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Over the winter my team of creative thinkers and I spent time considering how we can continue momentum; specifically, the progress gained by the customer-inspired initiatives introduced in 2010. During the first stage of these talks we brainstormed for something new, but then came an epiphany; instead of inventing something new to do, we ended up looking at what we already do in a new way.

Our route map tells the story that our scheduled wheeled aircraft serve 13 BC cities from our main hub at Vancouver. However, when we stopped to review our entire network as defined in our Air Operator Certificate, legitimately we serve 65+ BC destinations on a scheduled basis – more than any other airline in BC. Our floatplane operations based in Port Hardy, Port McNeill and Bella Bella support more than 50 individual lodges, camps, town sites and communities, principally along the central coast.

Furthermore, we're able to offer charters throughout Western Canada. This is not only in service of business, but also academic and sports-related travel. Our cargo and mail services also cover this broad area. We're not just about transportation, but also about essential services such as providing links to some of BC's most remote locations, offering medical travel, and proudly supporting First Nations.

During one meeting we discussed service for companies engaged in resource and renewable energy sectors (economic growth), and also service for provincial, federal, and local governmental organizations (essential government services). The epiphany I mentioned was reached at this meeting when a voice spoke up and simply summarized what we do in one sentence: "We're in the business of BC." This new way of looking at our enterprise is now a keystone in honouring our customers and in guiding how we can grow to support them.

We're listening.

Sincerely,
Quentin Smith, President

Cover: Trail celebrates the Smoke Eaters' legacy and continued success.

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Stop by the Museum at Campbell River for the museum's sixth annual Used Book Sale and Fundraiser, March 5 and 6.

Find favourite authors and discover a few new ones at this fundraiser featuring hundreds of gently used books sold at minimum prices. With titles covering topics ranging from history to mystery, you're sure to find something for yourself, family and friends.

Stop by Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.crmuseum.ca or call 250-287-3103.

TEA TIME!

Celebrating its fifth anniversary Feb. 12 and 13, the Victoria Tea Festival is touted as "the largest public tea exhibition in North America... hosted in the tea capital of Canada!"

Come indulge in an educational and interactive tea experience exploring the traditions and trends of tea, while supporting a worthy cause – Camosun College Child Care Services. The weekend event at Victoria's Crystal Garden features tea tastings, delectable tea-food selections, complimentary presentations on a variety of topics, opportunities to purchase hundreds of teas, tea-related products and exquisite tea wares, plus an extensive silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance, with weekend passes available by phone with credit card through Camosun College Child Care Services (250-370-4880) or in person from: Silk Road Tea, 1624 Government St., Victoria; Vancouver Island Serious Coffee locations; Murchies, in Victoria and Vancouver, and Special Teas, 803 Fort St. in Victoria.

For more information, visit www.victoriateafestival.com



Photo courtesy Victoria Tea Festival



Name: Jeff Tillapaugh

Position:
Manager, Safety and Quality Assurance for the Flight Operations department

Years with the company: 4

MEET A PACIFIC COASTAL EMPLOYEE

Jeff Tillapaugh enjoys the "best of both worlds," with his dual role with Pacific Coastal Airlines. A four-year veteran with Pacific Coastal, Tillapaugh is the Manager, Safety and Quality Assurance for Pacific Coastal's Flight Operations department.

In this role, "my job is to ensure that the Flight Operations Department is operated to a high safety standard as set out by Pacific Coastal Airlines and Transport Canada. I investigate internal safety reports and suggest or implement corrective actions," says Tillapaugh.

When not in the office, Tillapaugh is also a captain, flying Pacific Coastal's Saab 340 and Beech 1900 planes.

What does he enjoy about his work with Pacific Coastal?

"Everything," Tillapaugh says.

"The office work is rewarding because I am a part of a team that runs the best airline in Canada.

"The flying is rewarding because I have the best office view and work with a great bunch of people. The scenery is spectacular, flying in and out of our destinations such as Bella Coola, Trail or even the short hop from Victoria to Vancouver. "It's a great atmosphere."

When not at work, Tillapaugh can often be found taking part in a variety of recreational activities.

"In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing, skiing and watching hockey with friends."



Dani Boynton photo

we have accomplished so far and give fans a look at the next decade. We have new music that just adds to the fun.”

Emerson Drive has earned both a Grammy Award nomination and multiple JUNO Award nominations, and has recorded more than 15 hits in Canada, a No.1 single in the US and many Top 5 songs on the Billboard charts in both countries.

