

Union Bay Community Club News Letter

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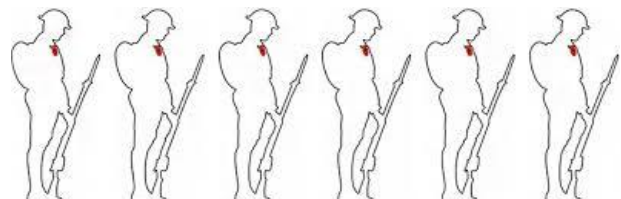
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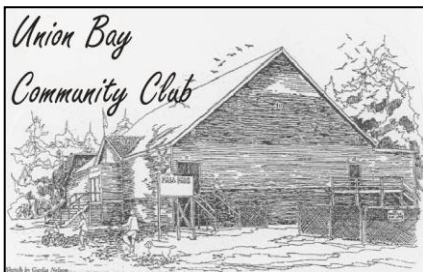


REMEMBRANCE

Wear a poppy on
Nov. 11th, 2020, the
75th anniversary of the
end of the Second
World War

Unfortunately, due to restrictions and issues with social distancing, the Union Bay Historical Society has decided to cancel their **Remembrance Day Service** and entertainment program. We hope citizens will respect and honour our veterans and feel comfortable to lay a personal wreath at our community cairn.





The community hall is the home of a number of activities and meetings.

For more information about renting space, contact Jody 250/335-1474. Meeting rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage available.

Some winter programs are starting up!!!

Aerobics:	Toning exercise to music. Meet three times a week. ‣ Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-1607
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Some events are still cancelled until further notice but some are starting up:

- Union Bay United Church is starting up with a number of conditions. Contact Dave 250-335-2371 for more information.
- Community Club's monthly meeting is being held with Directors only.

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EXCITING NEWS

A grant from the Comox Valley Regional District will enable an additional eight spaces at a Union Bay child care facility to be created. The grant will fund renovations to the hall to make extra room.

Friendly Port owner, Anita Eldershaw-Pitman said these additional spaces are so needed. While childcare is primarily a provincial responsibility, this is a good example of local government leveraging out limited resources to solve problem areas in our community. The association hopes to have the centre ready in early December.





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NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Some changes are coming to the way we handle ads in our issues starting January. Ads will have to be **prepaid** and accompanied by a submission form, which is attached and found on our web page (www.ubcc.ca). Payments are to be made to treasurer@ubcc.ca.

This change is the start of making payments easier to submit and receive and less errors in the number of issues requested. Payments will also be able to be made on line. We are moving forward. ***Thank you to all our advertisers for supporting this publication please bear with us through these changes.***

Thanks to all contributors to our Union Bay newsletter. Local interest articles or ads for the ***Down by The Bay*** are welcomed.

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When times get tough, credit unions matter most

Community, connection and collaboration are principles upon which credit unions are based. The last eight months have proven just how much those co-operative values matter.

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Seeing a difference between banks and credit unions isn't always easy – after all, they're both financial institutions that offer standard banking services. But when the going gets tough, it's the credit unions' dedication to making local decisions, supporting neighbourhood jobs and giving back to community that sets them apart.

When faced with demanding times and tough decisions, credit unions ask, "What's the right thing to do for our members?" Banks ask, "What's the right thing to do for our bottom line?"

Like with other organizations, the pandemic has made operating a financial institution more difficult, but credit unions have persevered and are thriving because of co-operative values.

Take us, here at Union Bay Credit Union. We kept our doors open to maintain the service levels our members depend on. We completed mortgage deferrals without members waiting on the phone for hours or being turned away at the door. We continued to lend to members, prioritizing help for those struggling. We boosted community donations to non-profits in need and suspended account fees for businesses that had to close.

On the surface, credit unions and banks may look the same, but the decisions they make are completely different because of their distinct ownership structures.

As with so many, the past months have revealed our strengths.



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STORIES OF HOMES IN UNION BAY cont'd:



By 1900 several families who worked for the company, the Drews, Cooks, Rays and Walkers had built homes on Union Coal Company land along the highway. Lindsay Ray built the 5th house (our focus today) north of the Post Office for his family.

