:30 p.m. that a truck was spotted in the east south of Centennial

Rob Diack said police, and ambulance crews were dispatched to the scene. Diack said the truck was heading southbound on Hwy. 99 when the driver somehow lost control around a slight curve in the road and landed in a ditch.

The roof of the truck had to be cut off by the fire department to get the man out," Diack said. "He was taken to British General Hospital for injuries to his legs and

Diack said police are unsure how long the man was in the truck before he was found. Diack was in shock when he rolled out," Diack said. Diack said police are still investigating the cause of the crash.

NRG Cabaret at the Britannia Hotel was the sight of a fight early Friday morning. Police responded to a complaint of a fight that had gotten out of hand at 1:30 a.m.

Diack said when police arrived 50 to 60 people were

milling around a smaller group fighting in the hallway adjoining the bar.

"The unruly crowd, mostly due to alcohol, were difficult to control and a number of other fights broke out inside and outside the hotel on the street," Diack said.

He said the melee concluded with an investigation of charges of causing a disturbance by fighting and two combatants being arrested and charged under the Liquor Act.

Both spent the night in RCMP cells.

Diack said a small amount of marijuana was also located and the cabaret was given a liquor inspection ticket.

"The incident will be further investigated by police and the liquor board," he said.

A 52-year-old Squamish man was treated for minor injuries after a motorcycle accident on Sept. 23.

According to police the man lost control near the Boulevard around 10:30 p.m.

"It looks like suspects put a piece of lumber across the road and the driver ran into it," Diack said. "It looked to have been a piece of two by four." Diack said a search of the area produced no suspects and police are still investigating.

A Surrey man has been charged with possession of a

controlled substance and prohibited driving after police pulled him over near Britannia Beach.

Police said they received a complaint of a possible impaired driver north of Horseshoe Bay on Sept. 24 just before 7 p.m.

"The driver was stopped and he failed a sobriety test," Diack said. "He was also found to be in possession of 61 grams of marijuana."

Diack said the vehicle was impounded and the man was held over night before being released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

A 43-year-old Squamish man was issued three charges under the Motor Vehicle Act after he was involved in an accident on Sept. 26.

Police said the incident occurred just before 9 p.m. when the driver of a black Toyota was waiting for the lights to change at Garibaldi Way and Hwy. 99 and was hit from behind by the man driving a Mercury. "The man rolled down his window and said he would follow the driver to a safe spot to exchange information," Diack said. "He lied and fled the scene." Diack said the vehicle and driver were located a short while later.

Besides the three charges, the driver was also issued a 24-hour suspension because of alcohol consumption.

Tattersfield to run in Area D

GRACE CHADSEY
Whistler Question

British-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Area D Pam Tattersfield's name will be on the ballot.

It is an opportunity to and there are some on the board started and I like to see (them) come she said

active newcomer to the

regional district, Tattersfield was appointed to the board in April after Brent Leigh resigned. There are a number of ongoing issues that she would like to see resolved in the coming term, including completion of the Official Community Plan review and the preparation of zoning bylaws for Area D. For Britannia, Tattersfield said she would like to see several issues resolved, such as the

acid mine drainage problem, property ownership (homes in Britannia Beach are owned by Copper Beach Estates), and the resolution of governance. On a local level, the SLRD is the only government representation for Britannia.

Other issues that she sees continuing into the next term include treaty issues and solid waste management, the plan for which is currently undergoing amendment.

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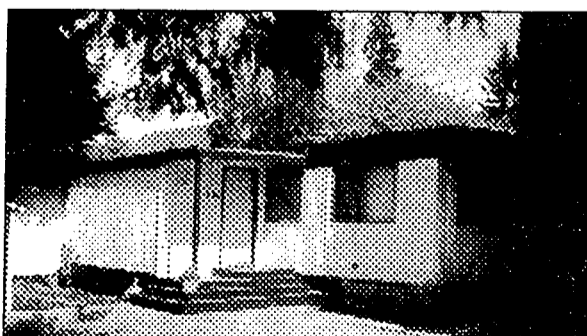
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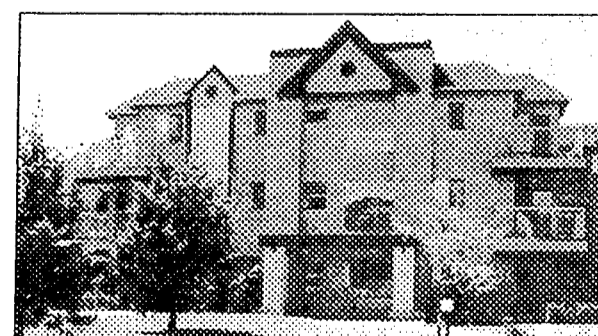
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News

Interfor didn't admit to fire

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

International Forest Products (Interfor) field engineer Dave Guilbride was surprised when he saw an article in The Province newspaper saying Interfor admitted a forest fire in the Elaho this summer was started by logging operations.

The Sept. 23 article had Guilbride saying the Aug. 5 fire, which ripped through a year-old cutblock with 5,000 cubic metres of downed timber, was accidentally started during yarding operations.

In fact, Interfor was loading

logs onto trucks with an excavator-like machine, not yarding them, Interfor project forester Gord Prescott said Thursday.

Prescott had spoken to Guilbride shortly before being contacted, and said Guilbride was unhappy with the article.

While yarding creates dangerous amounts of friction with its dragging cables, the hydraulic loader is a very low-risk operation, he said.

Prescott said the loading was occurring at the top of the hill, while the fire is believed to have started in the valley bottom.

"It's almost impossible that our loading could have started the fire," he said. "It really is a safe operation fire-wise."

Prescott also said all Interfor machines are equipped with firefighting gear. "If something had gone wrong, wherever we were working, it would have been relatively easy to extinguish."

"It is a person-caused fire, it was not caused by lightning," Darrel Orosz of the forest service, who is investigating the fire, said Thursday.

"We know where the fire started, but we can't release any more than that because we haven't completed our

investigation."

A burning substance, the legal term for anything from a cigarette to an arson device, was dropped, which is prosecutable under the forest code, said Orosz. "To clear the air, nobody from Interfor has called me up and said 'we started the fire,'" he said.

Prescott raised the spectre of ongoing anti-logging protests taking place nearby when discussing possible causes of the fire.

"Let's not lose sight of the fact that the same antagonists who were camping up in the Elaho were passing through the same area," he said.

Garibaldi funding is close: Richter

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

The Garibaldi at Squamish project is not in as much trouble as some recent media reports suggest, Chairman and CEO Wolfgang Richter said Friday.

Contacted through the Squamish office, Richter said he is close to securing an investment large enough to complete the province's lengthy environmental assessment (EA).

Richter has spent the last month in California working to close a deal with a party that has maintained its interest in the proposed four-season Brohm Ridge resort for the past nine months.

"It's imminent. As we've been pursuing

this group some other have expressed interest. So we have options," he said. "It's also an issue about the right partner, it's not just any partner."

He admitted money is very tight right now, however.

In early June Vice-president of development Bob Miles said they hoped to have investors in place by July and complete the assessment and Canadian Alpine Ski Policy (CASP) by November.

The most recent proposal for the Garibaldi at Squamish began February 1995. To date \$5 million has been spent, the bulk of it on the assessment and the ski policy planning process. Another \$5 million is needed to complete the EA and CASP, at which point some \$200 million

over 10 years will be needed.

"The stage we're at requires expensive expertise," said Richter. "It's basically preliminary planning."

"Capital is timid," he said of the investment climate. "There has not been a major mountain resort that's been approved in North America in 20 years."

That leads the private market to have little confidence in Garibaldi at Squamish.

"It's ironic," Richter said. "You've got places like Aspen who were always aware of Whistler that are now afraid of Whistler," he said, comparing Whistler's effect on Colorado ski resorts to B.C.'s film industry eating into what used to be Hollywood's exclusive territory.

Conservation gets slight funding increase from province

COLM HEANEY
Whistler Question

A \$5-million increase to the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks will have an impact on the local conservation office.

The extra funds will be dedicated to deal with urgent needs and will begin to rebuild the ministry's core services, said Joan Sawicki, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks.

Dan LeGrandeur, of the Squamish

Conservation Office, which covers Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, said the increased budget will allow the office to restore the number of staff hours affected by a budget decrease in April.

Ultimately, that will mean that conservation officers will be able to spend more time in the field and less time doing office work.

"We had an administration support staff worker who was three-quarter time but had to be reduced to one-half time," he said.

"What this increase does is it allows the hours to be brought to three-quarter time again."

Sawicki said the government is committed to an increase in services, but not by reverting to the "old way of doing business." While the increase does help the Squamish office, LeGrandeur said the office is far from sitting pretty.

"It does help somewhat, but we are finding that we are limited in certain aspects...it forces us to prioritize certain aspects of the job," he said.



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News

Concert changes the scene in Elaho Valley

DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

for Threatened Habitat (PATH) spokesman Barney Kern said Thursday.

PATH and the Forest Action Network (FAN) re-established their protest camp in the Elaho last week. It was destroyed during a confrontation with loggers Sept. 15.

The camp is used as a base for tree-sitters, who have been blocking International Forest Product's (Interfor) road building. An 24-hour, seven days a week exclusion zone stretching a kilometre south of Lava Creek and for 500 metres around the work site was granted following the Sept. 15 incident.

PATH and FAN, joined by members of the Canadian

Party of Women and the Raging Grannies, blockaded the gate to Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 38 Sept. 28 and 29. The blockade was taken down and a protester arrested Thursday when Interfor asked the RCMP to enforce an Aug. 13 court injunction against interfering with logging in TFL 38. The 71-year-old woman is the fourteenth arrested since the protest began in early August.

"More and more groups are jumping on the bandwagon," said Kern. "That road will not be built this year.

"We basically want Interfor out of TFL 38 and have the tree farm turned over to the community. Interfor is not

good for Squamish."

Interfor operations manager Dave Miller said Thursday the injunction was not enforced earlier because Interfor wanted to cool the situation down.

From Monday through Thursday Interfor held four workshops for its loggers on avoiding confrontations and handling protesters' behavior.

"We have to learn to act like them, we have to learn to use

the element of surprise," Miller said. "It was a rather pathetic sight when you saw them chasing after us and pounding on the hoods of our trucks to provoke us.

"Our people just walked away from it," Miller said, pointing out loggers signed a pledge to work peacefully.

"I believe they're [Interfor] trying to go for a sympathy thing," said Kern. "Their poor guys, they couldn't go to

work for a couple days."

Since the protest camp was re-established, pieces of Interfor equipment has been heavily vandalized. In the mean time, David Zirnhelt, minister of forests, issued a release Sept. 27 against the proposed 500,000-hectare national park. Zirnhelt cited the Protected Areas Strategy of 1996 and that 14 per cent of the Lower Mainland has already been set aside.

scene at Mile 65 in the Elaho Valley Saturday more than a little out of ordinary.

In addition to the now usual of loggers, protesters and tractors, a pair of bands and a number of concert-goers had an appearance at the protest camp a kilometre south of Lava Creek.

The concert was organized by Eco Events, the same group that holds the annual Mann Music Festival in the area.

"We have a couple local bands coming up to inspire the activists," People's Action

Police checking for seat belts

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

blitz supported by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police that took place on Saturday.

According to the Ministry of Attorney General's office, last year during Operation Impact, Canadian police checked 312,000 vehicles and issued more than 8,400 tickets for seat-belt violations.

"It's much better to be stopped by your seat belt than by your windshield," said Squamish RCMP Const. Dan Seward.

"We will be out there doing

seat-belt checks for drivers, passengers and especially checking child resistant checks." The need for these special child resistant checks is due in part to a 1988 study done by ICBC.

The study found that one-third of all infants under one year and weighing under 9 kilograms were incorrectly placed in a forward-facing car seat instead of a rear-facing carrier, and 15 per cent of infants in rear-facing carriers were incorrectly facing forward.

It's better to make sure you're up when traveling in Squamish for the next few days as RCMP will be out on the streets upholding the law. Police will be checking to see if seat belts are being worn during this year's annual seat belt campaign Oct. 1 to Oct. 15.

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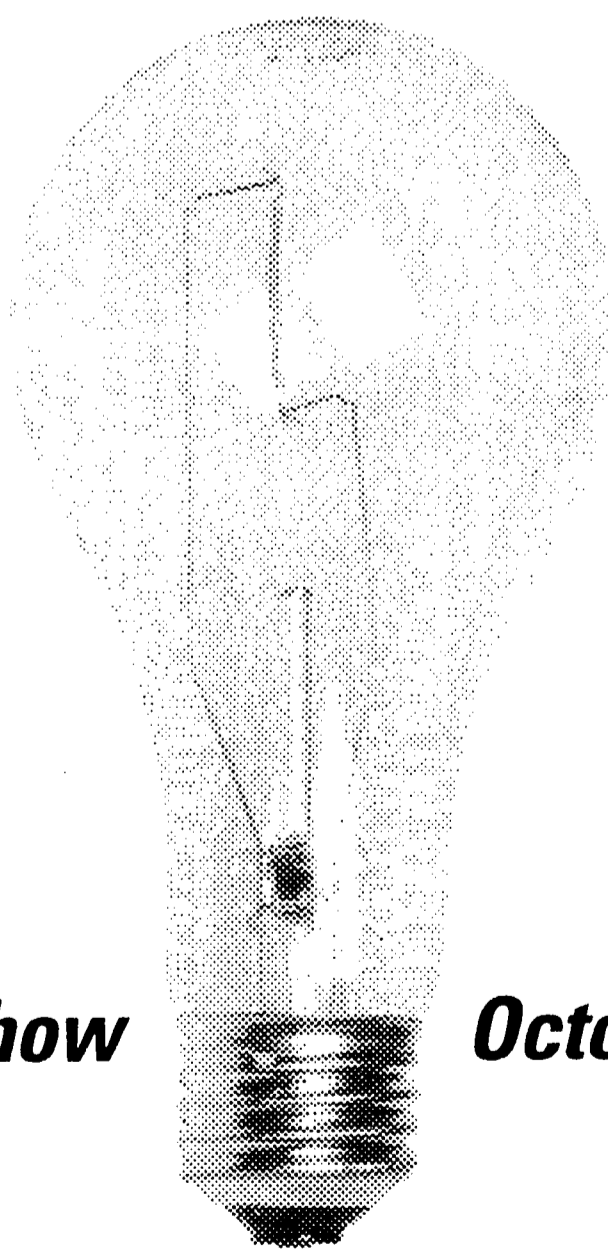
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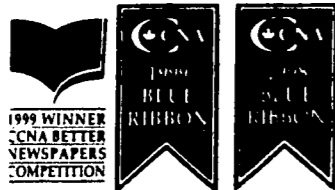
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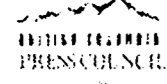
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EDITORIAL

Forestry work stoppage could have serious ripple effects

Dealing with the situation in the Upper Elaho Valley — and now at the gate of Tree Farm Licence 38 — is a sticky situation for the media, especially the local media.

The people of Squamish demand to know what's going on in the woods — and rightly so. A percentage of Squamish's workforce is directly dependent on forestry, our tax base still leans heavily on the industry and a good number of our secondary businesses rely on forestry dollars as well.

A stoppage of work in TFL 38 this fall could have ripple effects into next year, just as the economy begins to pick up from the year-long shutdown of Squamish's sawmill.

But to publicize the protests in the Elaho is to play right into the hands of the environmentalists who started this conflict, who thrive on attention and seek out confrontation — as witnessed by the protesters' behavior when Interfor employees turned around last Tuesday instead of picking a fight. Not satisfied with having disrupted a day of work for over 100 wage-earners, the environmentalists came down the road after the loggers in a desperate attempt to provoke a fight — the world's first flying blockade. It's safe to say "We Shall Not Be Moved" isn't likely to be the theme song of these protesters...

Interfor's employees have shown admirable restraint in the past week, resulting in a distinct lack of press coverage in the dailies.

Of course, if we had the space and the time, we could probably fill this entire paper with the Elaho situation. We'd be able to look into the vandalism of company equipment, for instance, complete with full-color photos of excrement on the seats of trucks and road-building equipment.

We could also raise some tough questions — for instance, where are the strident protests of groups like People's Action for Threatened Habitat and the Forest Action Network (or even the Western Canada Wilderness Committee) when it comes to the Westbank First Nation's logging in the interior? Is it too far away for Vancouver's professional protesters to drive out, get arrested and still get back home in time to hang out on Robson Street?

Or is it more politically correct to protest against white loggers rather than First Nations?

Maybe more publicity isn't what the environmentalists should really be after in this conflict. It certainly hasn't helped them recently.

School race is important

The race is officially on — and in Squamish, it's a flying start.

Nominations open today for the mayor's race and the six seats on council, as well as representatives on the Howe Sound School District board of trustees and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

We've already had 12 people publicly declare their intentions to run for council and two for mayor — and while it's unlikely we'll see more for that race, given the two strong personalities that are going head-to-head, we anticipate the number of candidates for council will smash the record of 16 — set only in the last election in 1996.

But we still haven't heard word on representatives for the School District, apart from the incumbent trustees who have all said they're running again.

We're interested in hearing from any candidates for trustees as well. While they're not in the limelight as much as their council colleagues, their role is certainly at least as important, with a \$28-million budget and the mandate to educate the youth of this corridor.

Let's not let education be overshadowed in this fall's political contests.

DOSANJH CONCERNED NDP LEADERSHIP RACE TURNING NASTY.



Eighty-eight days and counting

I got a nasty shock from the B.C. Liquor Distribution Branch over the fax machine last Tuesday morning.

No, it wasn't a "frequent buyer" card or an offer of free booze in exchange for coverage(hmm...); it was a news release pointing out that as of Sept. 23 we're officially 100 days away from the New Year.

Don't worry, I won't say millennium on the grounds that some cranky person will undoubtedly write in to carp about 2001 being the millennial year, not 2000...

That scared me. Thinking in terms of weeks or even months makes the New Year seem a little further away, but in reality, as of today, we're 93 days away from the year 2000.