Can't catch the band in Cranbrook? The group is launching its tour in Victoria, Feb. 8 at the McPherson Playhouse. FMI: www.emersondrive.com

Bootleg Sled Dog Races 2011

February 5 & 6

The third annual Bootleg Sled Dog Races come to nearby Kimberley with races open to various ages and levels, at the Bootleg Gap Golf Course. FMI: www.bootlegsleddograces.ca

Port Hardy

North Island Concert

Society presents...

February 12 & March 5

Under the direction of Gregory Bush, professor of jazz at Vancouver Island University, the Georgia Strait Big Band brings its high energy sounds to the Port Hardy Civic Centre Feb. 12.

On March 5, the North Island Concert Society welcomes the Theo Massop Trio to the Port Hardy Civic Centre. Massop is a West Coast Canadian singer-songwriter whose musical journey has taken him from church choirs to dance halls, night clubs, festivals and concert venues. His previous album, *Voyager*, gained him three charting singles in Canada, critical acclaim and international radio play. FMI: www.niconcert.ca

Powell River

Powell River Film Festival

February 17 to 20

The Powell River Film Festival Society presents this annual festival, with a gala launch and four days of films at the Evergreen Theatre. FMI: www.prfilmfestival.ca

Seedy Saturday Garden Fair

March 12

Powell River Farmers' Institute looks forward to the growing season with its

DATEBOOK

Campbell River

The Cheesecake Burlesque Revue

February 11

The Cheesecake Burlesque Revue keeps audiences coming back for more, and the lovely ladies are bringing more laughs, more tease and more body confidence to Campbell River's Tidemark Theatre Feb. 11.

The award-winning Victoria-based troupe has shimmied across stages in cities ranging from Las Vegas and Seattle to Vancouver and Berlin. Inspired by cult classics like *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and Broadway's *Guys and Dolls*, these girls know how to put on a modern day show-stopper! Enjoy their high-energy, stand-out performances and impeccable comedic timing. FMI: www.tidemarktheatre.com

Campbell River Bald Eagle Festival 2011

February 26

The annual festival in support of the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society –

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with the theme for 2011 of "The Phoenix Legacy" – takes place at Campbell River's Maritime Heritage Centre.

FMI: www.wingbeats.info or 250-337-2021

Comox Valley

Lunar New Year Dinner & Celebration in Cumberland

February 12

Welcome the Year of the Rabbit at the Comox Valley's Cumberland Cultural Centre. Celebrate the community's rich multi-cultural history with an evening of great food and fantastic entertainment supplied by master magician Rod Chow. Tickets are available from the Cumberland Museum: Adults \$25; children 12 and younger, \$15. FMI: <http://cumberlandbc.org>

Cranbrook

Emerson Drive in concert at the Key City Theatre

February 11

Canadian country superstars Emerson Drive jump into 2011 full force with a 33-city *Decade and Driving Tour* along with their first-ever greatest hits package, *Decade of Drive*. "This tour is a celebration and a thank you to our fans," says lead vocalist Brad Mates. "We have spent 10 years out on the road sharing our music across North America. We can't wait to take the party back out on the road. It's exciting for us to show what

annual seed exchange and garden fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the recreation complex. Swap or buy seeds and plants grown in Powell River, while taking in gardening workshops, seed-saving tips and techniques and community information booths. Bring your seeds or garden plants for swapping along with plants and bulbs to trade. Admission is just \$1, with children free.
 FMI: <http://seedsavers.wordpress.com>

Trail

The Schumann Letters

February 8

Trail Society for the Performing Arts presents *The Schumann Letters*, the beautiful piano and vocal music of Robert Schumann in a concert format at Charles Bailey Theatre. Colin Fox narrates the story of Schumann's life and love for Clara Wieck and his personal triumph and tragedies. A timeless story of true love is brought to life through the narration of Fox, with soprano Susan Gilmour Bailey and pianist Michael Kim.
 FMI: www.trail-arts.com



**Bootleg
Sled Dog Races**

Terri Nash photo

50th anniversary of the World Champion 1961 Trail Smoke Eaters

March 12

The "Smokies" still hold the distinction of being the last Canadian amateur hockey team to win a World Championship – a proud legacy! Join Trail for a special anniversary event at the Royal Theatre March 12, 50 years to the day that the Trail team took its second world title.

Festivities feature the locally produced movie *For the Love of the Game*.
 FMI: www.historicSmokeEaters.ca

Victoria

Canada's Play On! Street Hockey Championships

February 11 & 12

Some 60 street hockey teams from across Canada will vie for national

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FMI: Visit www.playon.ca

Dine Around and Stay in Town

February 17 to March 6

Presented by Tourism Victoria, the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association and local restaurants, Dine Around and Stay in Town is a celebration of the local food scene with a variety of restaurants offering special menus at set prices.