After many explosions in the mines, the Cumberland Miners went on strike in 1912 to protest for gas safety. The workers at Union Bay went on strike to support. By September all strikers were ordered to vacate rented homes, and homes built on company land. Many, like Lindsey Ray, were forced to leave, and some lived in tents on the beach. Workers, loyal to the company, who kept on working took over the strikers' homes.

Charles Hooper, who had married Minnie Stewart in Courtenay, worked in the mines in Cumberland. In about 1900 he became Manager of the Coke ovens at Union Bay, and lived in a company house at Union Bay. After the strike the Hooper family, with seven children, took over the Ray house. Mrs. Hooper was an enterprising lady who hunted for food. She'd shoot a deer, dragged it home, skinned, butchered, and cooked it for the family. She was always stylishly dressed, as was her oldest daughter Bebe. Bebe a glamorous lady, that had married young, had three children then left her husband and returned home to live with her parents.

The British Columbia Telephone Co. had a system from Victoria to Nanaimo, and in 1909 completed 70 more miles to connect the Comox Valley. The exchange at Union Bay was put into Hooper's house with Bebe as operator. With her assistant, Evelyn Campbell, she was able to keep the exchange open 24/7. As well, there was another "pay station" at Fraser & Bishops store where the public could make calls.

The house was next door to the Auchinvoles, Manager of the Company. Hector Hooper remembers that when the Auchinvole's first washing machine was replaced it was given to Mrs. Hooper. It was the kind where you turned the lever back and forth. The kids took turns, 100 times for one load. Still an improvement over the scrubbing board!

On the north side of the Hooper home was a pretty little home named "Rose Cottage", surrounded by a beautiful garden (now a blackberry patch). It was built by Ed Drew, a German bricklayer who worked on the construction of the Coke Ovens and stayed on to do maintenance. Rose Cottage was the scene of several weddings, including the Drew's daughter Cleda. In 1895 Mrs. Drew dressed as Santa Claus at the first Christmas party held in the big boarding house, where the early settlers lived when they first arrived in Union Bay. After the Drews left, the William Marshall family moved in.

Mr. Hooper brewed his own beer. At the end of the process he thought it a shame to waste the left-over mash, so he dumped it over the fence into Mrs. Marshall's pig pen. This caused the pigs to get very drunk. Mrs. Marshall was not amused!

Later, several different families lived in "Rose Cottage". But over the years, without a proper foundation, it was always damp so in the 1960's it was abandoned and torn down.

by Janette Glover-Geidt

Reminder to members of UNION BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY your dues for 2021 can be paid now. Dues are only \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family.

Since we are not having our Remembrance Day service, collecting dues will not be possible in person. They can be mailed to Box 269, Union Bay, V0R 3B0 or given to any board member of the society.

Also, since we are not having our usual Remembrance Day ceremony, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year, we would appreciate any additional contributions. Tax receipts can be issued for donations if needed. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



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Baynes Sound Lions Submission

This year COVID has brought about many challenges, some of which long standing traditions such as Santa's workshop and Secret Santa will operate. A very difficult decision was made by both these organizations that they would not be able to run in their usual manner due to the ongoing pandemic.



The Baynes Sound Lions are happy to announce they will be supporting **ISLAND HEARTS OF HOPE** who have stepped up with their **CV Christmas for Kids Campaign**. The campaign is already underway with the collection of new toys.

Many drop off locations have been secured, for more information or to find a drop off location please visit www.cvchristmasforkids.com.

This new toy drive will run through December 12th and 13th ending at 2440 Cliffe Av in Courtenay. Final days to stuff the trailer.

Deadline for registration is **December 5th**.
Please visit <https://cvchristmasforkids.com/toy-registration>.



Well known Union Bay resident **Ann Pratt** who has made and is donating more than 100 dolls to this cause. You will also notice children around UB wearing many of the toques she has been busy knitting.

What a model citizen to us all!!!



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