



### **Pythian Sisters**

Do not forget to join us at the Highwayman Saloon on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. for our fundraising meat draws. Good people, good times!!!!

Our supporters allow us to support many great causes!!

# Boat Ramp News Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and improvements \$5 per use \$30 yearly pass \$75 commercial \$25 Seniors – 65 and over Yearly permits available at the Union Bay Store or by phoning Rick at 778-427-3119 PAY THE FEE OR PAY THE TOW TRUCK





# **Union Bay United Church News**

Services in June at 11:00 Services in July and August at 10:00 a.m.

**Refreshments following the service. Come and join us, all are welcome.** 



### **MOTHER'S DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**



Thanks to all who came for breakfast on May 12<sup>th</sup> A long list of volunteers helped to make this a special day.

Ernie Anderson	Jed Jednorag	Darcy Rainey		
Nattanya Anderson	Bruce Jolliffe	Mike Robson		
Paul Baal	Dave Kitzel	Cathy Stewart		
Boat Ramp Crew	Glen Loxam	Gerry Stewart		
Dave Davidson	Dave Lyttle	Marg Tayler		
Alex Dawson	David McDowell Jr.	Rick Weaver		
Treasure Ducharme	Donna McKay	Jim Wheeldon		
Jamie Hargreaves	Jim McLean	Jim Williams		
Peter Jacques	Cathie Poje			
Our apologies if we missed your name – your help <b>WAS</b> appreciated.				



Drop In Sessions Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.





Located below the Buckley Bay Petro-Can at the Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal. 250-335-1198

5596 Sixth St. Union Bay FMI call Margaret 250-335-2560

Please note there will be no classes for July and August. See you in the fall





Free Estimates

Property/Project Management
 Carpentry, Renos & Finishing

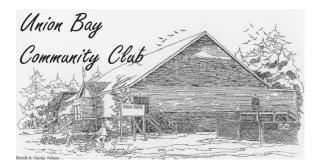
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The community hall is the home of a number of activities and meetings. For more information about renting space, contact 250/335-1275 or 250/335-2500 leave a message. Meeting rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage available.

# **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### (Many of our regular programs are taking a break for the summer months. Please watch for the fall start up dates in a later Down By the Bay)

Community C	Lub 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.		
Meeting:	✓ Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inquiries: Dave 250-335-2317		
Aerobics:	Every Monday, Wednesday a	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.		
	Will continue July & August.	Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-1607		
Pickelball	Every Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:30 p	Every Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Inquiries: Janice 250-335-0686		
	WE WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FOR JU	VILL BE TAKING A BREAK FOR JULY AND AUGUST.		

Friend Port Seniors Luncheons for dates please call Mildred 250-335-2894.

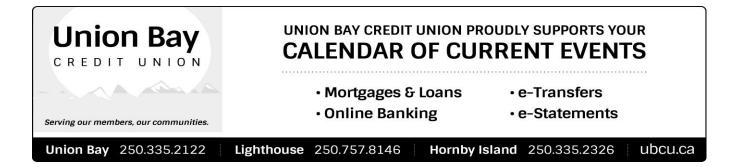
#### PLAN TO ATTEND!

- Historical Society
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  Mon. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m.
  Mon. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Family Fun Day Sun. June 9<sup>th</sup>,

Mon. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall Sun. June 9<sup>th</sup>, Community Hall Grounds Mon. June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall

Fall Craft & Plant Sale

Sun. Sep  $8^{th} - 10:00$  a.m. to 3:00 p.m.







# Union Bay is a great community!!!!

- get involved - share your skills and talents - volunteer

The Union Bay Community Club offers the opportunity to get to know your community and contribute to the cause. Would you consider offering a small portion of your time? Volunteers are always needed.

New program ideas are always welcomed. Put your thoughts together and present your plan or idea at a monthly meeting. They held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Community Club

# **Union Bay Historical Society**

#### Flashback: by Janette Glover-Geidt

## **GOVERNMENT SERVICES: CUSTOMS**



There was a Customs House in Comox in the late 1880's, but foreign ships coming to Union Bay had to stop in Nanaimo to get customs clearance. In 1893 J B Holmes was sworn in as Deputy Collector of Customs at Union Bay in a little office next to the Wilson Hotel. George Roe was next to fill the roll. He was succeeded in 1913 by Seymour Abrams a son of Judge Abrams of Cumberland. Seymour was married to Greta Brown, Postmaster Fred Brown's daughter.