This is a great opportunity to explore the many possibilities awaiting in one of Canada's culinary hotspots, with many menus featuring optional VQA wine pairings. Visit an old favourite or try something new – there's plenty to choose from!

FMI: www.tourismvictoria.com

Vancouver

Dine Out Vancouver!

To February 6

Enjoy the flavours of Vancouver in the ninth annual Dine Out event, presented by Tourism Vancouver. The city-wide celebration of food and British Columbia wine is the largest restaurant promotion of its kind in Canada, with virtually every type of restaurant involved, giving diners the chance to sample everything from hip new eateries to neighbourhood favourites.

More than 200 restaurants will offer three-course meals priced at \$18, \$28 or \$38, with BC VQA wine pairings presented by the British Columbia Wine Institute. Make a night of it and book a hotel room for \$68, \$98, or \$138 per night. Menus will be posted on the Tourism Vancouver website.

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Tales of the Cocktail

March 13 to 15

For eight years Tales of the Cocktail has been bringing cocktail lovers from around the world to New Orleans. What began as a small gathering of cocktail lovers has grown to become the premier cocktail festival, serving as an annual meeting place for the world's most influential professionals. For the first time, this acclaimed cocktail festival is taking its show on the road, with the first mini-festival coming to Vancouver.

This three-day festival will give cocktail lovers a taste of the larger Tales of the Cocktail, with opening and closing parties and six seminars from some of the world's top mixologists at the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel. "Vancouver has an authentic culture, a welcoming sense of hospitality and an incredibly passionate group of bar professionals. All this makes the city an exciting, well-deserving destination for Tales of the Cocktail, the global cocktail event," says Charlotte Voisey, from William Grant & Sons and New Orleans Culinary and Cultural Preservation Society board member. FMI: www.talesofthecocktail.com

Finger Eleven at the Commodore

February 7

The Canadian rockers stop in Vancouver on their cross-Canada tour in support of their new album, *Life Turns Electric*. Joining Finger Eleven on tour is Canadian rock band Elias. Can't make Vancouver's Commodore Ballroom? Check out the show the next night at Victoria's Club 9one9. FMI: www.fingereleven.com



Finger Eleven

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The World Champion 1961 Trail Smoke Eaters

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Trail to the Cup

THE TRAIL SMOKE EATERS CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR SECOND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

By Jennifer Blyth

March 12 marks 50 years since the Trail Smoke Eaters took the 1961 World Hockey Championship – giving “The Smokies” the distinction of being the last Canadian amateur hockey team to win a World Championship. The City of Trail is certainly not about to let such a milestone pass unrecognized!

“It’s a very big deal,” says the Trail Historical Society’s Sarah Benson, editor of a recently produced commemorative booklet on the ‘61 champions and their remarkable journey. “Hockey is synonymous with Trail and I think we can thank the Smoke Eaters for that.”

Among the unique features of that 1961 team is that its core featured many players who played their minor hockey in Trail or nearby Rossland. Nine players called the local area home, a unique circumstance in amateur hockey at the time.

To celebrate this team’s remarkable legacy, on Saturday, March 12 – 50 years to the day that the Smokies took that world title – the city of Trail is hosting a special celebration at the Royal Theatre. Festivities will feature the locally produced movie *For the Love of the Game*, plus participation by team members and their families. “We want to honour this in a way appropriate to them, the team and the town that supports it,” Benson explains.

Today, the Trail Smoke Eaters is one of the premier Junior A teams in the BC Hockey League, but the Smokies have a long and remarkable history that has included many milestones, ranging from the rink they skated in to their very name.

The first Trail arena, for example, called the Fruit Fair Building, was built in 1911, and when the City installed artificial ice in 1925, it was the first artificial ice plant between Winnipeg and Vancouver.

While affectionately referred to locally as the “orange and black,” after the colours of their uniforms since the 1920s, the distinctive Trail Smoke Eaters’ name has a storied history.

“Legend has it the team was named following a cartoon in the *Vancouver Province* newspaper that chronicles an incident in the 1928 Savage Cup finals. When a penalty was called against a Trail player, the fans threw debris on the ice in reaction to the call. One item was a lit corn cob pipe, which was picked up by a Trail player, who put it between his teeth, puffing away. The cartoon appeared in the following day’s edition of the newspaper. In an accompanying article, the paper’s sports writer called the team ‘smoke-eaters’ in reference to the incident. The name stuck.”