The LDB's spin on the mill...er, year 2000 is, of course, the spike through the roof of Champagne sales — including "fun facts" such as the fact that the surge of bubbly consumed this New Year's Eve will be equivalent to the flow of the

Seine through Paris — 260 cubic metres per second — and the fact that Marilyn Monroe once reputedly bathed in a tub full of Champagne (350 bottles worth, in case you're curious).

As for me, I'm not even sure I'd want to toast the New Year with Champagne — with that many people drinking the stuff, the only bubbly I'd probably be able to lay my hands on would be Canadian Baby Duck, or worse. I still haven't fully recovered from the horrific memory of downing most of a 1.5-litre bottle of Canadian Baby on my high school grad night and being sick with bubbles for the rest of the evening.

Besides that, the New Year doesn't hold too much great fascination for me yet, I'm afraid — although it augurs to be a huge year for Squamish, whatever the number: we'll have a new high school, the construction on our university should start, our downtown will start redevelopment (maybe; it depends on how cynical you are about planning

Tim Shoultz



THE VIEW FROM HERE

strategies), and events like the Test of Metal and the Sea to Sea Film Festival will be celebrating their fifth anniversaries.

It'll be the 10th year of The Chief's existence as well, and maybe it's time to start thinking about it. Our New Year's Eve paper (which comes out Dec. 31) will be called Millennium Milestones (I know, I know... We're compiling the top 100 little-known facts, anecdotes or historical notes about Squamish's history and presenting it to you — and if you have any tidbits that you think might be of interest for this project, I'd like to hear from you. Drop in the office, call me at 892-9161 or email.

LETTER OF THE WEEK

No place for human intolerance

Editor,

Re: Human intolerance of each other; bigotry and to the poison pen letter writer who didn't get printed (editorial, Sept. 7)

I found the following poem in Dear Abby and I think it's so true and very apt to what goes on in people's hearts and minds when they judge others.

They should also read meanings of immigrant, refugee etc. in the dictionary.

All our forefathers/mothers came from somewhere other than Canada/North America at one time or another.

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped in happenstance
In dark and bitter cold,

Each one possessed a stick of wood,

Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs

The first woman held hers back,

For of the faces around the fire,

She noticed one was black.

The next man looking across

the way

Saw not one of his church,

And couldn't bring himself to give

The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered

clothes

He gave his coat a hitch,

Why should his log be put to use,

To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought

Of the wealth he had in store

And how to keep what he'd

earned

From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke

revenge

As the fire passed from sight

For all he saw in his stick

wood

Was a chance to spite the white

The last man of this folk

group

Did naught except for gain,

Giving only to those who gave

Was how he played the game

The logs held tight in death

still hands

Was proof of human sin,

They didn't die from the cold

without,

They died from the cold within

Ruby L. Hunt

Squamish

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Residents hope for 'winds of change'

Editor,
With the approach of fall, I am optimistic that 'winds of change' will finally blow good things to the community in Britannia.
Copper Beach Estates Ltd.'s mediation proposal has been given preliminary approval. Under the heavy public scrutiny aired through the media I am confident that the long overdue cleanup will proceed with diligence.
The residents at Britannia will meet to form a housing

society in anticipation of the long promised opportunity to take control of our own destiny through a change of land title and the prospect of self determination becomes palatable.
Meetings with government agents support a notion to expand upon our foreshore tenure which may finally see some long term recreational and tourist-oriented development. The sheer tenacity of a group of locals from this corridor have facilitated the

steady progress from initially saving the historic Custom's Pier from an ill-advised "practice" burning to community tenure of "our" docks.
Now we would like to see a revitalization of the foreshore with a marina and recreational-oriented development. Business interests have come forward and committed to assist the community in partnership to realize this vision.
A flurry of activity on Britannia's "dead" ballfield will soon result in a green and

healthy public field thanks to a huge effort spearheaded by Hope Island Productions that brought together public and private groups who contributed to this community 'gift'.
When I moved to Britannia 15 years ago I entertained a vision of what might come to be at this village. So did many others.
We didn't always agree and our "domestic" spats often were loud enough to be heard beyond the boundaries of

Britannia. The intensity of emotion reflects a commitment to the region and specifically Britannia Beach by all of "us."
These "winds of change" will certainly be gentler and warmer than the storms of Timor.
We have the luxury of indulging public dissent and the legacy of democracy is based on the security of diversity in public opinion. In the end we are driven by very similar and basic interests. It

is time to build upon these common interests now and "hoist the sails."
The general direction has been established. Where specifically we will be blown lies within our ability to communicate and cooperate. Personally, I am looking forward to shutting down the noisy engines and allowing the common winds to move us along our course. The forecast calls for fall winds.
Ralph Fulber
Britannia Beach

If you don't like it, leave

Editor,
I am writing to answer W.J. Howard's letter of Aug. 24. Who do you think you are when you say you have lost all in the government (except out West you say). Well maybe you should move. I for one don't want you in B.C. For one thing, French is not forced down our throats here in this province. If they don't want English signs in Quebec, so be it. I talk about putting the separatists in the rusty old boats. I hope you are the first in that boat. What makes you so zealous? The boat people and the French are better than you don't see any of them writing and putting down your own nationality). Your own nationality probably doesn't want you. You said in your letter that your grown children don't want to be a family, I don't blame them either because maybe some of our ideas might rub off on your grandchildren and then we would be in disarray.
I think that you should move somewhere else and take your options with you. No one has elected you a spokesperson keep your sarcasm and go fly a kite.
Ray and Marilyn Champagne
Squamish

We all have the right to protest

Editor,
We all have the right to protest, and if we didn't we'd all be dead without freedom or human rights! So I'm protesting the best to the protesters!
That is to say instead of fighting back and forth we should realize we are all kin and work together for common goals. Changes must be made in the way we manage our forests and personal lives.
I protest to the publishing of letters full of personal insults directed at a tortured woman. I protest to the violence, the brutality and the damage to personal property. Publishing hate only spreads the disease (anger).
Solutions do exist and must be implemented. Eco-forestry, (community-based), could employ loggers in the already fragmented areas while preserving the upper Elaho valley. More processing and crafting of the wood would produce more marketable wood.
I protest corporate greed! Interfor has broken the laws of the Forest Practices Code hundreds of times. Because the Forest Practices Code only issues small fines, they still profit.
I protest to the injunction zone that denies all Canadians the right to access Crown (public) land, containing Canada's oldest grove of Douglas fir!
Jeremy Williams,
Vancouver

Letters policy

The Chief welcomes letters to the editor from our readers on any subject. Please mail them to Box 3500, Squamish B.C. V0N 3G0, fax them to 892-8483 or e-mail to: sqchief@mountain-inter.net by noon on Friday for publication the following Tuesday.

Editor,
Well, we are finally into fall. The long days of summer are behind us. One thing for certain is that our children will miss their favorite well-known melody that they hear every day.
Yes, you guessed it parents, the ice cream truck!
It's one thing that the driver likes to call in my neighborhood at dinner time, but

sometimes I cannot always afford that loonie treat.
Hey, but here's the kicker, on the Free Kick™ on the back of the wrapper I have noticed that the closing date for their contest is Nov. 1, 1995.
I have enlightened other parents and they are horrified at my findings.
I have approached the driver, and have asked him for a

Free Kick™.
At that time I observed another wrapper - guess what? You bet.
It too had the same contest closing date. His reply was: "Guess they haven't changed the wrappers." I along with other parents make sure that my child eats properly and not too much sugar intake.
How in heaven's name did any of us not think to check

the wrapping? Obviously the driver was aware. Or was he?
I will be writing to the Good Humor company and informing them of my findings.
I shall also include a copy of this letter and a copy of their wrapper. Moral of this story — parents beware!
Jo-Ann Daffern
Squamish

Beautiful views in Squamish

Editor,
I arrived in Squamish in June of this year, and I would like to compliment the District Council and local horticulturalists on all the well-kept parks, flower beds, hedges and trees around town,

and most especially on the gorgeous hanging baskets on Cleveland Avenue.
They are spectacular - well done! I also look up at the mountains with much appreciation every day, be it rainy or sunny; their grandeur con-

tinually amazes me.
This lovely valley is very different than the Parkland area of Manitoba (which has a unique charm of its own) where I moved from.
How fortunate we are to live anywhere in Canada, and

Squamish is a beautiful place to live - the best of the best. This is a special thank-you to everyone who contributes to making it even more attractive every day.
Margaret Smith
Squamish

On the street

What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

By Darren Gallagher



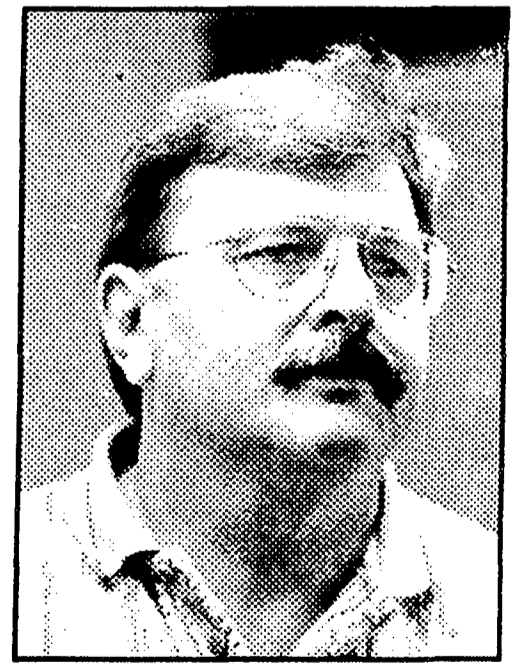
Carola Moore "A U-14 girls soccer tournament in North Vancouver."



Jane Broatch: "I don't know yet. We have three kids in soccer and hockey and as far as I know most things are on hold..."



Gordon: "I don't know. I think we're only having a turkey."



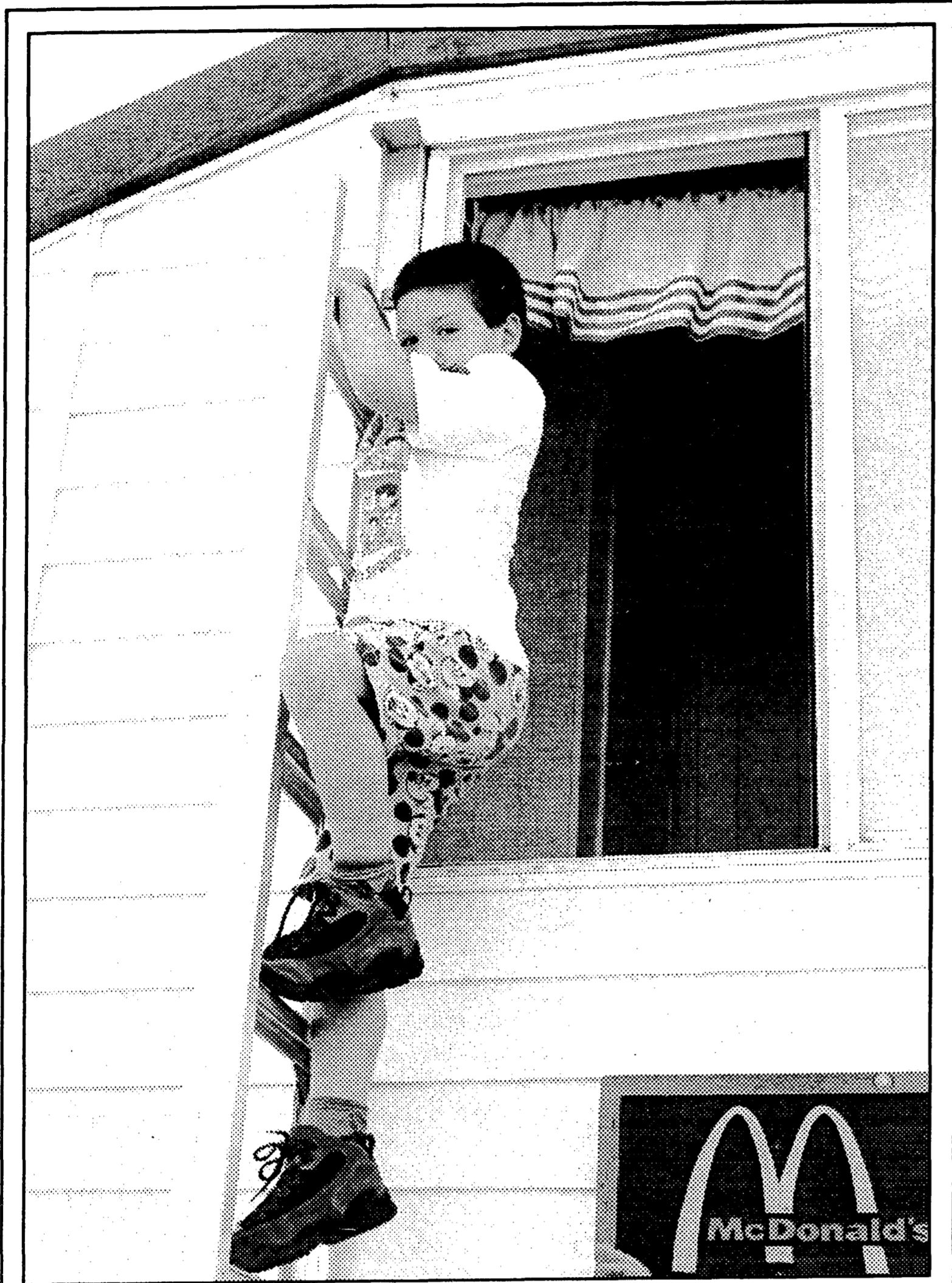
Arnie Bye: "Probably having a turkey dinner at home. I think I've got the day off."

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not be published under any circumstances. We also ask that you keep your letters as short and concise as possible. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writers only, and do not reflect the opinions or policies of The Chief.

News



IAN JACQUES/THE CHIEF

John Jamieson, 6, practices coming out of the Squamish Fire Rescue's fire safety house Sunday at Squamish Station. The department was on hand at Squamish Station promoting fire prevention week. Refreshments were provided courtesy of IGA Plus.

Education key to awareness

BY DARREN GALLAGHER
Reporter

Mental Illness Awareness Week began yesterday, but like the disease, few people know much about it.

The week is meant to help educate the general public about mental illness, and to teach people with a mental illness about the services available to them, and the fact they are not alone in their suffering.

Such an opportunity to learn presents itself at 7 p.m. at the Howe Sound Inn tonight. Dr. Chris Schenk will be speaking on breakthroughs and new medications to treat mental illness.

"What's new and good and hopeful for people with mental illness," Amanda Schell said Tuesday of Schenk's talk.

Schell is a consumer of mental health services and a member of the mental health

advisory committees.

Mental illness is "a chemical imbalance in the brain. It affects thought processes, and can cause hallucinations and delusions" in extreme cases. One in five people will experience mental illness severe enough to require help in their lifetime.

Unfortunately, it is the more severe symptoms and the diseases that cause them that are best known, said Schell.

"It's [mental illness] very misunderstood and there's a lot of stigma around it," she said.

"I think a lot of it comes from the media and television and movies. People have a misconception we're violent and that's not really the case." People with mental illness face being categorized, becoming social outcasts, and have difficulty finding employment, said Schell.

"People need to know there are services and support out

there." These include the mental health services provided through Coast Garibaldi Health Unit and Sea to Sky Community Services Society.

The Dogwood Clubhouse, which Schell is a member of, organizes a walking group and runs arts and crafts, recreational and educational programs to promote community integration.

All during Mental Illness Awareness Week, which runs until Friday, pieces by Clubhouse participants will be on display at the library. They will also be selling irises Friday to fund-raise for the Clubhouse, and literature on mental illness will be available.

Sea to Sky Community Services offers a six-person residence for people with greater support needs, an outreach program, and vocational programs to increase employability.

BCTF president to visit Squamish

Squamish will help celebrate World Teachers' Day today with a visit from B.C. Federation of Teachers President David Chudnovsky. "UNESCO has designated Oct. 5 as World Teachers' Day to make the public aware of the enormous contributions

of teachers who devote their lives to teaching the world's children. It is a time not only to reflect, but to celebrate," a press release from the Howe Sound Teachers Association said.

The highlight of Chudnovsky's visit will be a

First Nations' log blessing ceremony at Howe Sound Secondary from 9-10 a.m.

He will then visit Brackendale Elementary School to meet staff and First Nations students, and finish his visit with an 11 a.m. stop at Totem Hall.

What's important to you in this election?

VOTERS SURVEY

Squamish goes to the polls Nov. 20 to elect a mayor, municipal, councillors, school board trustees, and regional district. The Chief encourages readers to fill in this survey and send it to us by October 29. We will publish the results and provide copies to each candidate. Tell them what's on your mind. Please be brief but please participate.

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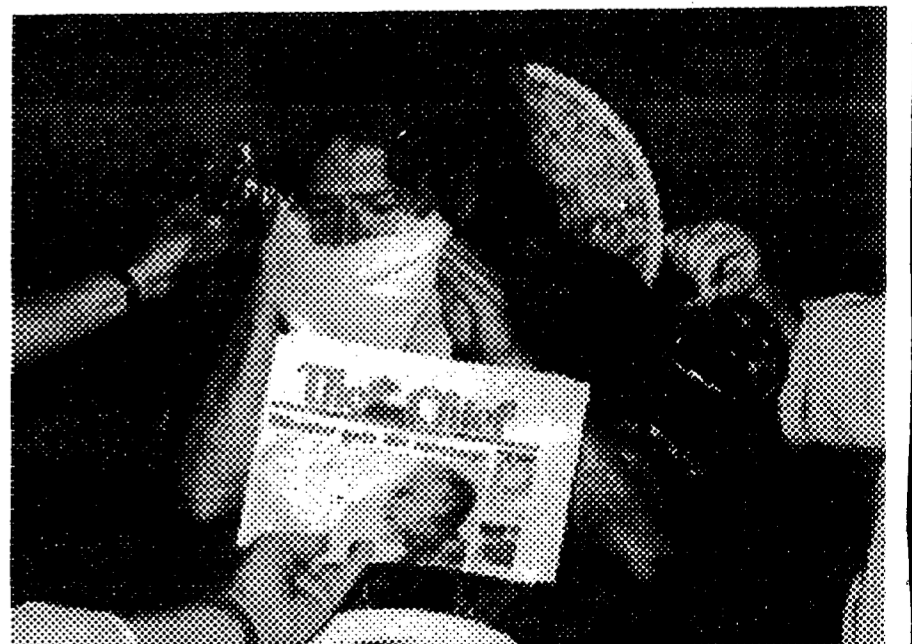


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BRIEFS

**House to
host outdoor
program**

Brackendale Secondary School will hold an information evening Wednesday 7:30 p.m. in Room 106 to discuss the Grade 8 outdoor education program. For more information call 892-4443.

