

# DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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**MAY 2023**

## MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>  
UNION BAY HALL**

**8 am - 11 am**

**\$10.00 Per Person  
\$8.00 for 10 & Under  
Free for 3 & Under  
Pay at the door!**

## Bay Day & Car Show Sunday, June 11th

*More Mother's Day Breakfast & Bay Day info on inside cover.*

# Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Mother's Day breakfast. We need male servers, cooks, hall set up (male or female) and clean up. Below is the schedule if you would like to join our team.

Please contact Rick Weaver at 604-309-1571 or call the hall at 250-335-2500 & leave a message.

- Cooks start at 6:30 am
  - Workers eat at 7:00 am
  - Doors open at 8:00 am
  - Serving breakfast until 11:00 am
  - Clean up is from 11:00 am until 12:30
- SET UP  
Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 12pm - 4pm

## BAY DAY & CAR SHOW

KIDS PARADE 11:00 am

Kids races start at 11:30 am

Kids parade theme is Mardi Gras!

**SUNDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**

**CAR SHOW 10am**

Pies, Horseshoes, Beer Garden, Pipe Band, Car Show, Kids Races & Games  
Concession, Slo-Pitch Games, 50/50 Draws, Bay Day Raffle, Fire Truck Display & Tons of Fun!

Bay Day Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$300.00 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$150.00 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50.00  
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## EARLY COMMERCE in UNION BAY.

Janette Glover-Geidt

### CONFECTIONERIES:

The early settlers of Union Bay had little money to spend, but for a treat, only a few places to spend a penny or nickel. The first to take advantage of this was the Nelson Cook family who lived three doors north of the Post Office. Dora baked tasty pastries; Nelson kept cows and from the rich cream made ice cream, the first in town. By cutting big blocks of ice from frozen lakes or ponds and storing it under sawdust, ice could be kept until summer. About 1909 the Pilsener Beer company installed an ice manufacturing machine at Cumberland, so ice was available. Mr. Cook built a little roadside stand by the gate from where the confections were sold.

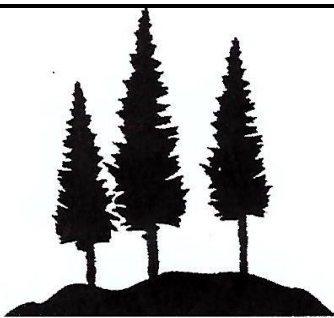
The first actual confectionery was built on the beach across from the school. It was built by Hilda Anderson, a little Swedish lady who could not read or write English. This did not stop her from being a very good businesswoman with a shrewd eye for figures. The tiny lady was always immaculately dressed in a long black dress, covered with a beautifully embroidered apron. On her petite feet were shiny, black button boots. The Confectionery was well-stocked with peppermint candies, strawberry and wintergreen sticks, toffees, chocolates, and chewing gum, all displayed in tall glass bottles. Mrs. Anderson proudly declared in her Swedish accent that she sold “yiclets, yoclates and yewing gum. She was known as “Mrs. Yee whiz”, this being her favourite expression. As well as selling candies, she sold cinnamon buns and coffee cakes to go with her coffee. She bought select coffee beans, roasted them in her oven, then ground them and brewed exquisite aromatic coffee. Mrs. Anderson also kept punch boards. The punch board was about 8”x10”x1/2” thick. It was full of little holes covered with a piece of paper. In each hole was a tiny piece of paper with a number on it which corresponded to an index of prizes which numbered each hole. For five or ten cents you’d take a wire pin and shove it in a hole. If you matched the right hole you won, maybe a trinket, a kewpie doll or a big box of chocolates.

When Butcher Bowden moved to town with his wife and family, he built a little house on the beach across from the Wilson Hotel, with an Ice Cream Parlour on the front. It was a quaint little parlour with white washed walls and lace curtains in the windows. Bent cane chairs surrounded four tables. Cherry, pineapple, butterscotch, strawberry and maple walnut sundaes, as well as banana splits, were served in heavy glass dishes. Mrs. Bowden made her own ice cream: into the wooden stave barrel went the ice chips and rock salt, then a five-gallon metal pail fitted into the ice. Thick cream, sugar, and vanilla were poured in, paddle and handle secured, and the kids took turns cranking the handle until the ice cream froze.

In the 1930’s Nell Hudson, whose husband Tom had died, had son Reg move their house closer to the highway, and made the front parlour into a corner store and confectionery. It had four stools at the ice cream bar in front of the freezer which held four different flavours of Palm Dairy Ice cream. She bought a milkshake machine and whipped up frothy milkshakes with vanilla, strawberry, butterscotch, or chocolate syrup. Eight ounces of pop were drunk from the bottle with a waxed paper straw. Floats were popular, made with a scoop of ice cream floating in a tall glass of Hires root beer, Coca Cola or Rummings orange crush.