However, local historian Greg Nesteroff refutes this story, noting that Trail sports teams had been called "Smoke Eaters" as early as 1901, likely referring to the emissions from the local smelter, built in 1895-96. "References to the 'Trail Smoke Eaters' appear more frequently in the Trail newspaper into the 1920s, when the paper began to report on the team's games. By the 1930s, the name had been adopted by the team and the famous crest was created."

Further, Nesteroff discovered that the famous cartoon in fact appeared in the March 8, 1931 issue of *The Province* newspaper, not during the 1928 Savage Cup playoffs.

Looking back, 1961 wasn't the first year Trail had captured the World Hockey title and in fact, those earlier Smokies – including the 1939 World champions – had quite an impact on international hockey.

"Trail native Mike Buckna played for the Trail Smoke Eaters from 1932 to 1934. In 1935, he visited Czechoslovakia, the birthplace of his parents, and was asked to coach the Czech National Hockey Team," notes the Historic Smoke Eaters website. "His team played the Smoke Eaters in the 1939 World Championships, losing 2-1, scoring the only goal against the Smoke Eaters throughout the entire tournament. After World War Two, Mike coached the Czech National Team to a World Championship victory in 1947 and a silver medal at the 1948 Olympic Games before returning home to Trail to once again don the Smoke Eaters uniform. Mike is known as the 'Father



Cartoon courtesy Trail Historical Society

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS




Trail Smoke Eaters '61 World Champs

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of Czech Hockey' and is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame."

And in 1969, Anatoli Tarasov, the great Russian National Team coach, told a Vancouver group that the 1939 Trail Smoke Eaters were one of the greatest teams he had ever seen, amateur or professional, and that he tried to pattern his teams after the great team play and passing of that team.

Notable names among the Smokies' alumni include sports commentator and former NHLer Ray Ferraro, Vancouver Giants captain Craig Cunningham and Edmonton Oilers GM Steve Tambellini. And the impact continues through the generations. Three children of players from that 1961 team have also gone to The Show. "A lot of Smoke Eaters are living legends," Benson says. ■

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1939 Trail Smoke Eaters celebrate their world title.

DID YOU KNOW?

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According to Trail's Historic Smoke Eaters website:

- The Trail Smoke Eaters were formed in 1926 as the Trail Senior Hockey Club, that year winning the Savage Cup, BC's Senior Hockey Championship. It was the first of seven consecutive Savage Cups, before losing to the Kimberley Dynamiters in 1934. The Smokies have won the Cup 18 times, the most of any team in the Province.
- On Christmas Day and Boxing Day in 1938, the Trail Smoke Eaters, then on an exhibition tour of Europe prior to the 1939 World Hockey Championships, played in Berlin before a large crowd, including senior Nazi officials. Because of those officials in attendance, the players had to give the Nazi salute before the game began.
- The Trail Smoke Eaters won the Allan Cup for the first time in 1938 in Calgary, after which they were driven through town in a fire truck before thousands of fans, a tradition that continues to this day.
- Steve Sapruff was the Trail Smoke Eater mascot and stick boy during the 1930s. In 1944, during the Second World War, Sapruff was wearing his Smokies jersey under his flight jacket when his plane was shot down over Berlin, and he was captured by the German army. A guard who had seen the Smoke Eaters play a German squad in 1938, noticed the jersey and he told Sapruff he was a big hockey fan

who loved the Smoke Eater style of play; afterward, the Canadian began receiving small bundles of food, including bread, sausages and apples. While Sapruff was later moved to another prisoner-of-war camp, he never forgot his chance meeting with a German hockey fan that made his life in prison a little easier. Sapruff wore the jersey until he was liberated on VE day.

- During the same 1959-60 season that great Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante first wore a face mask during an NHL game, Trail goalie Seth Martin also began wearing a face mask, one of only two amateur goaltenders in Canada to do so. Martin, today a member of the IIHF Hall of Fame for his outstanding play in international hockey, made his own masks, constantly improving on the design for safety and visual reasons and when he played for the NHL's St. Louis Blues in 1967, he also made a mask for fellow goaltender Glenn Hall. In the famous photo of Bobby Orr scoring the winning goal on the Blues in the 1970 Stanley Cup finals, Hall is seen in the background wearing Martin's mask.

For More Information:

For details about the Smoke Eaters or the 50th anniversary celebrations, or to order commemorative material, visit www.historicSmokeeaters.ca or www.trail.ca/sports ■

All roads lead to Trail



Welcome to Trail
FATE Photography

While the Trail Smoke Eaters have been one of Trail's best known sports exports over the years, the city has many more attributes to recommend it.

