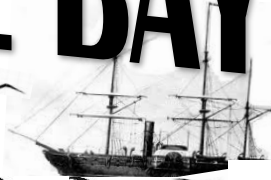
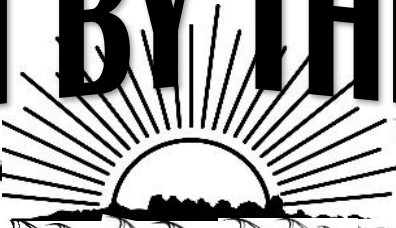


# DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

Box 335, Union Bay BC, V0R 3B0 250-335-2500

AUGUST 2022

## FALL CRAFT FAIR



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

UNION BAY COMMUNITY HALL

10am - 3pm

Come and meet our talented crafters!

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Rick Weaver at [rickweaver@shaw.ca](mailto:rickweaver@shaw.ca) 604-309-1571

Crafters can go on line to [ubcc.ca](http://ubcc.ca) website under events for the forms.

We still have tables available!



# Union Bay Fire Rescue



## Union Bay Curbside Chipper Program a Big Success!!!

Union Bay Fire Rescue would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the residences of Union Bay. Over 31 homes participated in the inaugural curbside chipper program with over 50 cubic yards of debris being removed to the CVRD Skyrocket facility. This is an outstanding step towards fire prevention.

The goal of the Union Bay Fire Rescue / Comox Valley Regional District chipping program is to provide Union Bay with solutions to deal with woody shrubs, windfall branches and limbs up to 18 inches in diameter by 30 feet. By reducing the need for burning, air quality is preserved and the potential risk of other accidental fires is decreased.

As well, the department would like to acknowledge the outstanding service provided by Above and Beyond Tree Service – this year's successful contractor. Chad's team was acknowledged by numerous participants regarding their efficiency.

Union Bay Fire Rescue is looking forward to working with the Comox Valley Regional District to continue this fire safety initiative next year.

Fire Chief – Ian W. Ham



**Union Bay United Community Church**  
Please join us on  
Sundays at 10am



# BAY DAY

Bay Day was smaller this year but still a great success! This was the first time since 2019 that the community could really get together and have some family fun. The weather was perfect which only added to the wonderful day for the community to enjoy the many events. The day kicked off with a car show at 10 am, with 47 cars from rat rods to the old classics. This show was amazing and definitely helped raise money for the hall and grounds upkeep. Kids/family races and arcade games were enjoyed by many and a Bouncy - House was set up and donated by our local Union Bay's First Credit Union, that was definitely enjoyed by many children. Ted Haraldson announced and played old rock & roll music for the day's festivities. The concession run by many volunteers opened at 10:30 am to serve breakfast then later awesome burgers and hot dogs. Everyone enjoyed the Parksville Pipe Band as they played many old Scottish songs at center field. A big thank you to the Baynes Sound Lions who presented a cheque for \$1,000.00 to the Community Club. The Union Bay Fire Department displayed their engines and vehicles at the entrance and set up an information table. They also brought their mascot Sparky to entertain the children. Our club director Paul Baal ran the horseshoe tournament with the winners being Rod & Megan Bitten coming in 1<sup>st</sup> and Paul Skinner & Nick Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>. The day also had 50/50 draws, our regular Bay Day Raffle, and a beer garden run by the Solutions Slo-pitch team. After the cars left the field, there were baseball games played by our local teams. The day wound down around 6:00 with the announcement of the lucky raffle winners. Carrie Toner received the first prize of \$300.00, Kris Baird second prize of \$150.00, and Wendy Godfrey third prize of \$50.00. Thank you, Wendy for donating your 3<sup>rd</sup> prize back to the club!

A wonderful day with wonderful people!

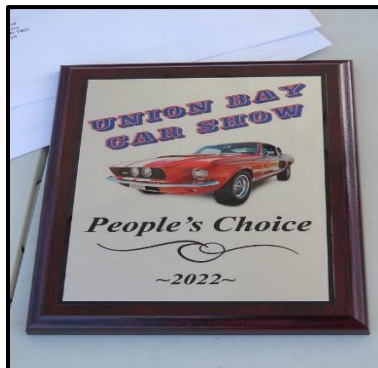




# CAR SHOW



## People's Choice Winner



The People's Choice plaque was awarded to Pat & John Foster from Port McNeil.  
John Foster grew up in Union Bay and loves to come to Bay Day for a home town visit.