Art and Jessie Hastings bought Anderson’s business and ran it until 1947 when the new highway was put in. The building was moved across the street and now sits behind the new garage which they built with a little café on the north end called the Autograph. Jesse sold light lunches and was kept busy selling candies and pop to the school kids.

When the butcher shop on the end of Fraser and Horne’s was vacated, Alma Muschamp, with a few renovations, fresh paint, installation of a soda fountain, table and chairs, opened a coffee shop. It was a gathering place for young and old who all enjoyed her hearty sandwiches and delicious pies.



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## Burning Permit Reminder

### Union Bay Fire Rescue

would like to remind all residents within the Union Bay Fire Protection Area that Burning Permits are once again required from

**April 1 until Oct 31 2023**



### The Union Bay Community Church

EVERYONE WELCOME!

11:00am every Sunday

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**DIGITAL SIGN** We would also like to inform the community about the grant we received from New Horizon Seniors Program, Community based projects for a much needed new double sided electronic reader board to replace our old manual one. This will help inform the community much easier and more often. We saved just under half ourselves but the CVRD Community Services also helped top up the funds due to another large increase price. Installation could be as soon as July. This has been a good year of grant funding as well as progress on needed hall improvements.

Thank you  
Rick Weaver  
Building Maintenance Manager  
and our board of directors



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## Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)

The forecast called for sun but there was a drizzle of rain on the windshield as we drove the short distance to Mud Bay Creek. We hoped to do a transect – that is, measure the stream flow – before the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement folks installed their smolt trap. The smolt trap, appropriately enough, catches smolts, or baby fish, so they can be counted as they head out to sea. The problem for BWS is that the smolt trap raises the water level. Since we use the level as an indicator of how much water is flowing, anything that artificially raises the water level confuses our data. So, we try to get a transect just before and just after the smolt trap goes in and then we adjust the numbers accordingly.

We start by recording the stage, the hydrological term for water level. Then we string a measuring tape across the creek and begin taking readings at regular intervals perpendicular to the flow. While we are doing our prep work, the sun breaks through the drizzle and, even though we're in the trees, stray sunbeams find us through the leaves. They carry some psychological warmth even if no real heat. The woods are full of robins, flitting from tree to tree, arguing over territory with their complex melodies. Our sophisticated instrument, the Flow Tracker II, does all the thinking so we settle into a routine, enjoying the morning and swapping stories.

My transecting partner, Paul Anders, is a former teacher. His school used to incubate salmon eggs in a large tank in the school's main hallway. The kids tracked the water temperature in the tank and watched for changes to the eggs over the course of the winter. In the spring, the kids took the newly hatched fry to Rosewall Creek. It was an exciting event for the kids, carrying their "pets" to the creek in buckets. They poked them, talked to them, and named them as they released them into pools along the creek bank. The kids watched as the fish skittered about, cautiously exploring their new, more expansive home.

Then thwack! Imagine the children's horror as a huge brown trout darted out from under a log and, in a flash, gobbled up half of the little fish. A fun day ended with a hard lesson. Nature can be a merciless tutor!

Our transect is finished and we begin packing up. Nature is kind today and has nothing to teach us except that it feels good to be in the creek, in the dappled sunlight, after a long winter.

-Mike Mesford



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at

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For inquiries



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Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Temprite	Kids	Slushbuckets
Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Slushbuckets	Denman	Solutions
Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Solutions	Bulldogs	Denman
Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Misfits	T&B	Bulldogs
Monday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Denman	Solutions	Temprite
Tuesday May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Temprite	T&B
Wednesday May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Kids	Misfits	Slushbuckets
Thursday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	T&B	Slushbuckets	Solutions
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Misfits	Solutions	Slushbuckets
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Slushbuckets	Temprite	Misfits
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Denman	Kids	Temprite
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	T&B	Bulldogs	Kids
Monday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Slushbuckets	Kids	Bulldogs
Tuesday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Misfits	Denman	T&B
Wednesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	T&B	Solutions	Misfits
Thursday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Slushbuckets	Denman
Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Solutions	Temprite	Denman
Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Denman	Bulldogs	Temporite
Monday May 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Temprite	T&B	Solutions
Tuesday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Kids	Solutions	T&B
Wednesday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Misfits	Kids
Thursday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Slushbuckets	Denman	Bulldogs
Tuesday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Bulldogs	Kids	Misfits
Wednesday May 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	T&B	Denman	Temprite
Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Misfits	Temporite	T&B
Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Temprite	Denman	Slushbuckets
Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Slushbuckets	Misfits	Denman
Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Solutions	Slushbuckets	Kids
Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Kids	T&B	Solutions
Monday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Kids	Temprite	Slushbuckets
Monday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Temprite	Slushbuckets	Kids
Tuesday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Bulldogs	Solutions	Temprite
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Wednesday May 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	T&B	Misfits	Slushbuckets
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Monday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Temprite	Solutions	Kids
Monday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Kids	Slushbuckets	Solutions
Tuesday June 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Bulldogs	T&B	Slushbuckets
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Sunday June 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Kids	Bulldogs	Misfits
Sunday June 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	Temprite	Misfits	Bulldogs
Tuesday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	T&B	Kids	Misfits
Wednesday June 14	6:30pm	Slushbuckets	Solutions	Kids
Thursday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Misfits	Bulldogs	Solutions
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Sunday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Solutions	Kids	Temprite
Sunday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Make up	Games	