Sitting on the Columbia River in the picturesque West Kootenays, near the US border, the community that would become City of Trail was settled in the 1890s, supporting the gold-copper mines in the mountains surrounding nearby Rossland. In 1895, a small smelter was built to refine ore from the Rossland mines, laying the foundation for the later Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada (CM&S), later called Cominco, and now Teck Resources.

This mining heritage would play a large role in Trail's history, helping it weather the economic storms of the Depression and war and supporting the city's growth and development. By the 1960s, Trail was the fourth largest town in BC, boasting a population of more than 12,000.

Today, with a population of about 20,000, Trail is blessed with a terrific range of year-round recreational opportunities, amazing scenery and a thriving arts community. Its active volunteer and service community has been recognized by some of the province's leading media outlets and in 2005 Trail received the designation of "Best Darn Sports Town"



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in recognition of its outstanding athletes – and there are many (see the previous Trail Smoke Eater’s anniversary story for just a sampling or stop by its main street monument and check out the *Home of the Champions* statue, paying tribute to all who have contributed in Trail through sports, industry or lifestyle).

On the job, Trail is home to a thriving business community, providing today’s visitors and residents with a wealth of retail services while also blazing trails in technology, research and development.

Among the recent recognitions Trail is particularly proud of is its title of 2010 National Communities in Bloom champion. The non-profit Communities in Bloom organization is committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification in Canada, and Trail is the only Canadian community to earn this honour in its population category twice!

For more information or ideas for your next visit to Trail, visit www.trail.ca 

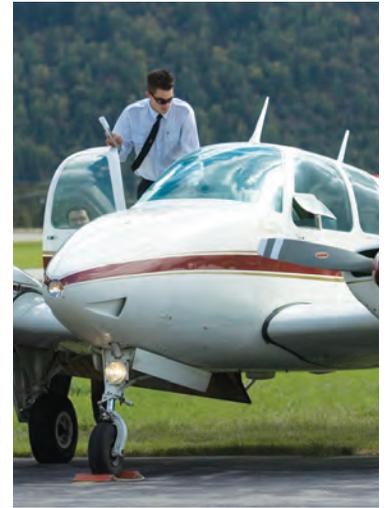


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SOAR WITH SELKIRK COLLEGE

Near Trail, Selkirk College opened its doors to 484 West Kootenay region students in September 1966. Today, Selkirk College educates more than 2,400 students each year in more than 70 certificate, diploma and degree programs.

An exceptional Aviation – Professional Pilot program is offered at Selkirk’s Aviation Training Centre at the West Kootenay Regional Airport, minutes from the Castlegar campus. This two-year diploma program trains women and men for entry-level positions in the Canadian aviation industry and provides students with the background necessary to keep pace with advances in flight technology.

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Cominco General Manager, D.D. Morris presents Team Coach Bobby Kromm with a commemorative jacket following the Smoke Eaters 1961 win.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The 1961 World Hockey Champion Trail Smoke Eaters continue to be a source of pride and inspiration. Teck Trail Operations is proud of its supporting role in the Smoke Eater legacy.

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Snow Time!

ASSOCIATION MAKES ALPINE SPORTS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

before Christmas from the Canucks for Kids Fund and VANOC: a grant to provide improved access to adaptive snow sports.

“Because of this funding our ‘Snowbility’ program will be able to introduce adaptive snow sports to remote communities across the province by helping to establish community-based and volunteer-supported clubs,” says Forrester. Additionally, the grant will “allow us to provide enhanced support to existing adaptive snow sport clubs and will provide much needed adaptive equipment to individuals with a disability who would otherwise be unable to afford the expense of purchasing such highly specialized and expensive equipment.”

Snowbility is currently working with four emerging adaptive snow sport clubs, helping them work toward becoming stronger, self-sustaining organizations. Over the next two seasons, the association aims to introduce adaptive snow sports to additional communities across BC, while also helping the 11 existing community-based clubs achieve their goals.

Support and in-kind contributions from the community, ski resorts and companies like Pacific Coastal make the Disabled Skiers Association’s work possible, whether it’s providing lift tickets or flying skiers to various competitions. “It’s the support that we receive from the community, our partners and our volunteers that really make adaptive skiing happen in BC. Without in-kind support we really wouldn’t be able to do what we do,” Forrester says, noting that “the nice thing dealing with Pacific Coastal is you just feel like you’re part of the family.”

For the staff and many volunteers of the Disabled Skiers Association of BC, their goals are simple: to make skiing and snowboarding available to all who would like to take part.

Whether that means a leisurely ski down the hill or top-level competitive racing, the association is there to make people’s snow dreams a reality, says association Executive Director Brian Forrester.