Millennium requests

A 25-tonne stone eagle statue in a developed Rose Park and a Millennium Project could come to fruition if the district's applications for provincial and federal millennium funding are approved. Council directed staff to apply to the province for 50 per cent funding, up to \$200,000, to develop Rose Park and erect a 10-metre, \$30,000 stone statue combining traditional aboriginal and contemporary design. Council also approved applying to the federal government for 1/3 funding for a new slo-pitch/all-weather fields/lawn bowling proposal.

**Way park gets
funding**

West Coast Railway Heritage Park will now be year-round due to a \$1,000,000 B.C. 2000 Community Spirit grant, announced Minister Ian Stewart. The grant will allow the Heritage Association to fund a new station building which will house an education centre, library, museum, meeting rooms, gift shop and archives. The station building is a replica of an original station from the 1920s, Waddell said.

Workshop planned

An alcohol and drug education workshop called "Preventors" will be held at the Brackendale Secondary Library Oct. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The workshop is geared towards parents of Grade 4-7 students and will teach techniques for positive parenting. It is presented by the Anti-Drug Education Centre from Vancouver and is sponsored by the Brackendale Secondary Schools Parents' Association. To register or arrange for a copy call 898-1266.

Person named to

Colleen Miller, of Brackendale, has been elected chair of the Capilano board of governors for the 1999-2000 term. She is the only Squamish representative on the board.

Jazz quintet has "broad" appeal

By **TIM SHOULTS**
Editor

We associate rain with the West Coast, but Vancouver's Mother of Pearl went over 3,000 kilometres to the east to get rained out.

On their first major eastern foray at the Montreal International Jazz Festival this summer, the Vancouver-based all-female jazz band suffered from a last-minute cancellation, to the great disappointment of singer Colleen Savage.

Then — redemption. "We ended up playing a set at a great little club where we weren't booked, packed with dyed-in-the-wool jazz fans," said Savage.

"We were a little treat for them that night."

The negative-turned-positive experience is enough to have Mother of Pearl planning its first national tour for next summer, with planned stops at the Atlantic Jazz Festival, the Toronto International Jazz Festival, and across Western Canada.

But before that, they're coming to Squamish as part of the Vancouver Sun

Community Concert Series Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Eye Community Theatre. The event is co-sponsored by the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society and the Howe Sound Performing Arts Association.

This five-piece ensemble, composed of Brenda Baird on keyboards, Wendy Solloway on bass, Lauri Lyster on drums, Karen Graves on saxophones, flute and vocals and singer Colleen Savage perform jazz and blues as well as their own original work at festi-



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Mother of Pearl will be performing at the Eagle Eye Community Theatre Oct. 15. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at Highland Video and Mostly Books. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

vals, schools and special events. "Our special inspiration is the many outstanding women musicians who have composed and performed in the blues and jazz tradition, from the Blues Queens of the 1920s on up to Carla Bley," says Savage.

The five have performed as individuals with groups such as the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver New Music Ensemble, The

Temptations and with artists such as Sal Ferreras, Long John Baldry and Anne Murray. They've been featured on CBC radio and produce and record their own work.

Despite the fact that all five members of Mother of Pearl are women, the music is the message, not the all-female statement, Savage said.

"We're totally a band first, and it's great to play with

people you can have a broad — no pun intended — rapport with people you can share experiences with on a lot of levels, but the fact that we're all women is becoming less and less important, although it is still something that I think does give us a special quality."

The band's growing notoriety, helped along by some national airplay on CBC, is helping with the band's other

special quality — expanding the appeal of jazz. "I think we'll do well because I'm hearing people say "I didn't know I'd like jazz, but I liked you guys'," said Savage. "I've been hearing that for 20 years and it's certainly being said about Mother of Pearl."

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students and are available at Highland Video and Mostly Books and at the door.

Classic car club members cruise for kids

By **IAN JACQUES**
Reporter

The Squamish Classics Car Club is taking a cruise for kids.

On Saturday the streets of Squamish will be filled with the sights and sounds of vintage automobiles as the car club is holding their first Toy Run.

The event gets going around 10

a.m. from the Tim Horton's parking lot with a cruise around town to take place for about an hour.

All those participating are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated.

The event ends up at the Squamish Pavilion on Cleveland Avenue where all the toys and donations collected will be presented to representatives from Community Christmas Care at

noon. "It's something that we wanted to start doing," said Lyle Stachoski, vice-president of the club.

"The B.C. Motorcyclists do it, so we thought it would be a great idea. We're not a big club, but we feel it's something that we can do for the community."

Stachoski said the event is open to all club members as well as all owners who have restored and unrestored

classic and specialty vehicles.

"We want the whole community to get involved," he said. "During the Christmas season lots of needs to be done. It's a very important cause and anything that we can do for the kids can help out."

For more information about the event or if you would like to donate a toy or a cash donation and can't attend call 898-5898 or 898-4261.

Look back in time

News from years gone by in Squamish, compiled by Darren Gallagher from the archives of the Squamish Times at the Squamish Public Library and The Chief

Five years ago this week

Plans to turn the empty lot at the corner of Hwy. 99 and Cleveland Avenue into a five-building commercial/retail development by fall 1995 were announced at council. BC Rail manager of development Brad Cooper said negotiations with an anchor tenant are already on. Mayor Corinne Lonsdale said council's support was contingent on the property being fully taxed.

Ten years ago this week

A study to determine if transit, in the form a single-vehicle, demand-responsive system focusing mainly on the elderly and handicapped, was what

Squamish needed began. The study was jointly funded by BC Transit and the municipality, and took about six weeks to complete.

Twenty years ago this week

The Squamish United Church voted to sponsor a family of up to five Vietnamese refugees. The family was expected to arrive in two or three months. The refugees either fled China to escape the Communists and were fleeing Vietnam for the same reason, assisted American troops during the war, or were wealthy or educated individuals dispossessed by the Communists and sent to labor camps.

Community

Library celebrates books and beer festival

Anyone still interested in attending the Squamish Public Library's Books and Beer festival this Thursday in the Eagle Eye Community Theatre should check with the library or the Howe Sound Inn for tickets. Feature guest, Arthur Black is well known as a great humorist, author and radio host of CBC'S Basic Black on Saturday mornings. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with beverages and hors d'oeuvres and along with Arthur Black, there will be local entertainers. This event is a fund-raiser for the Squamish Public Library. Tickets are \$20 each.

This is Mental Illness Awareness Week and to help residents gain more information on mental illness, Dr. C. Schenk will give an educational talk entitled The Good News: Treating Disabling Mental Illnesses in 1999. Everyone is invited to attend this evening at 7 p.m. in the

Garibaldi Room in the Howe Sound Inn. For more information, call the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit at 892-9215.

The German for Adults beginner's class is looking for two more students to join classes starting Thursday, Oct. 14. The fee for the 10-week class is \$90 and the group meet each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Sign up on the "interest list" at the Brennan Park Leisure Centre and also call the instructor Doris at 892-3939.

Join Constance Rulka for Shakespeare Without Tears each Thursday at the library from 7 to 9 p.m.

A giant fund-raising rummage sale will be held at the Totem Hall this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rentals are available at \$10 each or two for \$15 by calling 892-5166. Proceeds from the rummage sale will go

towards a trip to Disneyland for the youth.

Long-time resident Irene Hurford will be the recipient of the Diamond Head Branch #277, Royal Canadian Legion Meritorious Service Award at a special open house this Saturday at 2 p.m. This is the highest award the Legion offers.

Stork Stories SCHULTHEISS - Don and Alana are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Alex Dillon, born in the Squamish General Hospital at 12:10 p.m., Aug. 31, weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. He is welcomed home by big sister, Ashley. The proud grandparents are Hans and Erica Schultheiss and Joe and Jackie Chinnapen of Squamish.

TEANBY - Graham (Tet) and Jo-anne of Brackendale are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, a

son, Scott James, born in the Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver, at 10:27 p.m., Sept. 12. The proud grandparents are Paul and Terry Farley of Edmonton and Roy and Pat Teanby of Grimsby, England.

The first concert of the fall season for the Howe Sound Performing Arts Association will bring to Squamish the Mother of Pearl Jazz Band. The performance will be held in the Eagle Eye Community Theatre on Friday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. These gifted musicians performed at Canada's most prestigious jazz event, the Montreal International Jazz Festival on July 9. Tickets at \$12/adults and \$10/seniors and students are available at Mostly Books and Highlands Video.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Squamish General Hospital are busy preparing for their annual Christmas bazaar and raffle on Nov. 27.

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale at the gift shop at SGH. The prizes are a hand-stitched quilt, a porcelain doll and a white silk reindeer. The quilt was made by the Ladies of the Lake Quilters of Anderson Lake and in the near future it will be displayed at Nothing Finer on Cleveland Avenue.

Consider joining the volunteer program at the Squamish Aquatic Centre as volunteers to work directly with the life-guard staff at the Brennan Park Leisure Centre. This program is for youth ages 12 to 16-years and provides an opportunity to strengthen existing skills, meet people, develop leadership skills and it is an invaluable work experience. Youth with 20 or more volunteer hours at the centre can qualify for a 24 per cent discount on leadership courses.

There is a teen swim each Friday from 9 to 10:30 p.m. and on the second Friday of

Maureen Gilmour



ABOUT TOWN

the month a teen skate is held from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 898-3604.

First birthday wishes the week to Ahren Cole who special day was Oct. 4.

It's billed as the Singer-Songwriter Night of the Century and will be hosted by Norm Foote at the Brackendale Art Gallery Sunday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. will feature Bill Henders of Chilliwack fame, Cam Daddo, The Iacovones, Beverly Elliott, Brian Marchant and other performers. Tickets at \$12 each available at the BAG or phone 898-3333.

Annual Gift to Go fundraiser supports Lions Society's children's programs

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Here we Go again. For the 14th consecutive year, the Gift to Go fundraising campaign in support of the B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities is now underway. The Gift to Go campaign has been facilitated by IGA and IGA Plus stores throughout the province and ten corporate suppliers since the inception of this annual fundraising event.

These sponsors include Dairyworld, Kraft-General Foods Cereals, Hostess-Frito Lay, Minute Maid Orange Juice, Canada Bread, Nestle, MJB Coffee, Quaker Oats, H.J. Heinz and Borden/Catelli. "Each time a customer purchases one or more of the 10 sponsored products, a donation is made towards the purchase of a specially equipped van," said Michael Godin, one of the fundraising co-ordinators for the campaign. IGA and IGA Plus are the instigators of this and they have been on board with us since day one."

He said in addition to the product donations, each store also does their own in-store fundraising.

"This is definitely a community venture and without IGA and IGA Plus and the support of communities like Squamish...I don't know where we would be," he said, adding that over the past 13 years, 13 vans have been donated to the B.C. Lions Society for Children with

Disabilities, with a value in excess of \$500,000.


The vans are used on a daily basis to transport B.C. children with disabilities to schools, hospitals, recreational activities and therapy sessions, he said.

"It's extra special for us because with the Easter Seal Camp in Squamish we see the vans and their uses all the time," said Bob Hoy, owner/operator of Squamish's IGA Plus. Hoy said that since they've been in Squamish

they've raised well over \$1,000. He said this year's fundraising campaign is well under way with around \$250 already raised through an in-store barbeque.

"We're planning an in-store pumpkin carving contest for kids by donation for later in October," Hoy said.

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Maple Leaf Singers, an all-volunteer singing troupe from the Lower Mainland, performed an afternoon of music at the Brennan Park Leisure Centre Sunday afternoon. It was the group's fourth time in Squamish. They were hosted by the Squamish Lions Club.

Free flu, pneumonia shots

Coast Garibaldi Health Centre will once again be offering free flu and pneumonia shots.

Free immunizations will be available to those 65-years-of-age and over who have a chronic condition such as asthma, diabetes, heart problems or dialysis.

The first clinic will be at the Royal Canadian Legion, 1100 1st St. and 19, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The second one will be at the Elks Hall, Oct. 22, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Each #70 bus trips had a great trip to the island in Nanaimo last week. There were a few winners but I wasn't one of

them. We had a little excitement when an alarm went off and we all had to vacate the building. After 20 minutes we were allowed back in and resumed our playing.

Upcoming Events
Wednesday, Oct. 13, a trip is scheduled for the Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

The Sweeney Todd Show at the Stanley Theatre has been re-booked for Oct. 26.

Please phone 898-5463 for more information and prices.

Tantalus Seniors Centre
It was a very successful soup and sandwich day last week. This will be a regular feature on the last Thursday of each month.

Tantalus Walking Club
Crescent Slough walk will

be held this Thursday. Meet at the Chieftain Centre near Save-On at 10 a.m. For information, call 898-1628.

The Prostate Cancer Support Group will hold a meeting this Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Tantalus Seniors Centre.

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Hilltop House
The Hilltop House Support Society will hold its annual Harvest Tea on Oct. 23, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a friend for a nice cup of tea or coffee and a piece of delicious home-made pumpkin or apple pie. Cost is \$2.50. There will be a table of crafts and the home-made cakes, tarts, cookies and bread on

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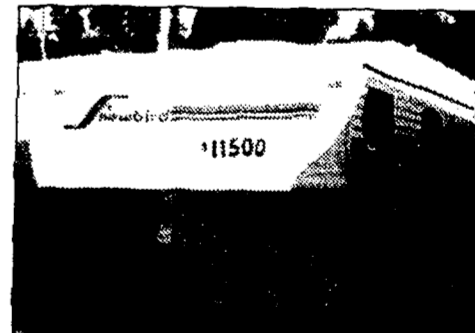
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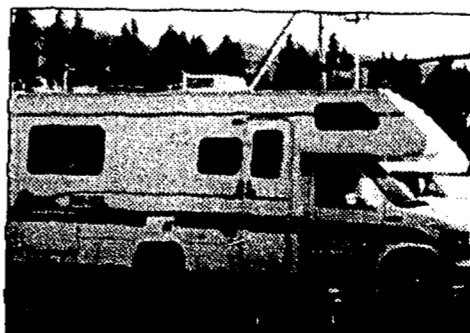
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8:00 *** "Welcome to Sarajevo" (1997) Stephen Dillane, Woody Harrelson. A British reporter becomes involved in the lives of some orphans while covering the war in Bosnia. (In Stereo) 'R' (1 hr., 41 min.)

6:00 *** "Soul Food" (1997) Vanessa L. Williams, Vivica A. Fox. A youth devises a way to strengthen family ties when domestic troubles and illness threaten to tear them apart. (In Stereo) 'R' (1 hr., 54 min.)

6:00 *** "The Undertaker's Wedding" (1997) Adrien Brody, Jeff Wincott. An Italian-American undertaker becomes the pawn in a deadly mob war involving a crime boss and his brother. (In Stereo) 'R' (1 hr., 25 min.)

OCTOBER 8, 1999

EVENING

8:00 *** "Marked for Death" (1990, Drama) Steven Seagal, Basil Wallace. A two-fisted DEA agent's retirement is shattered when Jamaican drug dealers invade his suburban Chicago neighborhood. (2 hrs.)

OCTOBER 9, 1999

EVENING

8:00 *** "Executive Decision" (1996, Suspense) Kurt Russell, Halle Berry. A commando squad must conduct a midair assault upon a hijacked plane loaded with terrorists and a deadly nerve gas. (In Stereo) (3 hrs.)

OCTOBER 10, 1999

EVENING

8:00 *** "Ball of Fire" (1942, Comedy) Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck. A professor enlists the aid of a flashy nightclub singer to define slang for his group's new encyclopedia. (2 hrs.)

MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 11, 1999

Table with 12 columns (4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and multiple rows of TV channel listings (CBUT, KOMO, KING, etc.) and program titles.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 11, 1999

EVENING

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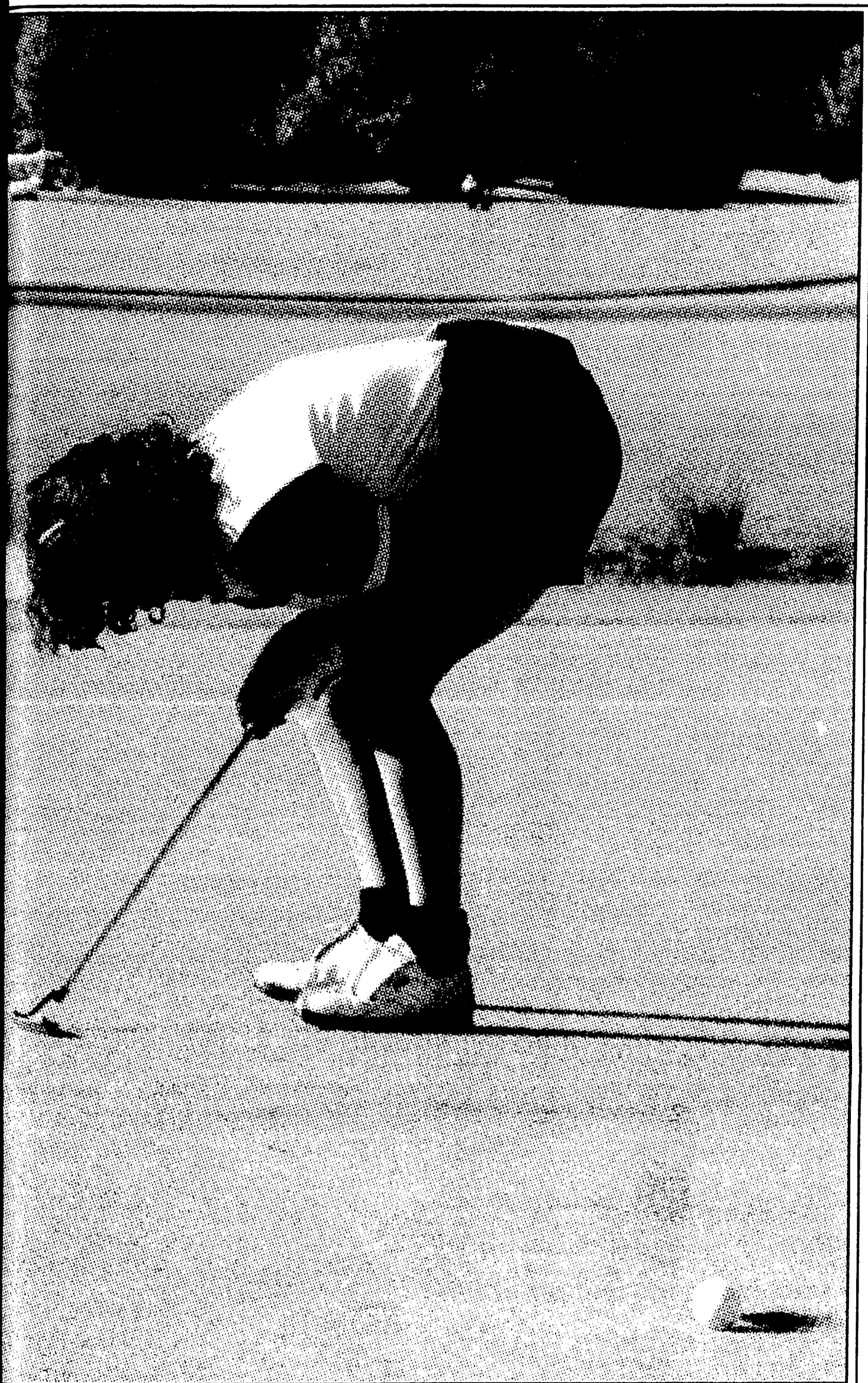
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Thompson reacts to a near putt at the D&D Classic held over the weekend at the Squamish Valley Golf and Country Club. The two-day tournament put on by pros Greg Powell and Dan Trevisan attracted 100 competitors.

Locals rock in pigskin play

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Squamish minor football teams hit the road on Sunday in search of wins in week two of Gordon Sturtridge League (GSL) football.

In Flag play, the Squamish Cowboys split a pair of games at Norgate Park in North Vancouver.

In game one, the Cowboys rolled to a 12-0 win over the North Van Bombers while the home side came back in game two to grab a 19-0 win.

Coach Jackson Shillito pointed out the strong play of Brandon Bourque for his good tackles and consistent penetration through the line and also Mikki Decker who played a strong game on defence at the corner position.

In Pee wee action, the Squamish Titans rebounded after last week's home loss with a tight 12-7 win over the West Van Red Devils at the Lucas Centre in West Van.

Derek Zelenski and Jessie Davidson get top marks for their great blocking and tackling while Brad Powell was credited by coach Steve Twilley for his great running and blocking.

Cole Arnet scored both touchdowns for the Titans. "Everyone worked hard, acted as a team and had fun," Twilley said, adding that apologies should go out to Travis Hasting whose name appeared as Burr in last week's Chief.

The Squamish Spartans

minor team fell 26-6 to the North Van Rams at Norgate Park.

Steve Wessell scored the Spartans lone TD and had the majority of the sacks on the day.

Bryce McDonald also provided some punishing hits and was strong on defence.

In Junior Bantam action, the Squamish Titans dropped a 6-0 decision to North Van.

Mike Russell with an interception, Maury Prevost and Royce Reece with some strong tackles were all keys on defence while Matt Woods was a stand out in offence with great runs and excellent receiving.

"We hope to get a few injured players back soon," said coach Rory Woods. "A little bit of improvement is achieved each week"

In the final game of the day, the Bantam Titans picked up their first win of the season trouncing the North Van Vikings 32-13.

Ryan Reece scored the first TD of the game on a 65-yard kick-off return, scored on a 35-yard boot-leg and a two-yard quarterback keeper set-up by a 15-yard sweep by Brian Jacobs. Coach Rex Reece recognized Dion Romano who scored on a 35-yard sweep, and Ben Wilson who scored on a 45-yard pass and run. Sean Roberts was huge on defence with three quarterback sacks and Matt Krazinowski played a great game at fullback and middle linebacker.

Inside

Longhorn remains the team to beat

Longhorn Pub moves to 4-0 as the G&T Pool and Spa Men's Soccer League completes week four

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The Elementary Run Series shifts to Alice Lake for week number two

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Soccer Saturday

Another action packed day of youth soccer at Centennial Fields with full results

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Women's puck

The ladies get into the hockey action this week with an information meeting and a first practice

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Howe Sound Men's Hockey opens with a flurry

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

puck has been dropped for another season of Howe Sound men's hockey.

The games started off the weekend high-ly by a pair of close and one blow out.

Friday night's league game, the Build-All picked up a 9-5 over Sports Traders.

Heisler led the way for an avalanche with a natural goal and two assists for a first night.

Halliday had a seven-night with three goals or assists while Ashton had a goal and assists.

Sports Traders was led by a three point performance from Mike Chapman who had two goals and an assist.

"Build-All was short a few players and it was the first game for Sports Traders, but all in all it was a pretty good game," said league coordinator Brian Jahnke. "I think Build-All will be pretty competitive this year and Sports Traders are starting to gel as a team after picking up a few pretty good players."

In Friday's second game, the Red Wings picked up a convincing 10-3 win over the Panagopoulos Rangers.

Scott Hunter led the way for the Wings with three goals and an assist, Calem Gardner had two goals and two assists

while Jesse Barden had two goals.

For the Rangers, Calvin Bibindorf and Kevin Clarke had good games as they each picked up a goal.

On Saturday, Sports Traders hit the ice for their second game of the year, this time taking on McDonald's.

Jahnke said the game was close all the way before McDonald's pulled ahead with three quick goals.

For McDonald's, Barry Ackerman led the way with two goals while Leroy Zoner had a strong game picking up three points.

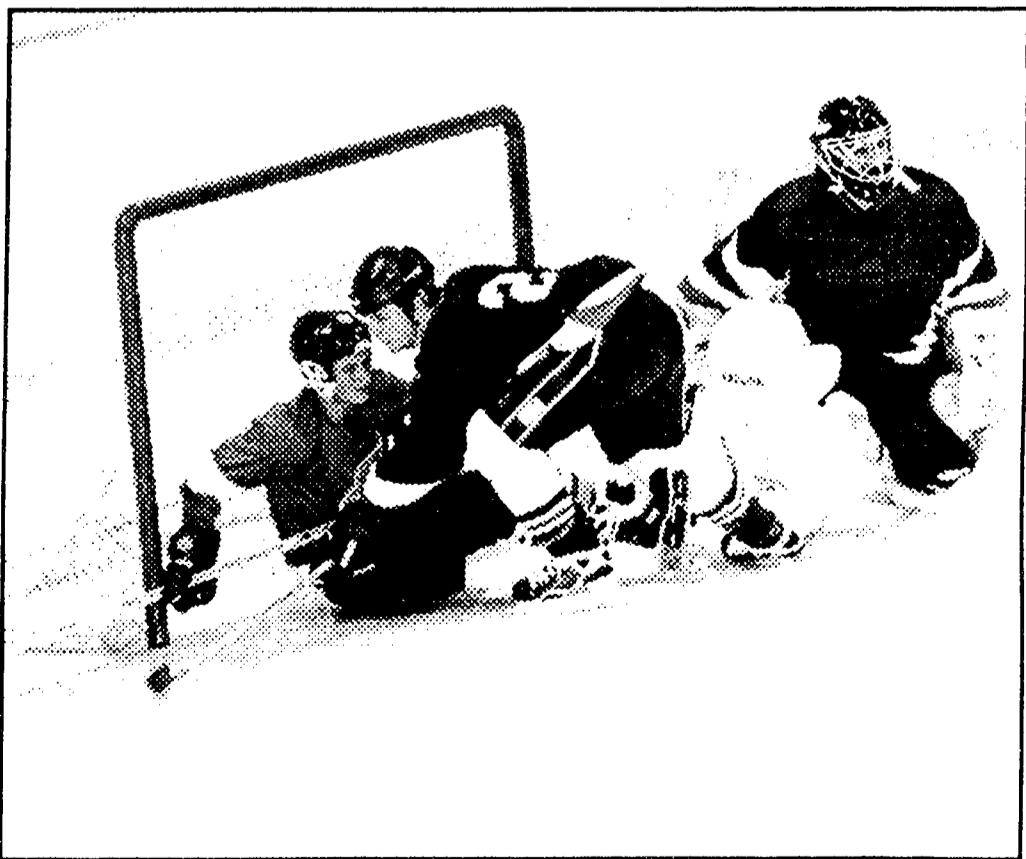
For Sports Traders, Dale Spencer led the way with two points while goaltender Murray Thrower had an

excellent game between the pipes.

"So far the league is off to a good start," Jahnke said. "The teams seem to be happy to be back on the ice and the first couple of games are tough for some because it's their first time on the ice this year."

The league swings into high gear this week with five games. On Wednesday night, the Flyers play their first game of the year as they take on the Red Wings at 8:45 p.m.

On Friday, the Rangers tangle with Build-All at 9:40 p.m. followed by the Traders taking on the Flyers at 11:25 p.m. while on Sunday the Wings take on the Traders to complete the week with a 9:25 p.m. face-off.



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Panagopoulos Rangers goalie Norm King has a little company in his crease as a Rangers player and Red Wings player battle in action Friday night at Brennan Park.

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Sports

Longhorn undefeated

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Longhorn Pub remains the team to beat after week four action of the G&T Pool and Spa Men's Soccer League.

In a great game Sunday at Centennial Fields, Longhorn moved to 4-0 with a hard fought 2-1 win over Amsterdam FC.

Both Whistler squads put in excellent efforts as each side battled each other for every ball.

Longhorn opened the scoring about 30 minutes into the first half as Pete Wartman grabbed a loose ball and fired a low ball into the far corner just past Amsterdam keeper Harvey Lim.

The second half proved to be as good as the first as both teams had a number of chances to score.

Amsterdam missed a penalty kick and was thwarted on several occasions by the goal-tending of Longhorn's Taichi Nistino.

Longhorn went up 2-0 as Ed Celella broke free down the right side of the field as fired a rocket past the Amsterdam keeper.

With Amsterdam pouring it on, they were finally rewarded for their efforts in the 85th minute as Rob Moore fired a strike past Nistino to cut the lead in half.

Amsterdam continued their assault, but ran out of luck with the referee's whistle.

In other action, FC Khalsa picked up their second win in as many weeks as they



IAN JACQUES/THE CHIEF

Longhorn goalie Taichi Nistino dives for the ball during a penalty kick in Longhorn's 2-1 win over Amsterdam FC in men's soccer action Sunday at Centennial Fields.

grabbed a 2-0 win over Orange Crush.

Steve Malenica and Brad Rustad scored for Khalsa with two assists going to Pepsi Takhar.

Takhar set up both goals on great crosses in front of the net.

Ellis Moving and Storage battled with the Over 35 squad in the weeks exhibition game.

The Over 35's gave Ellis a real battle with Ellis finally prevailing 3-1.

Didier Toutain, Dan Ellis and Tet Teanby scored for Ellis while Ron Rosser scored

for the Over 35's.

Cliffside Pub picked up their first points of the season as they grabbed a 1-0 default win over Mt. Currie who failed to field a team on Sunday.

Week five swings into action bright and early Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with four games on the schedule.

Ellis takes on Orange Crush, Longhorn with tangle with the Over 35's in the exhibition game, Mt. Currie takes on Khalsa and Amsterdam FC will look to rebound as they take on Cliffside Pub.

G&T Pool and Spa Men's Soccer League

Standings

As of Oct. 3, 1999

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Longhorn Pub	4	4	0	0	17	4	8
Ellis Moving	3	2	0	1	8	3	5
FC Khalsa	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Amsterdam FC	3	1	2	0	6	6	2
Orange Crush	3	1	2	0	5	6	2
Cliffside Pub	4	1	3	0	2	10	2
Mt. Currie	3	0	3	0	2	13	0

Skating off to a flying start

BY IAN JACQUES
Reporter

The Squamish Skating Club is off to a flying start this season.

According to head coach Eileen Murphy the club is starting off strong this year offering programs in Canskate (learn to skate) Junior Figure Skating (introduction to figure skating), Power Skating (skills and drills for hockey/ringette players) and Synchronized Skating and Test/Competitive Figure Skating.

In addition to the programs, Murphy said 28 Squamish skaters are busy training daily for the upcoming B.C. Coast Qualifying competition to be

"Jennifer will be a great addition to the dedicated coaching staff."

—Eileen Murphy

held Oct. 22 to 24 in Richmond.

"This is the first of the season's events as skaters compete to qualify for the B.C. Provincial Championships," Murphy said.

She said Squamish skaters, Ryan Showert (senior men), Morgan Price and Dallas Smith (junior dance), Keegan Murphy (junior men) and Morgan Price (junior ladies)

have already secured a spot and have advanced to the provincials to be held in early November in Prince George.

The club would also like to extend a welcome to professional coach Jennifer Chant to the club.

"Jennifer will be a great addition to the dedicated coaching staff," Murphy said, adding that the other coach this season is Kari-Ann MacDonald. "We are looking forward to an exciting season for all skaters. Good luck to all and thank-you to the many volunteer members of the Squamish Skating Club."

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Sports

Soccer Saturday rolls right along

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Great weather mixed in with close games and fierce action provided another solid week of soccer Saturday at Centennial Fields.

In Junior Girls play, the Slimers pulled out a 2-1 win over the Phantom Menace.

In Intermediate Girls the Pulverizers knocked off the Green Hornets 3-1, the Siberian Tigers and the Blue Brats battled to a 0-0 draw and the Red Devils squeaked by the Smashing Blueberries 2-1

In Division 9 Boys Garibaldi United pulled out an easy 8-0 win over the Blue Jays, the Hawks and Dragons tied 2-2 and the Blue Destroyers knocked off the Bullets 4-0.

In Division 7 Boys play, the

Green Gators beat the Flames 4-0, the Gold Wings were 3-1 winners over the Blue Lightning, Blue Waves beat the Burning Boys 5-1 and Orange Julius beat the Hustlers 6-2 in Division 5 Boys action.

The travel teams also saw action as U12 FC smoked Kerrisdale 8-0, the U13 Scorpions tied Pt. Grey Nightmares 2-2, the U14's beat ICF Juventus 2-0, the U15's lost 1-0 to Mt. Seymour and the U17's remain undefeated for the year with an 8-2 trouncing of Dunbar.

NVI Squamish FC Second Division Boys squad was also in action and they tied Mt. Seymour 2-2. In Girls travel team play, the U16's lost 3-1 to the Aldergrove Sharks, the U14's shut out Coquitlam 3-0 and the U19's remain undefeated with a 1-0 win over the Pt. Grey Storm.



IAN JACQUES/THE CHIEF

The Siberian Tigers and the Blue Brats battled to a 0-0 draw in Intermediate Girls soccer action Saturday at Centennial Fields.

Run series heads into week three

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Like last week where runners had to dodge rain clouds as well as their fellow competitors, the sun shined brightly for Race Two of the Elementary School's Country Run Series on Saturday.

This week's race was at Lake and hosted by Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School.

Students from all district schools took part again with competitors running through the park and around the lake.

Thursday the run series moved to Brackendale Elementary School before winding up with the final day of racing on Whistler on Oct. 14.

The top three placings for Saturday's race in each of the divisions (with their school indicated in brackets) follows:

Boys 1991 (Grade 3)

1st: Ethan Fairley (Myrtle Philip)

2nd: Kyle MacDonald (Myrtle Philip)

3rd: Garrett Milan (Myrtle Philip)

Boys 1990 (Grade 4)

1st: Shawn Kodejs (Garibaldi Highlands)

2nd: Oliver McQuaid (Mamquam)

3rd: Justin Bennett (Garibaldi Highlands)

Boys 1989 (Grade 5)

1st: Ryan Bennett (Garibaldi Highlands)

2nd: Corey DeRusha (Valleycliffe)

3rd: Gavin Arnott (Squamish)

Boys 1988 (Grade 6)

1st: David Metzler (Mamquam)

2nd: Kyle Blackett (Brackendale)

3rd: Brenden Rosser (Valleycliffe)

Boys 1987 (Grade 7)

1st: Tony McLane (Valleycliffe)

2nd: Stephen James (Stawamus)

3rd: Pirmin McPhie (Mamquam)

Girls 1991 (Grade 3)

1st: Nicole Sadler (Myrtle Philip)

2nd: Erin Fitzgerald (Garibaldi Highlands)

3rd: Renee Palkovsky (Myrtle Philip)

Girls 1990 (Grade 4)

1st: Merritt Patterson (Whistler)

2nd: Abigail Cameron (Whistler)

3rd: Melissa Smith (Whistler)

Girls 1989 (Grade 5)

1st: Megan McSkimming (Whistler)

2nd: Aislinn Merkel (Brackendale)

3rd: Lauren Hughes (Garibaldi Highlands)

Girls 1988 (Grade 6)

1st: Jill McArthur (Signal Hill)

2nd: Christie Cunneynworth (Mamquam)

3rd: Sydney Vanloon (Signal Hill)

Girls 1987 (Grade 7)

1st: Lindsay Los (Signal Hill)

2nd: Mary-Ann Hazelwood (Stawamus)

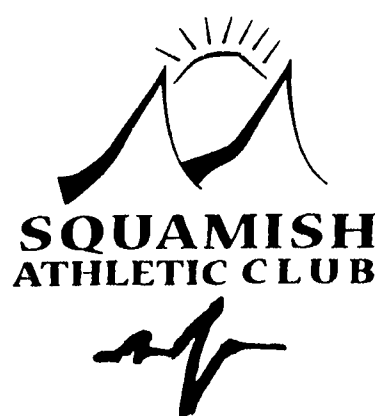
3rd: Jacelyn Howe (Stawamus)

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Curling season is just around the corner and players are still needed for a few of the leagues.