**Playoff Weekend**  
June 23, 24, & 25<sup>th</sup>

**Make Up Games**  
June 19, 20, 21, & 22<sup>nd</sup>



# 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 May Birthdays

Gary Hargreaves	May 1
Nicholas Lafountain	May 4
Paul Skinner	May 5
Casey McKay	May 5
Susan Lindstrom	May 6
Jaycee Flawse	May 9
Dan Jager	May 11
June Eccleston	May 16
Peggy McLellan	May 18
Sheryl McKay Miller	May 19
Linda Paterson	May 21
Jim Elgie	May 22
Dawson Jager	May 22
Greg Kennedy	May 24
Cheryl McCaffrey	May 26
Rick Bitten	May 26
Kerry Etherington	May 28



**Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dan & Dianne Jager**



**Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Rus & Gracie  
Chapman  
May 17th**

### UNION BAY



### BOAT RAMP NEWS

**Boat Ramp Fees support maintenance and Improvements**

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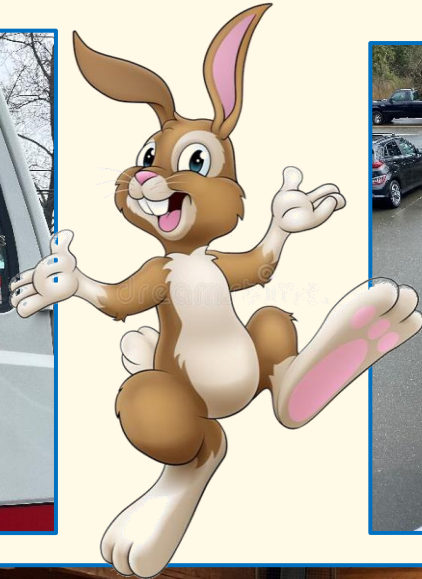
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**Thank you to Janette Glover Geidt for her wonderful stories of our beautiful little town.**

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# COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Due to bad weather on Easter Sunday, the Easter Egg Hunt was postponed until the following Sunday. Again, the weather was horrible, so it was decided to hold it inside the main hall. The Union Bay Community Club, in partnership with the Union Bay Fire Rescue, hosted this community event. The Easter Bunny arrived at 11 a.m. on the fire truck and was escorted inside the hall by his firefighter helpers. The excited children greeted, talked, and had pictures taken with the Easter Bunny; then the hunt was on, and they filled their baskets with the chocolate eggs. Eight kids packs of movie passes were donated by Fire Rescue and were given to the children who found the lucky eggs. Next year, the hunt will be on Easter Sunday, outside or inside, rain or shine!





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### **New Roof the for Community Hall**

We would like to inform the community with an official written acknowledgement of receiving funding for a new metal roof and gutter system for our hall. It had been leaking for a couple of years. We received just under half of the total cost covered by the BC Community Capital Gaming Grants Branch. The balance was made up from our own years of savings and extra help from the CVRD Community Services due to a massive price increase we were not expecting. We also received an excellent letter of support from Mr. Gord Johns our Federal MP. The project will start June 12 and should take 4-6 weeks weather depending.

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Rick Weaver  
Building Maintenance Manager  
And our board of directors

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am - 11am</b>
<b>Bay Day &amp; Car Show</b>	<b>Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am - 6pm</b>
<b>Fall Craft Fair</b>	<b>Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am - 3pm</b>
<b>Fall Supper</b>	<b>Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Halloween Party/ Fireworks</b>	<b>Sunday, October 31</b>	<b>4pm &amp; 7:30pm</b>
<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Christmas Craft Fair</b>	<b>Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am - 3pm</b>

**All events are held in the Union Bay hall or our community field except the fireworks, which are held at the boat launch.**

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Daniel Arbour, Director

Comox Valley Regional District  
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 AT THE FBI  
 4:30 TO 7:30**

The Union Bay Community Club is seeking an individual with experience in audio, video, and sound systems. We need help to set up the new system in the hall. It would be necessary for this person to be able to put up a professional audio/visual system, digital projectors, speakers, and amp. Please leave a message if you can help at 250-335-2500.

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## Emergency Preparedness Week

Learn how to prepare for disaster at one of our events:

- **May 6 9:00-10:00 am** – Comox Valley Farmers' Market, 4839 Headquarters Road
- **May 10 6:00-7:30 pm** – Merville Hall, 1245 Fenwick Road

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