“Snow is the true equalizer – there’s no barriers – you are just another person skiing or snowboarding on the hill,” he explains.

With membership of about 1,350 people participating through 12 independent clubs at 13 mountains across British Columbia, the Disabled Skiers Association of BC oversees all adaptive alpine skiing in the province, from those who have never skied to those aiming for the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team. Three programs serve skiers of different calibres, and with all kinds of disabilities, ranging from mobility or vision difficulties to cognitive challenges.

“Snowbility” works to establish programs in areas where there isn’t one currently available and assists existing clubs with their development.

“Building Our Best” offers an introduction and fun environment for those deciding whether they want to race with one of the adaptive race clubs at Grouse, Whistler, Silver Star or Mt. Washington ski hills.

Finally, the association oversees the BC Para-Alpine Ski Team, which generally ranges from eight to 12 members.

A registered charity, the largely volunteer-based organization relies on government funding as well as membership fees and fundraising. A welcome boost came their way just

Photo courtesy Disabled Skiers Association of BC





Jennifer Blyth photos

Spring Blossoms at VanDusen Garden

Spring comes early on the West Coast and one of the best places to welcome its arrival first hand is Vancouver's VanDusen Garden.

An oasis in the middle of the city, VanDusen Garden grew out of the an unoccupied property owned by Canadian Pacific Railway. The VanDusen Botanical Garden Association formed in 1966 to help the Vancouver Park Board save the 22-hectare site, purchased with shared funding from the City of Vancouver, the BC government and the Vancouver Foundation with a donation by W. J. VanDusen, namesake of the garden, which officially opened to the public in August 1975.

A beautiful blooming garden no matter what the season, spring is especially delightful with a whole host of early-flowering rhododendrons – the Rhododendron Walk is a must – plus bulbs, hellebores and camellias, giving way to later rhodos, magnolias, Japanese cherries, Pacific dogwood and more. Follow the undulating pathways through the different landscapes, enjoying lakes and water features, charming bridges and built features such as an intriguing maze.

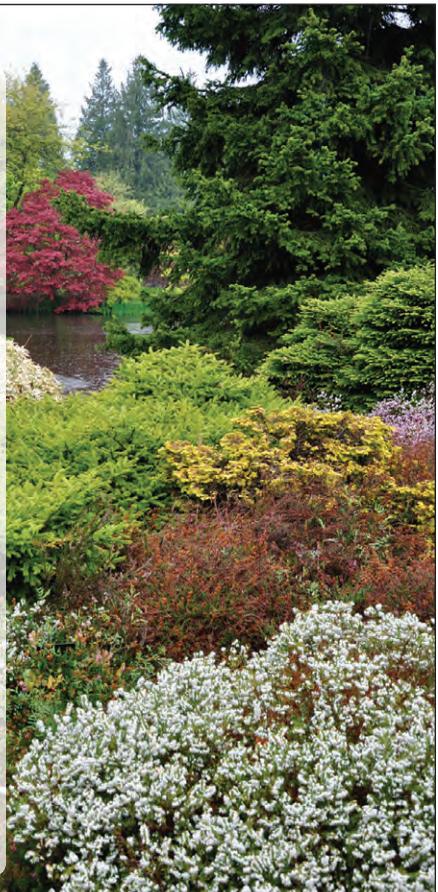
Also on-site is Shaughnessy Restaurant, open weekdays for lunch, daily for afternoon tea and dinner, and Saturday/Sunday for brunch. ■

IN THE GARDEN:

Visit VanDusen Garden in Vancouver at the corner of 37th & Oak streets. For more information about these or any other events at the garden, call 604-257-8335 or visit www.vandusengarden.org

- **Sundays at 2 p.m.** – Guided Walking Tours; free for members or with garden admission.
- **Feb. 10** – Lecture, *Recent Trends in Botanical Field Research in BC*. Tickets \$10/members; \$15/non-members.
- **Feb. 12 & 13** – Vancouver Orchid Society Show and Sale.
- **Feb. 26** – Seedy Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a celebration of heritage varieties and organic gardening featuring more than 30 growers, seed companies, exhibitors and Heritage Seed Swap.

- **March 5** – Annual manure sale, in the parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just \$5 for a 20kg bag.
- **March 5** – Bird Walk, 10 a.m. Rain or shine; free for members or with garden admission.
- **March 10** – Lecture, *From Here to 100: the next six years in the garden that John Davidson built*. Tickets \$10/members; \$15/non-members.
- **March 20** – Medicine Wheel Ceremony, 12 to 3 p.m. at the First Nations' Medicine Wheel in the Canadian Heritage Garden, a spiritual ceremony to mark the changing of the season. FMI: Marina Princz. 604-257-8668.
- **March 26 & 27** – Alpine Garden Club of BC Spring Show.