## The "Down By The Bay" Newsletter

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### Important Notice

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Ideas for new articles are always appreciated. Is there a person you would like to highlight or a story to be told? Submit to [ub.dbtb@gmail.com](mailto:ub.dbtb@gmail.com).

### Advertising and articles in Down By The Bay

Submissions may be mailed to Box 335, Union Bay, BC, V0R 3B0 or email to [ub.dbtb@gmail.com](mailto:ub.dbtb@gmail.com)  
The order form with instructions, cost and payment options is on the Community Club website at [www.ubcc.ca](http://www.ubcc.ca) Click on newsletter and then on advertising in the newsletter. Ads must be prepaid.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE ADVERTISERS!**

### Current Events

The hall is home of many activities and meetings. For information about renting space, contact Trina Gable at [rentals@ubcc.ca](mailto:rentals@ubcc.ca). Meeting rooms, dining room, kitchen facilities, and large hall, with stage are available.

Membership January to December


\$15 per person      \$35 per family

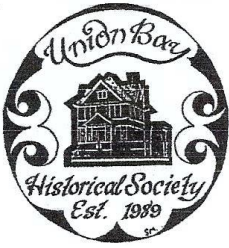
### THE BOAT LAUNCH TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

New volunteers are needed to replace some of the very dedicated ones that have had to step down for various reasons. We need the volunteer base to expand so we can continue our great success and longevity.

We are looking for boat ramp fee collection, boat ramp and 19A boulevard mowing.

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## Stories of Properties in Union Bay cont.

Janette Glover-Geidt

Continuing north on the top side of the Highway. In the 60's a beautiful log house was built by Gordon Clark. His wife Wilma was a wonderful cook who made and sold her tasty bread and buns from her house. Further along, Dave and Shirley McKay built the unique log and cement house next to Van West logging road. The construction was of blocks of logs cut in rounds then cemented together with the end grain exposed. An interesting look which created a great deal of interest from passers-by.

The McKay's first lived across the logging road in a small house which Ingles Dalziel had put on skids on Denman Island and floated across Baynes Sound, where it was put on Baikie Logging's property. Later, the Dalziel's built a larger house beside it.

Across the highway is Glover Road, at the bottom of which is Spence Road. The large property from the highway to the beach was originally pre-empted by Adam Bruce and logged in the 1800s. He farmed the southern section next to the Colliery property. Sam McLeod of Comox bought this large piece of land, subdivided the north half and put in the road called Spence in the late 1930's, where the first homes were built. In the 40's Harry and Ray Glover bought the south half and put in a road continuing Spence. They subdivided the beach side where Harry and Winnie Glover built on the first lot at the bottom of Glover Road. Ray had a beach cabin on the next lot.

In 1993 the property owners, after digging many dry or salt wells, applied to the Canadian Colliery who agreed to have their water line extend north. About seven families formed the Union Bay Water Association which was connected to the Bay water system at the weigh scales. Paul Bohn used his equipment to dig the ditch in lieu of paying his share of the total \$3,516.24. The men laid the pipes and the women helped fill in the ditch. So, everyone greatly appreciated the water when it was turned on. When the company closed in 1960 it sold the whole water system to the newly formed Union Bay Water Board for \$1.00.

In 1990 seven acres of land bounded by Glover Road and Spence Road was donated by Harry and Winnie Glover to the Regional District for a park. The Glover Park Association was in charge of the development and care of the Park. These volunteers built and maintained the paths, built benches and kept it up for about 15 years at which time it was turned over to the Regional District for maintenance.



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June was a routine month. We did our usual sampling, visiting all our creeks every other week. We retrieved level data from various wells and checked the conductivity of the water in each one. We had sub-committee meetings and moved administrative projects along. We sorted some refundables. All very routine.

The ups and downs caused by intermittent rain have mostly subsided and the creeks have settled into the long slow decline of summer. This is the best time to get a mid-range measurement. Again, routine for this time of year. The path into the Mud Bay Creek transect site, just tens of metres off the old highway, is lush with new growth but someone has done some pruning. It's a pleasant walk now rather than the usual battle against sticker and branch. Waterloo Creek is the same as ever but has sprouted a new, makeshift tent. We apologized to the temporary resident as we skirted the camp on our way in to the transect site. Cook Creek, with its uniform depth and wide, level bottom, is always an easy transect. Wilfred, however, is still a roaring torrent. Its headwaters are higher than our other creeks and it's still being fed by melting snow. We decided to wait until it's a bit lower before venturing into the maelstrom. Rosewall, too, was running high but it seemed approachable. This was our first time taking a transect at Rosewall. The flow was swift and at times our wading rod vibrated madly as the water piled up behind it. The creek bottom was uneven with large rocks. We moved deliberately and methodically and managed to get our transect without incident. Cowie, the last of our creeks with a gauging station, was not overly high. But the bottom is particularly treacherous. Large slabs of limestone, slippery with growth, tilt at odd angles with sudden gaping holes that can cause a stumble and a dip. So, we now wear wetsuits in Cowie and have a team of at least three people.