A couple of women's teams are looking to fill out their rosters for the Tuesday night Ladies League and players are also needed for their Friday Night Fun League.

There are also a few single spots open for players.

For more information about these openings or the curling season call Lorne at 898-5558.

Howe Sound boys split a pair

The Howe Sound Secondary School Boys Soccer team split a pair of games in soccer action last week.

On Monday HSSS was in North Vancouver where they dropped a 1-0 game to Seycove while on Wednesday HSSS picked up a 1-0 win over Argyle.

Ranjit Thandi got the goal set-up on a ball from a second effort by Karam Takhar. Andrew Gillis was full value in goal as he picked up the shutout.

Howe Sound is 1-1 in league play and 2-1 overall on the year.

Coach Tom Johnstone said to date the top player in all the games has been Rory Fogarty.

Howe Sound's first home game of the season is today starting at 3:45 p.m. at Brennan Park against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Swim pass program

The Squamish Masters Sport Society is once again offering its annual swim pass purchase program.

In cooperation with the Leisure Centre, the pass allows users to get significant annual discounts on many Leisure Centre services including swimming and skating. A reduction in membership fees with local fitness centres is also offered with this membership.

The Masters Sport Society will be offering this pass at their membership registration table in the lobby of the Brennan Park Leisure Centre, Oct. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Early registration may be dropped off at BDO Dunwoody, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The purpose of the society is to promote fitness and preparedness for swim, run and biking events (such as 10k runs, marathons, triathlons and bike races).

For more information call Riun Blackwell at 898-1560.

Pirates maintenance

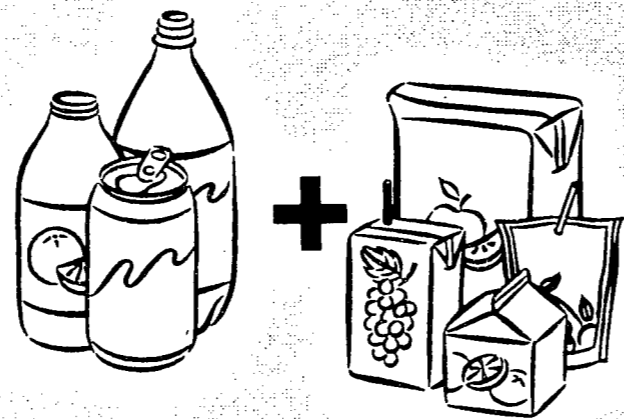
Sign-up for the Squamish Pirates Fall Maintenance Program is tonight and Wednesday from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Brennan Park.

For fees and more information call Richard MacKellar at 898-1017 or Amy Shoup at 898-4463.

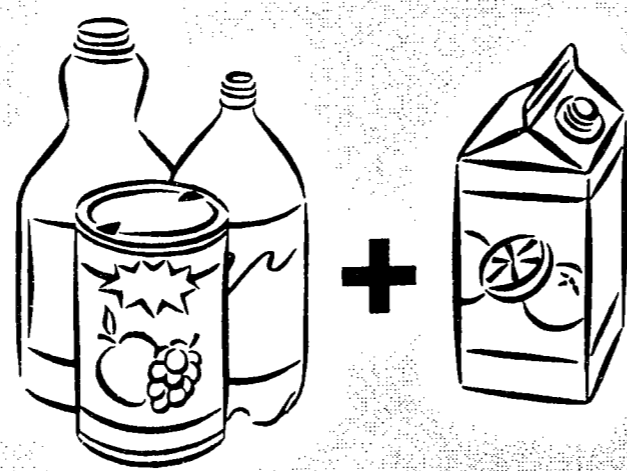
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Sports

Women's hockey set to go

By IAN JACQUES
Reporter

Holopainen said. "We try to alternate between practices and games throughout the year. We also do a lot of skill development, so that's why it's attractive for all players.

"You don't have to know how to play to get involved."

She said last year about 17 players made up the team, which saw the majority of games played against teams from the Squamish Old-timers hockey league.

"The interest is out there," Holopainen said. "We already have a number of players registered and getting ready for the season."

To kick off the year, Squamish Women's Hockey is holding a formal meeting on Wednesday starting at 9:15 p.m. in the Junior Lounge at Brennan Park Leisure Centre, followed by a first practice for the team at 10:30 p.m.

All interested players are asked to attend the meeting and the first practice.

"All you need is skates and a helmet," she said. "We're looking into getting some second-hand gear for the first-time players, so everyone can play."

For more information about Squamish Women's Hockey call Holopainen at 898-2565.



CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHIEF

Women's puck is set to take centre ice on Wednesday night with an information meeting and a first practice at the Brennan Park Leisure Centre.

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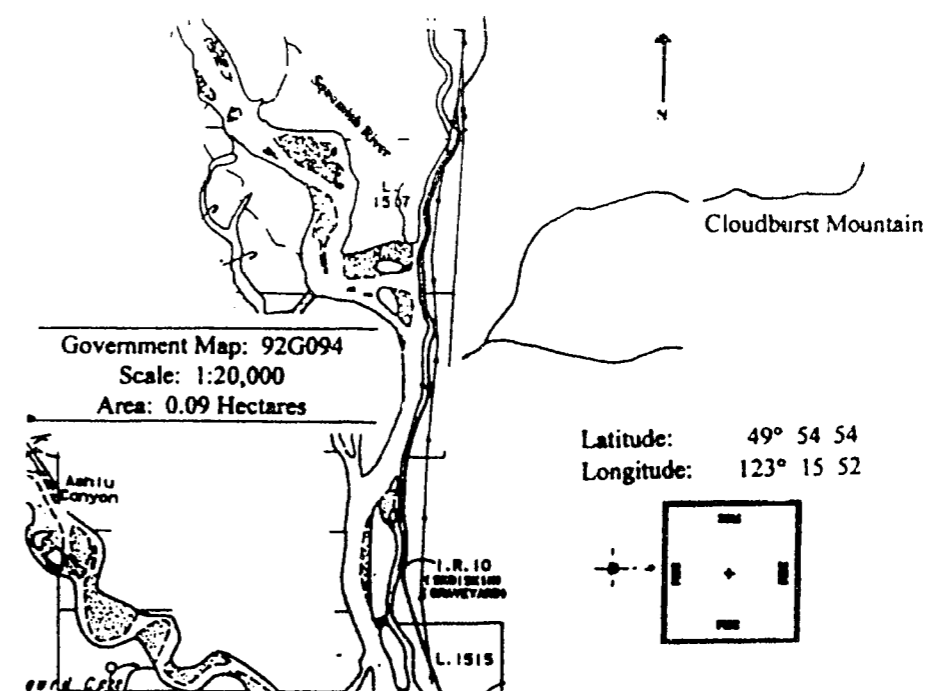
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Land Act Application for Crown Land

Take notice that BC Hydro and Power Authority 333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, has filed an application for a licence of occupation from British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation for lands near Cloudburst Mountain, more particularly described as:

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Michelle Porter, Land Officer, Tel: (604) 930-7115

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Community

Science experiments abound in "Stinky, Smelly" book

Constance Rulka



SOUND SCHOOLS

Book Fairs

Who could possibly resist a book with the title: "Stinky, Smelly, Hold-your-nose, Science", a book whose cover promises 20 experiments that really pong?

Mr. Lake's Grade 1 class at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary had been taken to have a preview of the books that were to be on sale during the Book Fair. They were not so much interested in the science experiments as in a wonderful book about

Clifford, the red dog.

The book was shaped like a kennel, and actually had a fabric head of Clifford sticking out from it.

Pièces de Theatre

A complaint about learning a foreign language has always been that youngsters tend to forget so much of it over the summer holidays.

This does not apply to Ms. McElwain's French Immersion class at Mamquam, as the students have already been putting on short plays, for their own entertainment and for that of other classes.

Inspirational talks

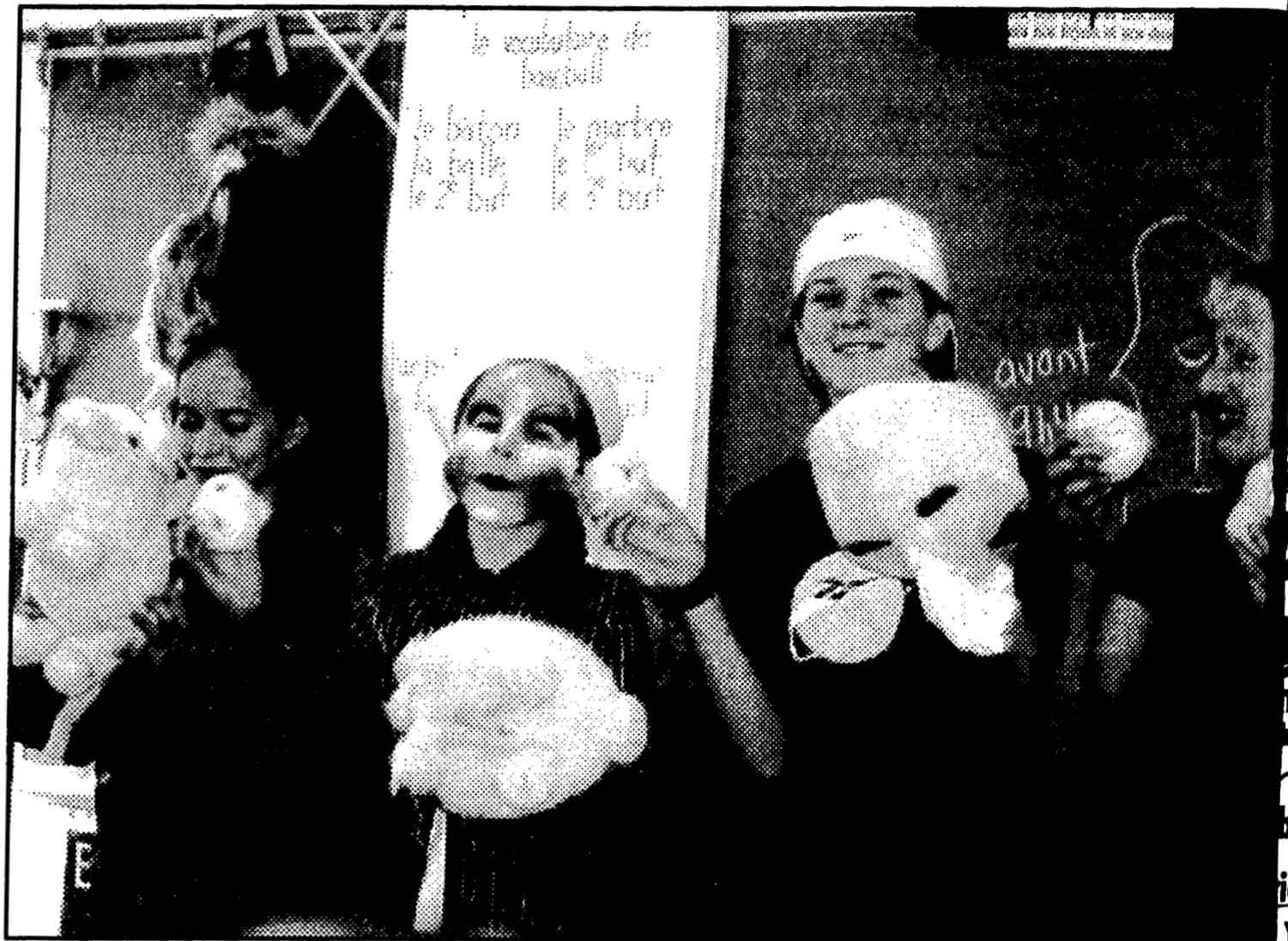
Whenever various groups are working together as a team (such as the Squamish Nation, the Howe Sound Teachers' Association and School District #48) the

result has to be a resounding success.

During the past week, I have heard distinguished speakers pass on to their audiences some of their own hard-won philosophies of life: "It is not teaching techniques nor government grants that matter most in a school. The most vital tool is our own compassion." — Dr. Martin Brokenleg.

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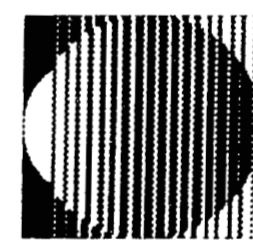
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The successful applicant will be required to enter into a Road Use Agreement.

Applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Lillooet Forest District, 650 Industrial Place, Bag Service 700, Lillooet, British Columbia V0K 1V0 at 11:15 a.m. on October 20, 1999.

There is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material, application forms, and other information about the Small Business Program can be obtained from the above Forest District Office. Specify Timber Sale Licence A57820.

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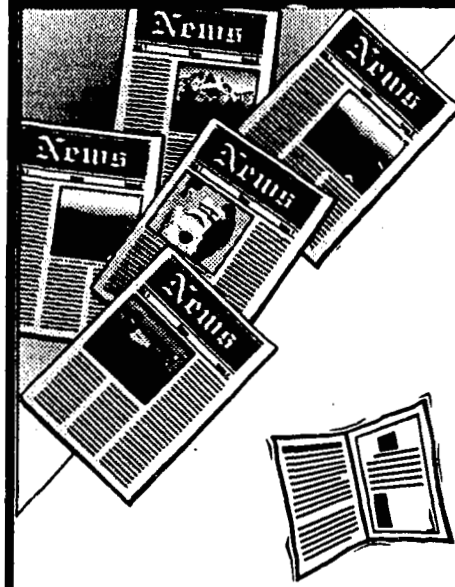
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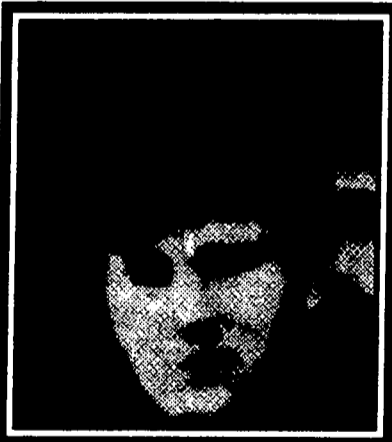
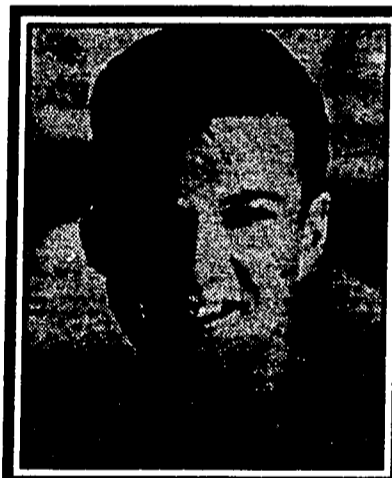
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Entertainment

When the head bartender is away ...

Ian Jacques



BEHIND BARS

While the head bartender is away, Tim has passed the salt shaker and shot glass to me to get the word out on all the entertainment happenings that are going on in Squamish.

Only a few tickets are left for the Squamish Public Library's Books and Beer Festival on Thursday night at the Eagle Eye Community Theatre.

Amidst the beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres from the Howe Sound Inn and Brew Pub as well as CBC Radio host Arthur Black, organizers are also serving up a wide array of local musical talent.

Rockers Mayhem Aquarium, Star Search contestant Maureen Reimer, singer Mona Ayer and Pius and Aidan Ryan will all be on hand to provide the musical accompaniment to what should be a great evening.

Daffodils to Alain and Janelle from the Alley Cat Bakery who helped give a warm welcome to the French delegation of MPs and Senators from Eastern Canada and France, Sept. 5. *From the Chamber of Commerce in Squamish.*

To Vickie Nickel at Glacier Interiors. Classrooms and playrooms of thanks for your generous donation of carpets for circle time. *From Mosaic Childcare.*

Daffodils to Doctors Doran and Stelzl, nurses: Jackie, Jane and Michelle for their support and care during my labour AND Baby Scott's stay at the Squamish hospital. *Jo-Anne*

Congratulations should also go out to Leigha Steward who won two tickets to the event courtesy of the Chief.

Make sure to mark Oct. 17 on your calendar as a Singer, Songwriter Night of the Century is set for an 8 p.m. start at the Brackendale Art Gallery (BAG).

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Then on Oct. 16 get in the spirit with Oktoberfest '99 featuring the return of "Tower of Sauerkraut." The night includes a custom beer stein filled with the brew pub's fest ales. Tickets are \$20 at the desk.

Loads of scary stuff are planned at the Shady Tree Pub for the end of the month.

Stay turned for more information on what spooky things the Shady has in store.

Thanks a Bunch

A wallet full of daffodils to Warren for returning my wallet. Thank you for giving me faith in mankind.

Daffodils to John, Caroline and Jane, Shopper's pharmacists, for being there for me at my time of need. It's caring people like you who make this a special place. An extra big hug to Jane. Thanks a bunch, *Linda.*

A food dish full of daffodils to Donna and George for taking care of us while our masters flew to Ontario for a family emergency, and all the other times you have looked after us. *Poncho and Snowball.*

Daffodils to Sean from Rita for the lift and his continued support to me over the years. You are the greatest.

Daffodils to firefighters Bob and Tony for visiting us and helping us learn about fire safety and prevention. We hope you will visit us again. And a boat full of daffodils to Michael Hannah for showing us the Search and Rescue boat. We really enjoyed it. *Happy Times Children's Centre and Kinder Kapers.*

A helicopter sling-load of daffodils to Paul Lalli who comforted us during the early hours of the loss of our ever-smiling tourism oriented son/brother Colin Banner. *Isabel and Ron Banner.*

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For further information please contact Keith Magee at the Squamish Forest District office at 604-898-2169.