In the Office

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...WITH WILL GAHERTY, MS, P. ENG., PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER OF POTTINGER GAHERTY (PGL), ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

For two decades, Pottinger Gaherty (PGL) has been delivering environmental management solutions and strategies to a diverse array of clients, ranging from financiers, engineering firms and lawyers to First Nations, industry and government agencies. Their aim? To develop effective, innovative and intelligent management strategies to help clients reduce environmental risk and liability, lower operating costs and improve the quality of our world.

To learn more about the company's strengths and strategies, SOAR spoke with president and co-founder Will Gaherty, MS, P. Eng.

[Can you tell me a little about PGL?](#)
[What services do you offer?](#)

Pottinger Gaherty (PGL) was formed by myself and Ned Pottinger in 1991 when the environmental consulting industry in BC was in its infancy. We started with three people in a small Vancouver office on Water Street and have since grown to just over 50 people with our head office now on Georgia Street and a rapidly growing office in Ontario. Our core services are contaminated site management, environmental planning, impact assessment, sustainability, air quality management and hazardous material management services.

[What kind of expertise does the company bring to its projects?](#)

We offer technical, regulatory and business expertise on environmental issues usually related to property transaction or development. These could be such things as site investigation during the due diligence process for financing, permitting and approvals of all types of new development or the mitigation of damage to water, soils, vegetation, fish

and wildlife from construction. Over the years we have been involved in a wide variety of type and size of projects, so we understand all the needs of an environmental project – not just the science but the economic and social aspects, too.

[What sets PGL apart from others in the field?](#)

In addition to being quite friendly we are one of the few surviving independent “boutique-style” professional engineering and science services firms and have been successful by solving and simplifying our clients’ issues with an approach and mind-set to be intelligent, practical and cost-effective. Rather than telling clients to leave their project (and cheque book) in our hands, we prefer to explain what is going on with their project and involve them in the decision making process, so that they better understand what needs to be done and how it should be done. Our size and people allow us to offer the accessibility, quality assurance, depth and risk management/insurance of a larger firm, with the focus and service of a smaller firm. We strive to provide a high level of customization and attention to each and every project and client we have.

[How has the industry evolved over the last decade?](#)

In a couple of ways. The first is the way in which the environmental professional has been incorporated into important project planning decisions. Where once the real value of our professionals was either unknown or ignored, our technical, regulatory and financial expertise is now recognized as integral to making good business decisions early on in the process. Involvement up front is best, rather than waiting until the end or running afoul of some legislation or by-law, when it usually ends up adding more time and money to the project.



Photo courtesy Pottinger Gaherty

Second, like many other professional industries, such as legal, accounting and engineering, our industry has over the last few years seen a number of larger firms buying up the smaller ones. While an indicator of the economic growth the industry has had and will have, the variety of service type and level has been reduced, to the detriment of the client, I think.

What role has PGL played in that evolution?

Since beginning the company, we have always approached each project with a mind to balance its science, regulatory and business components. Our clients have recognized and been rewarded by the value

this comprehensive thinking about environmental issues plays into achieving overall project goals. And as for the condensing of the industry, we have resisted being bought out to preserve an attractive option for both clients and employees looking for a firm that provides an atmosphere of engagement, flexibility and collaboration.

How has the company been recognized for its efforts?

We've been able to stay in business for 20 years. Seriously though, by the large number of returning clients who continue to choose our services for their new projects year after year.

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How does PGL get involved in the communities in which you work?

Each year our company provides sponsorship or donations to a wide variety of social and environmental organizations. With the direction and involvement of our staff, we provide funding and/or time to those groups that we feel would truly benefit from our support. We are also in the process of developing a community project where our staff can be actively involved in either improving the environment or assisting other people in our local community.

What's on the horizon for PGL?

Growth.

Anything else you would like to add?

We'd like to say thanks to all the clients and staff who have worked with or for us and helped build the company over the last 20 years. And, of course, our families who have supported and put up with us while we did it. ■

Fish Stories

MADE IN BEAUTIFUL BC



Photos courtesy Legacy Lodge

By Jennifer Blyth

In real estate, it's said that location is everything. As any outdoorsman knows, the same is true for a great fishing lodge.

Set amid bountiful waters and breathtaking BC scenery, Legacy Lodge, on the protected waters of Rivers Inlet, boasts just such a location.

"One of the differences with Legacy Lodge is that we're close to the mouth of the inlet – we're in an ideal location," says Legacy Lodge owner Phil Dawson.