Plans were drawn up for a Customs Office to be built, identical to and beside the new Post Office (1913). But the 1<sup>st</sup> World War interrupted that, so Mrs. Brown gave up her dining room for Seymour's office and living room to store the parcels. Sally's room became the family's living room. Finally, in 1935, a room was added to the back of the Post Office for the Customs Office.

During the war, imports and shipping increased so another man was needed. The local 18-year old Percy Renwick was hired. It was a busy office, as everything heading to Cumberland had to be cleared at Union Bay. The Chinese communities in both towns imported great quantities of food and liquor from China. Also, when foreign ships arrived, the Captains came any time of the day or night to the Customs man who had to go down to the dock or out to the ship riding at anchor. Anything containing goods like alcohol had to be sealed for the duration of their stay.

The Blue Funnel ships and others coming from the Orient required 24-hour watch. The Customs Officer stood at the gang plank checking the crew as they came or went. Many arrests were made as crew members tried to smuggle opium to Chinatowns at the Bay or Cumberland. Anything heading to the Comox Valley or Campbell River had to pass through customs at Union Bay. This was an inconvenience to the miners in Cumberland and farmers in Courtenay so they were constantly lobbying the government for an office in their town. After a new Post Office was built in Cumberland, a Customs House was established there in 1911. It was not until 1924 that Courtenay finally received customs service, when one of the officers from Union Bay spent two half-days there clearing bonded goods from an office in their new Post Office.

Due to the decrease in shipping, the Union Bay Custom House was closed. Percy Renwick then worked in the Courtenay office. The room at the back of the Post Office became the Vancouver Regional Library.

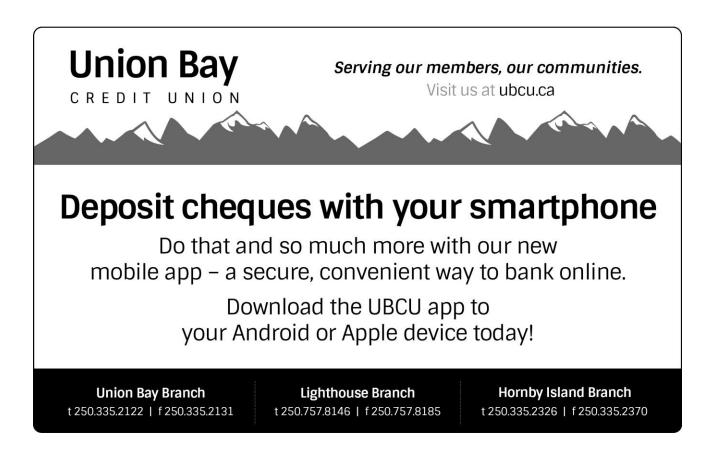
> Please join or renew your membership to the Historical Society Memberships help us qualify for necessary grants Call Jan Aitken at 250-335-2571 or mail your cheque to PO Box 269, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 Single \$10 Family \$20

# **Slo Pitch Schedule June 2019**

Wed.	Jun-05	6:15	T&B	Denman	
		7:30	Solutions	T&B	
Thurs.	June-06	6:15	Millennials	Misfits	
		7:30	Misfits	Slushbuckets	
Sun.	Jun-09	BAY DAYS	BAY DAYS		
		5:00	Denman	Misfits	
Wed.	Jun-12	6:15	Slushbuckets	Bulldogs	
		7:30	Solutions	Slushbuckets	
Thurs.	Jun-13	6:15	Misfits	T&B	
		7:30	T&B	Millennials	
Sun.	Jun-16	PRIVATE FU	PRIVATE FUNCTION		
		1:00	Misfits	Solutions	
		2:30	Denman	Solutions	
		4:00	Bulldogs	Millennials	
		5:30	Slushbuckets	T&B	
Tues.	Jun-18	6:15	Millennials	Solutions	
		7:30	Slushbuckets	Solutions	
Wed.	Jun-19	6:15	Bulldogs	T&B	
Thurs.	Jun-20	Make up gar	nes		

#### June 1<sup>ST</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> TOURNAMENT

There is a concession open at each game. Come out and enjoy the sunshine and fun.





# SUN JUNE 9TH UNION B&Y B&LL FIELD

No registration Admittance by donation All donations go to our Community Hall repairs Everyone welcome! For more info contact Rod Bitten 250-218-3310 or email rodbitten@gmail.com