Rencontres publiques régionale Public regional meetings

La présidente du Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Mme Nicole Hennessey invite les parents de la région de la Côte Sud de la Colombie Britannique à venir la rencontrer le mardi 12 octobre 1999 à 19 h à l'école Les Aiglons (Mamquam Elementary), 40266 Government Road à Squamish.



Les thèmes de discussion de cette rencontre sont les accomplissements et activités à poursuivre dans le cadre du plan directeur, le plan d'immobilisation et la position du CSF à l'égard des projets de centres scolaires communautaires.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer!

As part of her provincial tour, Mrs. Nicole Hennessey invites parents of the South Coast of British Columbia area to meet with her on Tuesday, October 12th at 7 p.m. Les Aiglons Francophone Program (Mamquam Elementary) 40266 Government Road in Squamish.

During that meeting, discussions will focus on the CSF accomplishments and activities to pursue for the realization of the strategic and capital plans. The President will also discuss the CSF position on community school projects. We look forward to meeting with you!

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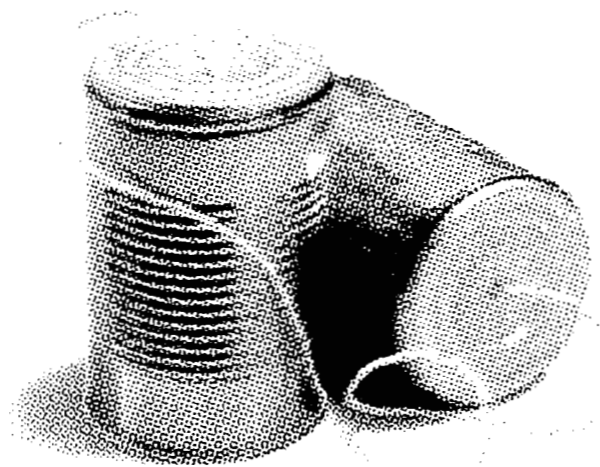
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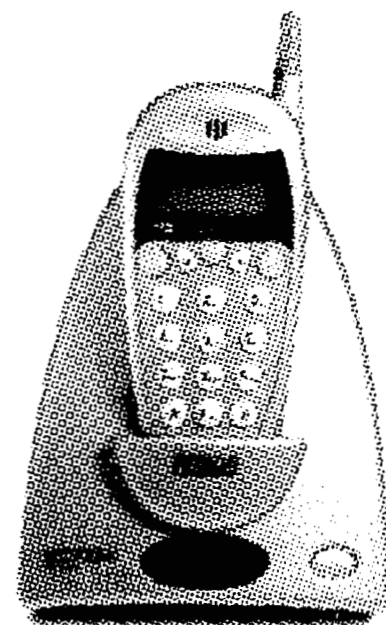
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Fire Prevention Week

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Darren Gallagher/The Chief

Skill, commitment and humor needed to volunteer

Kathleen Brennan

What does it take to be a volunteer firefighter?

You must be very committed, able to work with a team and, possibly, most importantly, all, have a good sense of humor, says Squamish training officer and duty captain Steve Virgint.

And Rhe Lacoursiere has all the

He has a good attitude and he's the type of guy you like to be around here because you have to have a good sense of humor.

He's a dedicated guy," says Virgint. "He likes to be part of the crew.

He can take a joke." Lacoursiere has been a volunteer with the Squamish fire department for 13 years. He is one of 57 men and one woman who make up the volunteer firefighters in the municipality.

There are four squads - #21; #31; #41 and #51, all located in different parts of town.

Virgint says there are between 10 to 15 members to each company and they rotate the duty every two weeks.

Squamish needs this high number of volunteers because it does not have the luxury of access to "mutual aid," which is a reciprocal agreement between different communities to assist in case of fire, says Virgint.

Two-hour practices are held every Monday and Thursday nights and the volunteers are expected to attend 65 per cent of the sessions. During the initial six-month training period, held every Thursday and every other Saturday, attendance must not drop below 95 per cent, he says.

Twenty years ago, Virgint says there was no training at all when he became a firefighter.

"Nobody knew how to run the pump."

Today the Justice Institute of BC now provides a program which Virgint teaches locally. It is divided into modules of which volunteer firefighters are taught the first three initially. The subjects range from fire behavior to ladders to rescue and ropes and knots.

The volunteers must then successfully complete a written as well as a practical exam.

The local fire department has a recruiting drive about once every 18 months as firefighters move away or get transferred to other communities, says Virgint. The would-be volunteers must pass a certain standard of physical fitness, pass a mechanical aptitude test and are interviewed to determine their compatibility with the crew.

Some of the qualities sought are tangible, like first aid training, while others qualities are not so visible. It is crucial that each person be able to work

with the team and not be reckless.

"No fear is bad," he says. "Too much fear is bad."

Vertigo is also not a desirable trait for a firefighter.

"You have to be able to climb ladders," he says.

Virgint says the last drive was done about a year ago and of the 80 applicants, 14 made the shortlist and 12 became volunteers. All 12 are still present and accounted for.

Virgint attributes the commitment of the Squamish volunteers to "camaraderie and job satisfaction. That's part of the attraction."

Lacoursiere says the fellowship is a big draw for him. "The camaraderie. I know it sounds hokey but it's there."

He was first smitten as a youngster when he went on a school field trip to a fire hall and the interest never waned.

Lacoursiere also admits he loves all the equipment and gad-

getry such as the rescue tools and the jaws of life associated with the fire department and never tires of the endless rehearsal for that one-day emergency that may or may not ever happen.

He does not dwell on the possibilities of things going wrong during an actual fire.

"I think it's something you accept and you deal with," he says. Lacoursiere is also quick to praise the high level of training the volunteers receive and is confident the fire chiefs would not expose the men to a dangerous situation.

"If it's too dangerous you won't get sent in."

Virgint says the men are paid \$16.18 per hour for practices and per call. The money is donated back to the hall and is used for community events. Each year the firefighters organize the Easter Egg hunt, fireworks at Halloween and sponsor a ball team.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ■ OCTOBER 3 - 9, 1999

Eyenose brings fun to a serious message

By Kathleen Brennan

The underlying message is serious — it could possibly save a youngster's life one day — but the medium for Fire Drill — The Great Escape, the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week, is light-hearted and guaranteed to attract children.

The literature is festooned with cartoon characters immediately recognizable to anyone who watches Saturday morning cartoons and will be distributed at all the elementary schools in the Squamish region during assemblies featuring Eyenose and Fireman Bob a.k.a. local firemen Tony Worth and Bob Fulton.

"If you save one kid, it's worth it," said Worth.

Children will be encouraged to map out a home escape route on graph paper available from Eyenose and Fireman Bob and all those who submit a plan

will be eligible to enter a contest to become Fire Chief for a Day.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, everyone is asked to participate in an international fire drill which concludes with a countdown at 7 p.m.

As well as visiting the schools, Eyenose and Fireman Bob were at Squamish Station Mall Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a remote from Mountain FM. All sorts of games and events are planned for the family and people can enter a contest with the grand prize being a trip to Disney World.

Eyenose and Fireman Bob have been a team for eight years and over the years have developed a small travelling road show which now includes a stage and backdrops.

Fulton writes the script, using humor and entertainment to appeal to the kids, and although the show changes from year to year, the underlying

premise is that the kids outsmart Eyenose.

Worth said that at one time the school tour consisted of delivering a lecture on fire safety which was lost on the children, until he and Fulton got together and worked out a new routine.

"We work off each other," he said.

Eyenose is always getting burnt or giving the wrong answer which causes Fireman Bob and Sparky the Dog to shake their heads. This year the skit will revolve around devising an escape route from Sparky's dog house and it is guaranteed that Eyenose will make a mess of things. This is an audience participation assembly and kids will be encouraged to shout out answers and key words during the show.

The winner of the Fire Chief for a Day award is taken out to McDonald's with the firemen, gets a fire hall tour, goes for a ride in the fire

truck to the school in the morning and home in the afternoon plus gets a plaque, helmet and certificate.

Fulton said McDonald's restaurant has been sponsoring the Fire Chief for a Day program for the past 12 years.

Educating the public can have very concrete rewards, Fulton recounted an incident in which a fellow fire fighter who worked in public affairs was lamenting that he had been at some educational function with children when a fire broke out and people had died in the blaze. He felt that somehow he could have saved them if only he were not stuck elsewhere.

Fulton said that only a short time later two young boys saved a third child in a fire and during the course of the investigation it was discovered that they had been at the same assembly which he had left



Chief file photo

Eyenose, the clown, and Sparky, the fire mascot, provide a fun safety message for kids.

feeling so worthless.

This year is the second of a three-year theme called Fire Drill — the Great Escape in Canada and the United States, said Fulton. Last year, the focus was on smoke detectors and next year will feature another

component to enhance home safety.

He said it is recommended that people test their smoke detectors once a month and at night close all the bedroom doors, which could act as a barrier to the lethal smoke.

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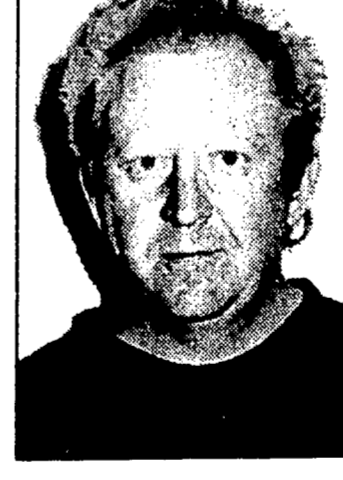
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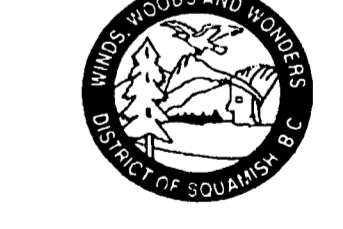
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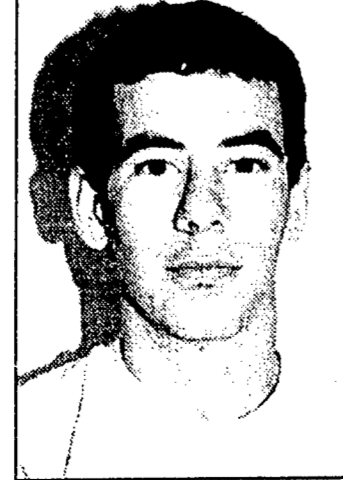
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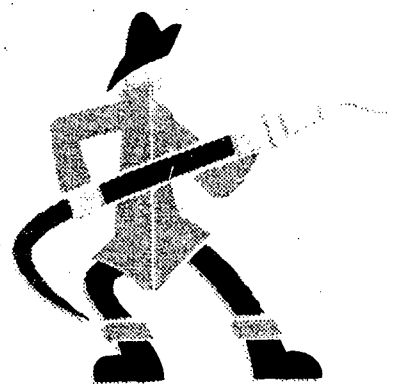
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- The majority of fire injuries occur in private dwellings;
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- Having a working smoke alarm in your home cuts your risk of dying in a fire by half.

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- Over 39,000 fires occurred in structures (about 26,000 in residences)
- Over 18,000 fires occurred in vehicles and approximately 5,500 in outdoor properties
- A fire injury occurs on average every 2 hours in Canada
- A fire death occurs on average every 20 hours in Canada
- About 80% of all Canadian fire deaths occur in home fires
- Approximately 4,200 fire injuries are reported annually in Canada.
- About 70% of fire injuries occur in residential settings



Campfire safety tips

- Always have a grown-up with you
- Matches and lighters are tool for adults; not toys for children
- Never leave your campfire unattended
- Put your campfire out with water before going to sleep of leaving the campground
- Make sure your tent and any other materials that may burn are well away from your campfire
- Surround your campfire with large rocks to prevent fire from spreading.

Fire Rescue: best in the business

By Ian Jacques

According to statistics, the Squamish Fire Rescue Department is one of the best around.

"Squamish Fire Rescue has a Fire Underwriter's Commercial Grade five rating and has the highest Residential Protection Grade possible without offering 24-hour on-shift coverage," said fire chief Pat Hampson.

In addition to four career firefighters, a captain, deputy chief and fire chief, the District of Squamish retains the services of 60 paid on-call firefighters; 12 to 14 are assigned per truck.

"Volunteers sign up for duty roster during the summer weekends and rotate being available the rest of the year," Hampson said. "Each firefighter is issued protective clothing according to WCB Regulations and receives a voice pager with charger."

Hampson said the pager alerts firefighters who are required to drive to their respective hall to provide adequate staffing on the pumpers, and reduce congestion at a fire scene.

"All staff are trained according to the provincial standard and the training division is responsible for arranging 50 evening practices annually plus 50 Thursday daytime practices," he said. "Special practices may be scheduled for entire weekends if necessary."

Practices last for two hours on Mondays or Wednesdays if Monday is a stat holiday. A three-hour Thursday afternoon training session is held for those who cannot make the Monday practice.

All staff are required to attend a minimum of 65 per cent of practices after completing rookie training and 65 per cent of all emergency calls.

Hampson said the maintenance division is a government-certified maintenance facility.

"With the exception of major overhauls, all department equipment is repaired in-house, including testing and repair of breathing apparatus," he said. "In addition they prepare all our maps and building pre-plans."

The prevention division of the department performs 1,450 Code inspections annually in conjunction with the department's prevention programs.

"All staff assist in public education in some way which enable us to provide quality safety instruction," Hampson said. "Our public safety education program



Firefighter, Russell Inouye and other firefighters attend an accident victim on Hwy. 99.

Chief file photo

includes our Fire Safety House and GVRD Extinguisher Trailer, Eynose and Fireman Bob teach Fire Safety, a program that has been developed by staff and includes Sparky the Fire dog mascot."

In addition to general fire safety the department offers Squamish Emergency Services Presents on Community 10 to deliver a variety of information on safety via locally produced programs using staff and commercial videos.

Hampson said the department also co-ordinates with the Squamish Emergency Program to provide a Burned-Out Family Assistance Program.

"We offer victims of fire or trauma confidential assistance through RCMP Victims' Services," Hampson said. "We provide trauma teddies and Buster the Fire Pup to comfort the small victims of disaster and we offer pre-incident and follow-up service including referral for juvenile fire-setters."

As for equipment, the department has three pumpers and a 23 metre ladder/pumper combination; a reserve pumper is available to replace any unit being repaired, a squad vehicle is equipped for firefighter rehabilitation, supplying breathing air in a fire and extra equipment and the department has a rescue extrication vehicle plus support vehicle.



Chief file photo

Don Edison, Peter Walsh and Ed Dockter were part of the fire crew that helped to knock down a brush fire in the Sea to Sky corridor this year.

Firefighter in profile: Shaun Swerdfeger

Why did you join the department?

I joined the Squamish Fire Department because it gives me great pride and respect to join a team of men who are willing to help others in need. By joining the Squamish Fire Dept. this enables me to get valuable on hands experience and learn more from my team members who are full time firefighters. I hope all this knowledge and experience will help my career to become a firefighter.

What are you hoping to get out of the job?

Personally I hope to acquire a level of perfection in all my life tasks and I feel having a job with the Squamish Fire Department or another department will help me achieve this level of perfection.

What experience did you bring to the department?

The experience I brought to the depart-

ment is very minimal in comparison with other members of the dept. I had just returned from the Arkansas Fire Academy which was a two-month full-time course. Before I could be accepted in the Academy I had to complete Industrial First Aid Level 3, Class I Driver's License, and Fire Fit which I completed.

pleted a course with the Justice Institute of B.C. for Auto Extrication Level I. Since I've returned I am now a volunteer firefighter and have completed my First Responder Level III Program and am enrolled in B.C.I.T. for a carpentry course. I wish to continue my education and hope all this is in some way a benefit to become

books. You learn how important it is to work together and how you must be able to rely on one another. It has enabled me to see and be part of team that most people would never get to experience. I feel in such a short time I've been a member, it's given me unmeasurable live experiences.

What are your aspirations in this field as a volunteer?

My aspirations as a volunteer are to continue learning and growing as a person and to attain the skills needed to move forward through life.

How did you get interested in the fire service?

I was introduced to the fire department through a class in high school. The class was called Career programs. I applied and was accepted for a month. This gave me a chance to see a little what it was like to be a firefighter because they

let me be part of the team. Everything from tool maintenance to attending a full structural fire. At this point I knew that this is what I wanted to do for a living.

What are your other interests?

In my spare time I like to work out in the gym, mountain biking, playing softball and basketball.

I'm also interested in skiing and hope to take up snow boarding this winter. My one passion I love is to ride my motorbike.

What is the most stressful/challenging thing about the job?

I feel the most stressful and challenging thing about this job is having the chance of a call one day where it might be friends, family or small children in a life-threatening situation. This is where I hope my skills and training will enable me to perform my job to the best of my abilities.

What do you enjoy most about the job?



To say what I enjoy most about the job would be pretty hard for me. Everywhere I go I have to go see the fire hall. It seems I'm drawn to them. I love everything about this job from my pager going off and coming home covered in dirt, being wet and smelling of smoke, knowing I made a difference in either saving or helping someone or just putting a bush fire out, knowing I made a difference for my community to be safe to live in. The pride I get from knowing a job well done makes everything worth while.

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At the academy I successfully completed Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Introduction to Fire Emergency Response, Hazardous Material Operation, Wildland Fire Suppression. I also com-

a full-time fire fighter.

What experience have you gained?

Being part of this department has gained me a lot of on-hands experience which you cannot get from text-

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Peter Walsh
Company: 41


Years of service: 2

Name of employer:
Save-On-Foods



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Bob Telling
Company: 51


Years of service: 15

Name of employer:
Youth Probation Officer,
Ministry for Children
and Families



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AND CLEVELAND AVE.


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Steve Virgint
Captain training officer
Company #51

Years of service: 22

Name of employer:
Squamish Fire Rescue



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CLEVELAND AVENUE
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Paul Behrner
Company: 41


Years of service: 14.5

Name of employer:
Carney's Waste Systems



Carney's WASTE SYSTEMS
892-5675

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Chris French
Company: Deputy Chief
volunteer

Years of service: 28


Most memorable incident:
Rescuing a young child, lost
and frightened from the base of
the Chief opposite Valleycliffe

Name of employer:
Gary Ingram Construction



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GARIBALDI
HIGHLANDS

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Robin Garrett
Company: 51

Years of service: 18


Most memorable incident:
Too many to single out

Name of employer: BC Tel



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Dan Stefiuk
Company #31

Years of service: 4


Most memorable incident:
Rollover MVA 8.5 km up
Brohm Ridge

Name of employer:
Coast Aggregates Ltd.