All of these routine activities are at the core of who we are. But it's always fun to have some variety. The very exciting, non-routine news from June is the activity we have planned for July. We just received confirmation from the University of Victoria that our resistivity project is going forward again this year. Last year, we used the technique in nine different locations from Royston to Fanny Bay. The goal was to confirm that this technique would be useful for measuring subsurface geological features (for example, aquifer boundaries). When the data were analyzed, the results confirmed that the technique works well in this area. So, the plan for July is to take fifty percent more measurements than last year. Yes, routines are comforting but variety is the spice of life!



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# Union Bay's Graffiti

Unfortunately there has been vandalism around Union Bay. The boat launch and breakwater area have been the biggest hit. Defacing the porta potty, boat launch sign, historical sign and inukshuk on the breakwater. The Union Bay Community Club has reported this to the RCMP and have a file # with pictures. If you see or hear something or recognize the tags, please report it to the RCMP or call the hall at 250-335-2500. Most of the graffiti has been cleaned up by Rick Jeffery and Rick Weaver. Thanks guys!





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# FireSmart™ Your Home

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FireSmart is a community based program that provides information, education and activities that increases a community's resilience to wildfire and reduces the risk of wildfire. For a free FireSmart evaluation call your local fire department.

### FireSmart Tips For Your Home



Have a wildfire evacuation plan and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do.



Hold sheds and other structures to the same standards as your home.



A mowed lawn is a fire-resistant lawn. Grasses shorter than 10 centimetres in height are less likely to burn intensely.



Relocate propane tanks 10 - 30 metres from your home, and keep combustible vegetation a minimum of 10 metres from propane tanks.



Clean and maintain gutters and roofs. Keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris.



Move firewood and lumber 10-30 metres away from home.



Clean under your deck to remove any combustible material. Establish a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around the perimeter of the house and deck.



FireSmart doesn't mean that your trees have to be cut down. Keeping them spaced and pruned is often sufficient.



Add non-combustible 3 millimetre screens to external vents (except dryer vents).



Reduce the flammability of your landscaping and plant wildfire resistant vegetation.

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# The Bays Bouquets

Do you have a loved one's Anniversary, Birthday or just want to say a big Thank You to someone? Our newsletter will post it free. Please email [bmbitten@gmail.com](mailto:bmbitten@gmail.com) with your well wishes by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Happy Birthday

To

Anne Fischer

Noni Godfrey

Clifford Schwindt

&

Rhonda Sampson



Welcome to  
Union Bay!

HAPPY  
6<sup>th</sup>  
BIRTHDAY  
To  
Otis  
Krickler



Happy  
7<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday

To

Sterling Wallace

Love from

Dad

Phinley

&

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TO  
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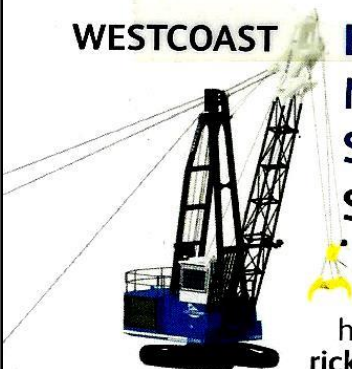


Happy  
56<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
TO  
DAVE & NONI  
GODFREY

Thank you to Kyle at Blackwater plumbing for donating the replacement gas shut off valve & to Rick Bitten for installing it. Thank you to the group who showed up with little notice to do a complete mowing and trimming of the halls ball field to get ready for our weekend rental. Trina Gable, Jim Aitken and Rick Weaver on the ride on mowers. Trina's son as well as Jen Balcke and Karrie Lee with her two grandkids did all the trimming. It was all done in 2 hours! We need! volunteers to do this!

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For a couple of months The Baynes Sound Lions placed Ukrainian flag displays around town. We started off with the Fanny Bay Inn and the Union Bay Store then expanded to the Canco Station, Roys Town Pub and the Crown and Anchor. Victor Ford of the Baynes Sound Lions presented the Ukraine Cultural Society with a cheque for \$1069.30 plus \$145.05 cash and gave them the flag display to keep raising funds. The flags are sold by donation.




# Happy 50th



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