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Blair Gosling
Company: 21

Years of service: 2


Most memorable incident:
Sechelt training weekend

Name of employer:
Silverfoot Activewear Ltd.



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Ed Dockter
Company: 41

Years of service: 4

Most memorable incident:
Gonzales Creek MVA

Name of employer:
District of Squamish



WOODS AND WATERS DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH
892-5217

RISK WATCH

Fire Rescue issues advisory

Squamish Fire Rescue emphasizes the importance of fire prevention in the home — and the first line of defence is a good smoke detector. "Change your clock, change your battery" is a good rule of thumb for making sure your smoke alarms are in good working order.

Squamish Fire Rescue has issued a safety bulletin about carbon monoxide alarms from a company called Kidde Safety of Mebane, North Carolina. The Lifesaver and Nighthawk models, which have been sold in Canada, could alarm late or not at all.

Nighthawk models affected by the recall were manufactured between Nov. 8, 1998 and March 9, 1999 bear the words "NIGHTHAWK" and "Carbon Monoxide Alarm" written on the front and the date of manufacture on the back. Lifesaver models 9CO-1 and 9CO-1C manufactured between June 1, 1997 and Jan. 31, 1998 have the date on the back of the unit as part of the serial number above the UPC code. The words "LIFESAVER" and "Carbon Monoxide Detector" are written on the front.

Residents who have these products in their homes are advised by Squamish Fire Rescue to call Kidde Safety at 1-888-543-3346.

Injury prevention program for schools

By Darren Gallagher

Squamish Fire Rescue is fighting against the leading cause of death in children: accidents.

Unintentional injuries — traffic injuries, drownings, fires and burns, falls — put more children in the hospital or morgue than drugs and disease combined.

To combat this, the fire department is introducing Risk Watch to local schools, starting with Stawamus Elementary last December.

Risk Watch is an injury prevention curriculum for children from preschool through Grade 8. Developed by the not-for-profit National Fire Protection Association, it teaches kids to recognize and avoid risks that lead to injuries.

"For years and years the attitude has been, 'Well, accidents happen'," said firefighter, Bob Fulton. "Accidents don't just happen. If we can predict them and educate kids on how to avoid them we can change that."

Injuries cost far more in lives and medical treatment than do diseases, yet it is disease research that is much more heavily funded, Fulton said.

"In the emergency services we're kind of on the front line in seeing all the bad stuff that happens out there," he said.

With that in mind, the fire department, police, ambulance and the aquatic centre formed a consortium to get the Risk Watch project going in Squamish.

Out of these agencies' budgets a set of the curriculum guides were purchased and donated to Stawamus Elementary. It is only the second school in B.C. introducing the Risk Watch program. The office of the fire commissioner is trying to get the program accepted as provincial curriculum, Fulton said.

"We want to get the ball rolling, but at the same time we're not teachers," Fulton said. "We're always looking at new and better public education."

Risk Watch covers eight activities: motor vehicle safety, fire and burn prevention, choking, poisoning, falls, firearms, cyclists and pedestrians and water safety.

"We've had some pretty encouraging feedback from the teachers," said Fulton. "The resource material makes sense and is easy to apply."

"Optimistically within two years [we'll] have all the elementary schools using it."



Firefighter, Sean Sweeney helps keep a car from toppling over, as fire crews attend to an MVA on Hwy. 99. Chief file photo

STOP SMOKING?

WOOD STOVE SMOKE: A BURNING ISSUE

THE EFFECTS OF WOOD SMOKE ON THE HEALTH OF SQUAMISH RESIDENTS ARE NOT TRIVIAL.

How many times have you gone for an evening walk and caught the scent of wood smoke in the air? Homey and appealing as it seems, wood smoke contains fine particulates and a bewildering array of compounds. It may also contain minute amounts of dioxins and furans, and a variety of other proven and suspected carcinogens.

- Acrolein - Irritation to the eyes and respiratory tract
- Formaldehyde - Headaches, respiratory tract irritation. Probably carcinogenic
- Carbon Monoxide - Angina in people with heart disease, lethal at high concentrations
- Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) - Bronchial congestion, fluid congestion and fibrotic changes in the lungs
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) - Respiratory irritation and illness; some VOCs (eg. benzene) are carcinogenic
- Dioxins and Furans - probably carcinogenic
- Fine Particulate Matter - Increased respiratory illness, cardiovascular stress, aggravation of asthma and other lung diseases, and early mortality
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) - Prolonged exposure is believed to pose a cancer risk

People often try to make their final load of fuel last all night by damping the air supply as much as possible. The result is a smoldering fire and a great deal of smoke tend to linger near its source, rather than dispersing outward or upwards. IT HAS THE GREATEST IMPACT NEAR OR EVEN INSIDE THE HOMES THAT PRODUCE IT. Smoke particles are so tiny that they can seep into neighboring houses even around closed doors and windows.

TO REDUCE WOOD SMOKE, WE HAVE TO PAY CLOSER ATTENTION TO WHAT WE BURN, AND WHEN, WHERE AND HOW WE BURN IT.

This information has been taken from a brochure prepared by the MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, LANDS & PARKS

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Fire Safety Week
October 3-9, 1999



Darren Gallagher/The Chief

At a practice burn in Brackendale, firefighters cool the super-heated air near the roof (right) while attacking the flames directly through a window (far left).

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Ray Saurette
Deputy Fire Chief

Years of Service: 3

Most memorable incident:
Joining the District of
Squamish Fire Rescue
Name of employer: District
of Squamish Fire Rescue

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Michael Thrower
Company: 51

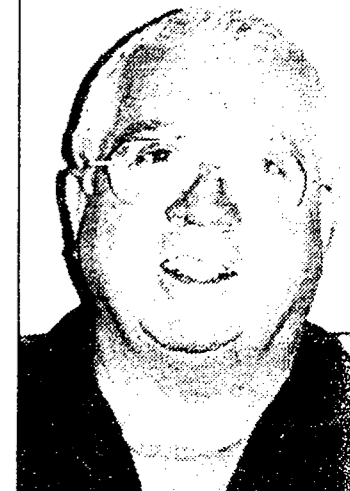
Years of service: 6

Name of employer:
Woodfibre



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892-5833

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Bob Walsh
Company: 21

Years of service: 17

Name of Employer:
BC Tel



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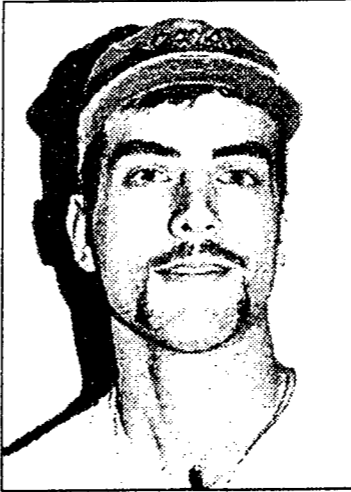
Dave Richardson
Company: 31

Years of service: 17

Name of employer:
Telus



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Kerry Brandon
Company: 51

Years of service: 6

Most memorable incident:
House fire on Government
Road on my first day with
the pager (Fryer House)
Name of employer:
BC Hydro



Sea to Sky Hotel
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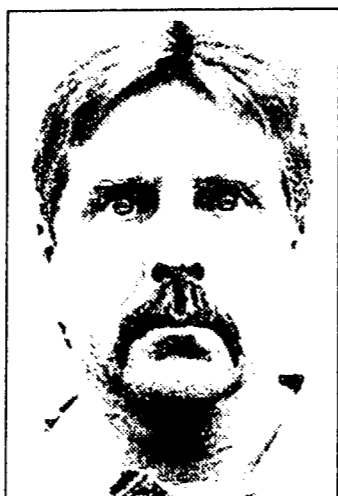
ALL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

For consistently providing
safety supervision at our annual
Halloween Fireworks Display!



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Gord Goodwin
Company: 21

Years of service: 12

Most memorable incident:
Fire aboard the Prince
George at Britannia Beach
Name of employer:
Head on Steel



Second Avenue
892-9161

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Rick Burlock
Company: 21

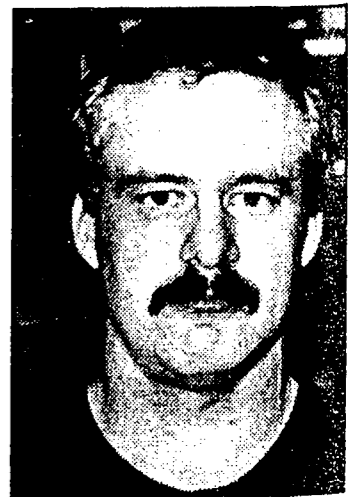
Years of service: 7

Most memorable incident:
Furry Creek MVA,
Westway fire (in rookie training)
Name of employer:
Desco, self-employed

**Jane Darnell
Property
Management
Services Ltd.**

892-9190

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John LeRoux
Company: 21

Years of service: 4

Most memorable incident:
House fire on Buckley Avenue
during first year of service
Name of employer:
Carney's Waste Systems



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Darren Gallagher/TheChief

Working in close, a firefighter keeps the walls of a burning house from collapsing outward and spreading the fire while fellow firefighters keep a stream of water going nearby.



Darren Gallagher/TheChief

Firefighter, Uffe Hansen helps a paramedic with an injured man after an MVA on Cleveland and Thornton Avenues. Now automatically called to all motor vehicle accidents, firefighters help paramedics administer to those injured as well as extricating them and ensuring their safety.

firefighters



Chief file photo

Firefighter, Kelly Jian overlooks the pile of twisted metal which is all that is left after a motor vehicle accident near Hwy. 99.

in action

Fire Chief for a day

By Darren Gallagher

Maintaining smoke alarms in working condition and having a plan to get out of the house safely could lead to becoming fire chief.

At least for a day. The fire chief for a day program is part of the educational component of Fire Week. Firemen Bob Fulton and Tony Worth, a.k.a. Fireman Bob and Eynose the clown, team up with Sparky the Fire Dog to uses humor and games to teach fire safety to children in grades 1 to 4. Specifically, how to deal with a house fire. The children are taught how to place and test smoke alarms, and how to move through smoke without asphyxiating. They are also taught to remember their address and to call 911 in an emergency. Children are given a graph on which they, with their parents, sketch out their homes. They use that sketch to

find two ways out of every room, the safest route of the house and a family meeting place in the event of a fire.

"A home fire escape plan teaches them what to do in case there's a fire. Smoke alarms are a big



part of it — having them in the right place and making sure they work," said Fulton.

Children who have completed a fire escape plan fill out entry forms for fire chief for a day and drop them in boxes left at the schools for the next week. The winner is selected by random draw.

On a chosen day, which Fulton expects to be sometime between Oct. 18 and 22, the winner is

picked up and driven to school in the department's ladder truck.

For lunch, he or she is chauffeured in the ladder truck to eat with fire Chief Pat Hampson and the rest of the fire crew at McDonald's, a long-time sponsor of the program.

After school the winner gets a tour of the fire hall. Though the new fire hall in Valleycliffe is open, the tour is unlikely to stop there as it's a satellite hall, said Fulton. At the end of the day, the winner gets a certificate from Hampson, a helmet specially made for the occasion, and his or her name engraved on a plaque at McDonald's with all the past fire chiefs for a day.

"I think it's getting a ride in the ladder truck and getting to tour the hall; it's a special day for one person," Fulton said of the appeal of the program.

"Not everybody gets to do it."



Captain/training officer, Steve Virgint assesses the scene at an MVA on Hwy. 99.

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Shaun Swerdfeger

Company: 31

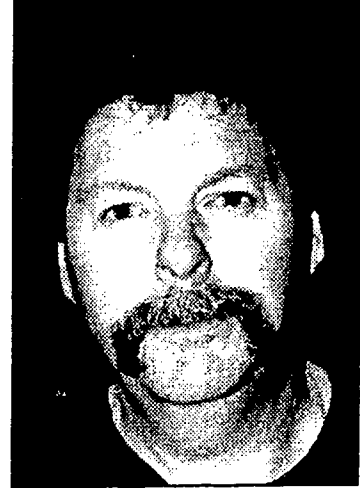
Years of service: 1

Name of employer:
Squamish Pet Food
and Supplies



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Tony Worth

Company: 21

Years of service: 20

Most memorable incident:
First fire on Wilson Crescent
Name of employer:
District of Squamish
Fire Rescue



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Patrick Reed

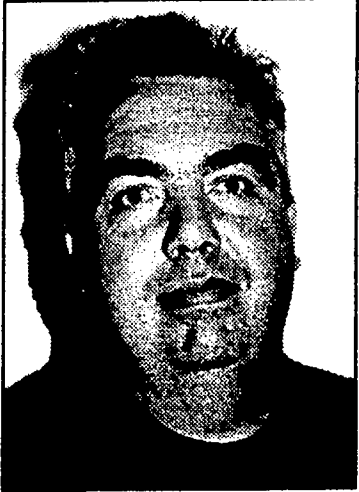
Company: 41

Years of service: 4

Most memorable incident:
Name of employer:
Blackcomb Mountain



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Gary Collins

Company: 21

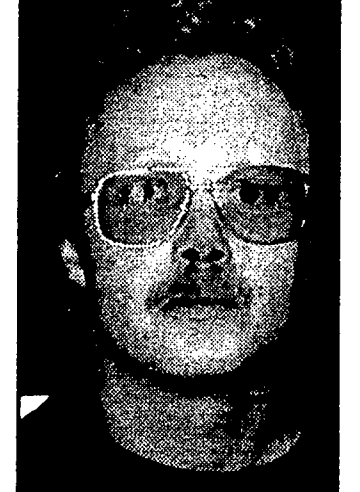
Years of service: 7

Most memorable incident:
MVA at Furry Creek,
Auto Marine Fire
Name of employer:
Van Kam



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Dan Morefield

Company: 41

Years of service: 8

Most memorable incident:
BC Rail Station fire
Name of employer:
Triton Auto.



AUTO PARTS
INDUSTRIAL PARK
892-5951

we salute



Renee Lecky

Company: 41

Years of service: 2

Most Memorable moment:
Being able to drive a
fire truck
Name of Employer:
Aquatic Centre



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892-9161

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Uffe Hansen

Company: 31

Years of service: 19

Name of Employer:
BC Tel



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Ray Kinshela

Honorary Member



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Adam Ryan

Company: 31

Years of service: 2

Name of employer:
GBA Logging



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Close-knit group keeps Britannia safe from fires

by Jacques

A small but committed group of dedicated individuals serve and protect the wide community of Britannia Beach.

Twelve members (11 volunteers and the fire chief) make up the Britannia Beach Fire Department, which serves an area from the pullout south of the Murrin Provincial Park to the top of the hill north of the Murrin Creek.

The fire hall is situated in Britannia Beach on the B.C. Museum of Mining Property. The department evolved as a result of the museum.

The original '51 Mercury is in our fleet today," said Hinchcliffe, who has been fire chief with the department for two years. "We also have a pickup and a suburban vehicle which we use for quick response calls."

Hinchcliffe said the majority of the department's operating expenses are self-generated, so the department relies a lot on each other for fund-raising events and special activities.

"It's a very good department,"

he said. "All of us live in the community and we're a real tight-knit group. Everyone looks after each other's back whether it's during a call-out or just looking out for each other's homes, or families."

He said the community of Britannia Beach also plays a huge part in the roles and activities of the department.

"We receive a lot of donations from small businesses and individuals in the community," Hinchcliffe said. "Sometimes we do struggle a bit with financial concerns, but somehow we find a way to get around those things."

The Britannia Beach Ladies' Auxiliary plays an integral role in department activities.

"Our wives and girlfriends make up the auxiliary and they do a lot of fund-raising and help to do activities for the community," Hinchcliffe said. "We hold some raffles, have bottle drives and organize a lot of other events to help raise money."

Despite the sometime financial difficulties, the Britannia Beach fire department volunteers are well



Chief file photo

Attending to MVA's are but one job of Squamish Fire Rescue crews.

trained for any situation.

"We've had quite a few MVA [motor vehicle accident] calls so far this year," Hinchcliffe said. "We get support in certain situations from Lions Bay and of course

Squamish. Forest fires, camp fire incidents and of course the general needs and protection of the community are our major calls."

He said they've also had a few structure fires this year,

but nothing really serious.

"We have the training and knowledge to make sure the community is well looked after," he said. "It's a great department and a great community to be a part of."

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Dennis Reed
District Chief #1.
Company: 21



Years of service: 25+

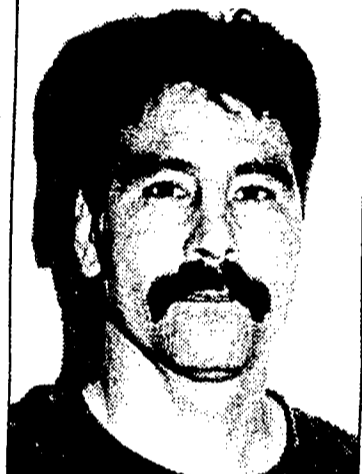
Name of Employer:
self-employed



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Russell Inouye
Company: 31



Years of service: 10
(2years volunteer, 8 career)

Most memorable incident:
Mashiter Creek Rescue
Name of employer:
Squamish Fire Rescue



GARIBALDI HIGHLANDS
898-1092

We salute

Aaron Foote
Company: 31



Years of service: 9

Most memorable incident:
The fire on the Prince George
at Britannia Beach.
Name of employer:
Windsor



Windsor Plywood
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We salute

Peter Grundy
Company: 51



Years of service: 1.5

Most memorable incident:
Getting shots with
Lawn and Steve
Name of employer: BC Hydro



Golf & Country Club
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Kelly Bandy
Fire Department
Stenographer



Years of service: 5



Second Avenue
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Eric Hansen
Company: 31



Years of service: 2

Most memorable incident:
First house fire
Name of employer:
Squamish Funeral Chapel



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Ben McCulloch
Company: 31



Years of service: 13

Name of employer:
Western Pulp Ltd.



898-4088

We salute

Bob Fulton
Company: 51



Years of service: 11

Name of employer:
Squamish Fire Rescue



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Elmer Place
Company: 41



Years of service: 2

Name of employer:
B.C. Children's Hospital



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Jeff Kirkman
Company: 31

Years of service: 2

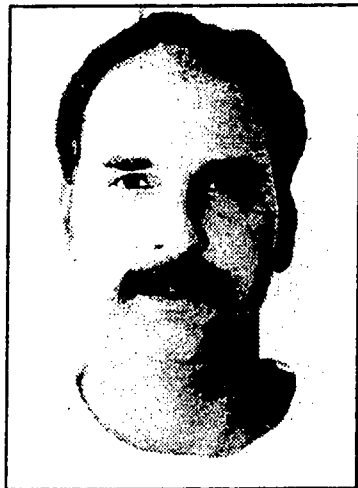
Most memorable incident:
When an unnamed fire-
fighter dropped a manhole
cover down a manhole.

Name of employer:
Whittaker Equipment



898-4871

we salute



Steve Barone
Company: 51

Years of service: 12

Most memorable incident:
The M creek fire



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Sean Sweeney
Company: 51

Years of service: 18

Most memorable incident:
M Creek fire
Name of employer:
District of Squamish
Fire Rescue



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Bryan Vergara
Company: 21

Years of service: 9

Name of employer:
Loomis Courier



Shell
892-3047

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David Sweeney
Company: 31

Years of service: 16

Most memorable incident:
Rescue of two adolescents
off the Lower Squamish
by Valleycliffe
Name of employer:
self-employed



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Garry Hastings
Company: 51

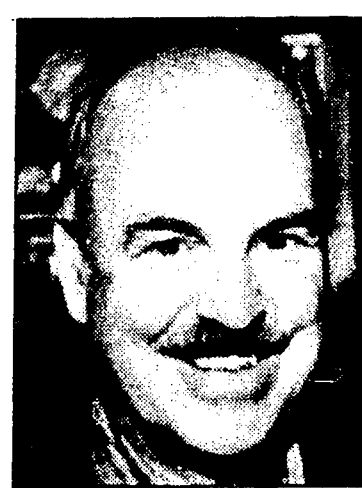
Years of service: 28

Most memorable incident:
Tunnel point bus accident,
Prince George fire at
Britannia Beach
Name of employer:
self-employed



892-352

we salute



Glenn Rudkin
Company: 31-51

Years of service: 29

Most memorable incident:
Numerous successful rescues
Name of employer: retired



SQUAMISH STATION MALL
892-7477

we salute



Pat Hampson
Company: Fire Chief

Years of service:
16 with SFR
(26 years with fire service)

Most memorable incident:
Fire on the SS Prince George
Name of employer:
District of Squamish
Fire Rescue



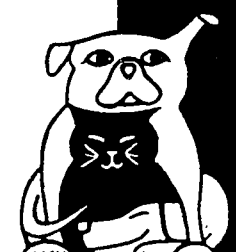
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892-9558

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Belle
Mascot

Belle has been with the
fire brigade for 4 years.
She has chased many
hoses in this time.
Job specifics include
look-out and retrieving.



KURL-UP
KENNELS
898-3729

we salute



Aaron Ramage
Company: 21

Years of service: 2

Name of employer:
Triton Auto Industrial



Second Avenue
892-9161

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Chris Christie
Company: 51

Years of service: six months

Most memorable incident:
Climbing a small cedar tree
with an axe and a hose to
suppress a lightning strike
in a snag next to the tree
I climbed.



Second Avenue
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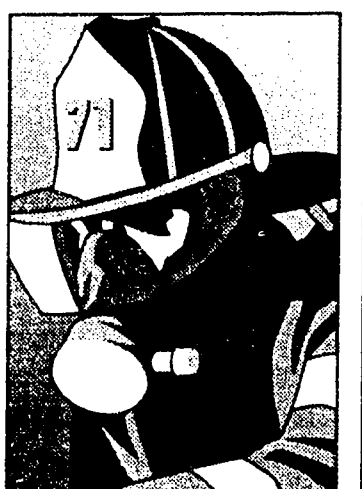
Julie McFee
Fire Department
Stenographer
Part-time

Years of service: 1



SQUAMISH STATION MALL
892-5855

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Peter Harrison
Company: 41
Honorary Member

Years of service: 12

Name of employer:
Blackcomb Ski Enterprises



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892-9161

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Terry Hurlbert
Company: 21

Years of service: 12

Most memorable incident:
Final class of rookie training
where we responded to a
fire at the Weldwood
(Interfor) sawmill.
Name of employer:
Blackcomb Ski Enterprises



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Ray McCullough
Company: 41

Years of service: 2

Most memorable incident:
Ed Dockters sketch during
chief's lesson
Name of employer:
Western Pulp



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Safety tips for your home

When you leave cooking unattended, use appropriate cooking techniques and keep stoves clean. Place a pot cover nearby or put a lid on it in case of a fire. Wear loose long sleeves when cooking. Check kettles and toasters for damaged electrical cords and thermostats. Appliances that have automatic shut-off are a time handy to find when ovens or stoves should be switched off. Do not cook while under the influence of medication that causes drowsiness for insurance purposes. Stoves should be called by a professional for a temperature-controlled electric skillet or deep-fryer for frying.

Room: Always use a fire screen in front of a fireplace and make sure it is the right size for the opening. Do not overload electrical outlets or use extension cords in place of additional outlets. Smokers should check ashtrays for fallen cigarettes or embers which smolder undetected several hours before turning into flame. Do not leave cigarettes unattended in an ashtray. Use safety ashtrays with a double rim and deep bottom. Do not use matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Basement: Check smoke alarms inside and outside bedrooms. Check electrical outlets regularly. Use electric blankets, heating pads, curling irons, radios, hair irons, and irons. Smoking areas should be clearly marked. **Basement and attic:** Remove all combustible and flammable materials from the basement and attic. Do not store gasoline in well-ventilated areas, not in unvented or confined spaces. Only use approved containers to store and transport gasoline. Do a thorough yearly maintenance check carried out in all aspects of your home by a professional. **Garage and workshop:** Store flammable materials (gasoline, paints, solvents, strial cleaners) neatly in approved containers and away from ignition sources. Do not smoke or leave cigarettes or lighters in the garage or workshop. You should be knowledgeable in the use of the appropriate fire extinguishers in the area. Clean the area clean — remove garbage, paper products and wood shavings regularly.

Firefighters Association works in the community

By Ian Jacques

Protecting the community from fire and disaster is but one role of Squamish Fire Rescue.

The Squamish Firefighters Association plays a major role in day-to-day activities in the community.

According to association president Ken McCulloch, the association's goal is to look after the well-being of all affiliates of the department.

"All the volunteers and full-time members are involved," McCulloch said, who has been the president for 14 years. "We have 62 volunteers that are part of the association."

McCulloch said the association has many mandates. These include promoting the department and working with the community, assisting in fundraising and community events and being involved in local projects like sports teams and youth and service work.

The association sponsors a department slo-pitch team and a minor ball team, it donates equipment for the Howe Sound Ringette League, helps with the Boy Scouts, holds an Easter Egg Hunt for the community, and lays a wreath in honor of those who have served their country dur-



Tim Shouls/The Chief

Squamish Fire Rescue crews extinguish a fire at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary School this year.

ing Remembrance Day. It also has a room at Squamish General Hospital and works with many different service organizations in the community for fundraising activities.

"One of our major fundraisers is during the Logger Sports weekend when we assist the Elks for their pancake breakfast," he said. "The association is a very rewarding endeavor. There is a good rapport within the

department and in the community."

McCulloch added that all of the money that is raised in Squamish stays in Squamish to benefit the community.

"We are for the community and whatever the call is for, we're here to try and help," McCulloch said. "Whether it's trying to get equipment for the hospital, sports equipment for teams or any other fund-raising efforts we do what we can."

McCulloch stressed that all of the association's activities are entirely volunteer-based. This means that the members spend a lot of time away from their families.

"A lot of the children of the members are involved in the activities that we support, so that makes things real convenient," he said. "We have a lot of department functions and parties so we can all come together and spend

time with each other."

That includes Christmas parties and such things as going around to all the wives on Mother's Day with flowers to show appreciation for the families.

"We're a very tight unit at this department," McCulloch said. "All of the members work really well together and it shows in the community. We take a real pride in our community and what it stands for."

Police, fire, emergency dispatchers are a vital link

By Darren Gallagher

Dispatchers are an significant part of the emergency services operation. In a crisis, they are the vital link on which rescuers depend.

"The person who sits in that chair is the most important person in our office. They are the lifeline for the police, fire and emergency," said Squamish RCMP Sgt. Gary Brine.

"They are the calm, reassuring voice at the end of the radio at three in the morning when you're up by the salt shed in a dark car.

"It's nice to know someone is worried about you."

In a fire situation, dispatchers have to co-ordinate not just the fire department, but the police and ambulance.

"It's really rewarding to get through something big like that," said Leanne, a Squamish dispatcher. "All of a sudden your brain starts thinking in chronological order.

"Those of us who do it like it," she said. "It's an exciting, challenging job."

The two dispatchers on duty handle four phone lines. When a fire

is spotted, each line will have 16 calls coming in, said Evelyn, another dispatcher.

Squamish is the only community in the Sea to Sky corridor with its own dispatch centre. Whistler and Pemberton are run out of Vancouver.

"We provide more one-on-one service [than large call centres] and we're proud of that," said Leanne.

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- RCMP Sgt. Gary Brine

Squamish is looking at computerization to provide a mapping system to locate callers and emergencies, and make response procedures easier to access. Currently, disaster plans and the like are kept in binders.

When a call comes in, dispatchers must decide which agencies to involve, then co-ordinate the response. In

Vancouver, that's two separate jobs, said deputy fire chief Ray Saurette.

Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts, two days and two nights a week. Squamish has four full-time and four part-time dispatchers. There are also four casual employees who also work in administration and as court liaisons. Only one dispatcher is male.

Training begins with one to two months of supervised, 35-hours a week work. The fire department provides refresher courses twice a year.

"The biggest criteria must be multi-tasking. Two for sure to begin, three maybe," said Evelyn.

Training is stopped if the trainee can't multi-task, said Leanne, though the ability grows with experience. So does the ability to handle the stress.

"All dispatchers, people say, burn out. I've seen dispatchers with 25 years who aren't burnt out," Leanne said.

"Until you've done this job for a while you can't let go of what happens here," she added.

Firefighter in profile: Gary Hastings

Why did you join the department?

The community has been good to me, so I thought it would be a good way to give something back.

What are you hoping to get out of the job?

Several more years of helping people in need.

What experience did you bring to the department?

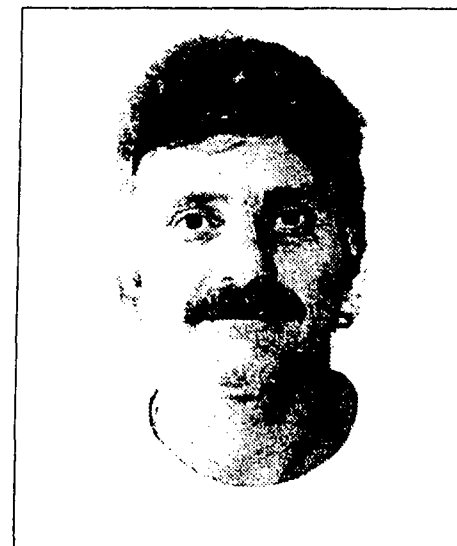
Youth, ambition and eager to learn

What experience have you gained?

How important it is to work as a team, responsibility, making judgment calls, and gaining the trust of your fellow firefighters

How did you get interested in the Fire Service?

Two of my school



friends and I thought it would be a great experience, and it was. Early aspiration was to be a full-time firefighter.

What are your other interests?

Fishing, golfing, camping, all with my family and friends.

What do you enjoy most about the job?

Getting back to sleep after a fire call, and being able to give my experience to the younger firefighters.

"Fire Drills - The Great Escape" is the theme this week

Squamish Fire Rescue Activity Stats

(Approx. numbers)
From Oct. 1, 1998 to Oct. 1, 1999

- 106 incidents where fire was involved i.e. fires with property loss, chimney fires, wild land fires
- 94 incidents responded to complaint associated to land clearing, backyard and camp fires
- 79 incidents where Squamish Fire Rescue was requested to assist B.C. Ambulance Service with motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue assists and first responder calls
- 45 incidents where public hazard and hazardous material were involved
- 27 incidents to assist the public and police, provide weekend standby coverage and conduct investigations
- 68 incidents responding to false alarms
- 56 incidents where Squamish Fire Rescue provided public education to the community

By Pat Hampson
Fire Chief

"Fire Drills - The Great Escape" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week again this year.

The need to escape from fire continues to be a reality. Our lack of focus on fire-safety constantly exposes our young and elderly to severe injury and sometimes death. Fire is an important part of our lives - many of us use open flames of one sort or another to heat, cook, and dispose of waste - but this same fire causes painful and disfiguring burns.

Fire Chief's Address

Squamish Fire Rescue has traditionally participated in fire safety programs developed nationally and in the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Our ability to coordinate our prevention programs with the Lower Mainland fire departments means that we can



Fire chief, Pat Hampson formally presents the new Valleycliffe fire hall during its grand opening in September.

Ian Jacques/TH

take advantage of many resources that would otherwise not be available to us.

We constantly look for ways to improve our service and delivery of programs such as Fire Drills - the Great Escape is but one component. Reducing the time it

takes to get to your home is a vital link in providing assistance in the event something beyond your control occurs.

The opening of the new hall in Valleycliffe has already provided a dramatic improvement in the time it takes to get a fire truck on the road. Every

minute is critical during a fire and our ability to reduce damage is directly impaired by elapsed time.

Getting there is just the beginning; very often we find addresses hidden, missing or unreadable. Looking for addresses can delay medical care, the police or us.

Residents with hidden or unreadable house numbers can help Squamish Emergency Services by mounting highly visible numbers in an easily seen and well known location. There are several local suppliers listed under "signs" in the Yellow Pages.

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**IN SERVICE OF OUR COMMUNITY
THESE 11 BC RAIL EMPLOYEES ARE MEMBERS OF THE SQUAMISH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**



Dave Bandy

Company: 31
Years of service: 13
Most memorable incident: The automarine electrical fire on Christmas Eve '93 stands out. The flames were rolling inside like the inside of a woodstove.



Chito Vergara

Company: 51
Years of service: 21 in Canada, 10 in Chile



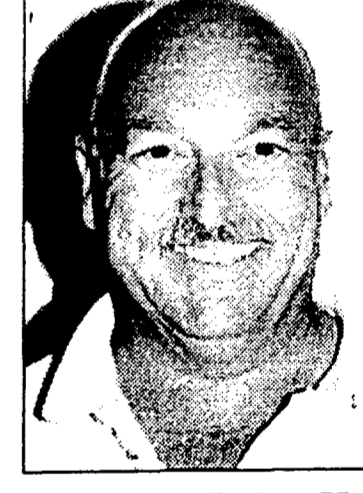
Don Schultheiss

Company: 41
Years of service: 14.5



Tom Aydon

Company: 41
Years of service: 10
Most memorable incident: Auto Marine fire



Rob Nicholls

Company: 21 (Captain)
Years of service: 20
Most memorable incident: Being blown out of a burning building by a backdraft during one of Chief Hampson's challenging practices.



Sal Luengo

Company: 41
Years of service: 19



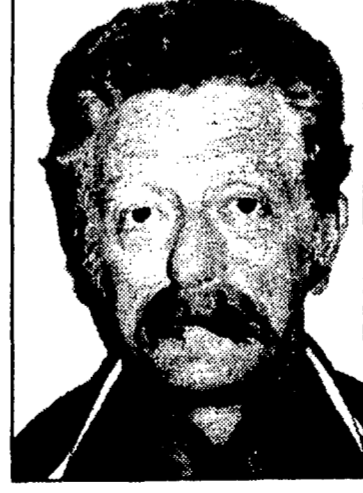
Rhé Lacoursiere

Company: 51
Years of service: 13



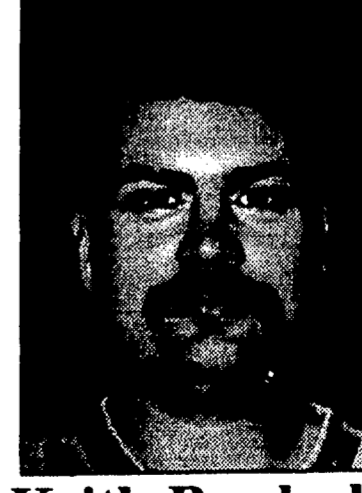
Glen Petruk

Company: 21
Years of service: 2



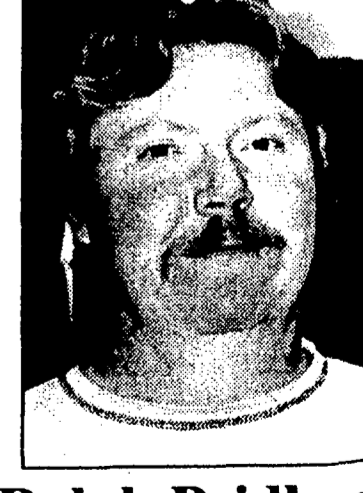
Don Edison

Company: 41
Years of service: 8



Keith Pawloski

Company: 51
Years of service: 12



Ralph Pridham

Company: 21
Years of service: 4
Most memorable incident: Truck trailer fire at Murrin

The B.C. Rail Group of Companies is pleased to support those employees serving as volunteer firefighters in communities along our rail system. We are proud of the unselfish dedication and service these individuals demonstrate towards the protection of life, property and the environment.