Described as "wonderfully remote yet easily accessible," Legacy offers a premier sportfishing experience found nowhere else, welcoming guests from July through September. "The waters around Legacy give up more 50 to 60-pound salmon than anywhere else in BC. There are few places in the world you can catch salmon of that size," Dawson says. "We have people who literally come from around the world to fish in these waters."

From Vancouver Airport's South Terminal, guests are flown to Legacy Lodge in Pacific Coastal Airline's Saab

320, transferring in Port Hardy to float planes to complete the scenic adventure. At the rustic lodge, built in 2003 by a master craftsman and a furniture builder, guests enjoy comfortable accommodations in seven private guest rooms and six suites, world-class food and sunsets to remember for a lifetime. "Today, Legacy is BC's premier small lodge," Dawson says, pointing out that guests range from older couples to groups of executives. "They all have a common thread, though – they all want a wilderness experience and they want to have some fun."

River's Inlet's unique, protected setting provides dead calm waters, meaning no "lost days" due to weather, and the opportunity for guests to operate their own custom Scout fishing boats, which provide easy maneuverability and accessibility to anywhere the guests want to go. "We've never had a day missed in seven years."

Three knowledgeable guides/instructors share time between the nine or 10 boats, with their input catered to the individual's experience and preference.



Photos courtesy Legacy Lodge

“This allows those familiar with mooching to fish on their own as much as desired while having the benefit of a guide’s knowledge of the waters, techniques and premier fishing locations. For those new to salmon fishing, the guides create success for all anglers by accelerating the learning curve and providing in-boat assistance throughout their trip,” Dawson notes.

“Every year we have people who have never operated a boat and who have never gone fishing and they have a wonderful time.”

For those who want to try something a little different, halibut fishing is also available, a highlight for many fishers, along with heli-fishing for wild steelhead. While soaking in the scenery, visitors marvel at the whales, often seen

swimming and breaching nearby, vast pods of white-sided dolphins and the bears seen roving the beach.

In the morning, guests enjoy a hot breakfast to prepare them for the day ahead, supplemented by a selection of drinks and snacks waiting on board and lunch delivered daily, to be enjoyed on the water or back at the lodge. After a day on the water, an excellent meal awaits at the lodge, overseen by executive chef Courtney Burnham, specializing in traditional Pacific Northwest fare, of course featuring the freshest seafood and local delicacies.

It’s the perfect finish to a day fishing on the wild West Coast: Safe waters, breathtaking scenery and some of the world’s most majestic creatures just a stone’s throw away. “That kind of experience – I don’t know where else you can find it.”

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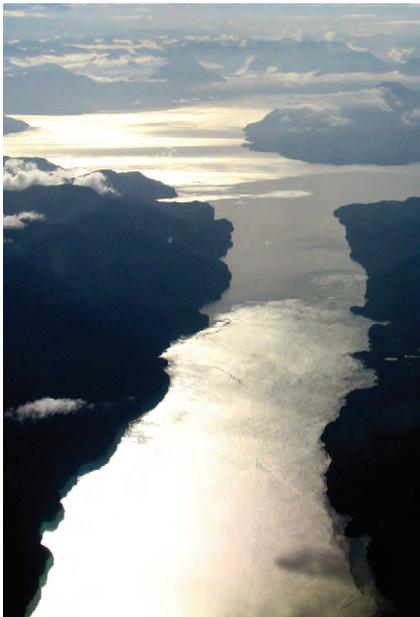
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PORK LOIN CHOPS WITH PEAR RELISH AND BRANDY BUTTER SAUCE

Recipe Ingredients – 4 servings

4 x (300g) pork loin chops
Marinate pork loin chops for 24 hours
in olive oil and fresh herbs
(suggested fresh thyme and rosemary)

Pear Relish

2 pears
30ml onion
10g cinnamon
250ml red wine
30g brown sugar
5ml white vinegar
10g butter

Peel and dice pears and fine dice onion.
Cook off in the butter for 5 min.
Add remaining ingredients and
cook on low heat until thickened.

Brandy Butter Sauce

200g butter
100ml brandy
50ml lemon juice
30ml onions
30ml cracked black pepper



Heat small pan over medium heat, add half the butter,
onion and black pepper and sauté for 3 min. Deglaze with brandy,
remove from heat and whisk remaining butter into sauce.
Pour over finished pork chop at the last minute.

Maple Roasted Yams

50ml maple syrup
2 large yams
30ml oil
20ml water
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat water and mix in syrup. Peel and slice yams into small wedges.
Oil and season, toss in syrup mixture and roast in
preheated 200°C oven.



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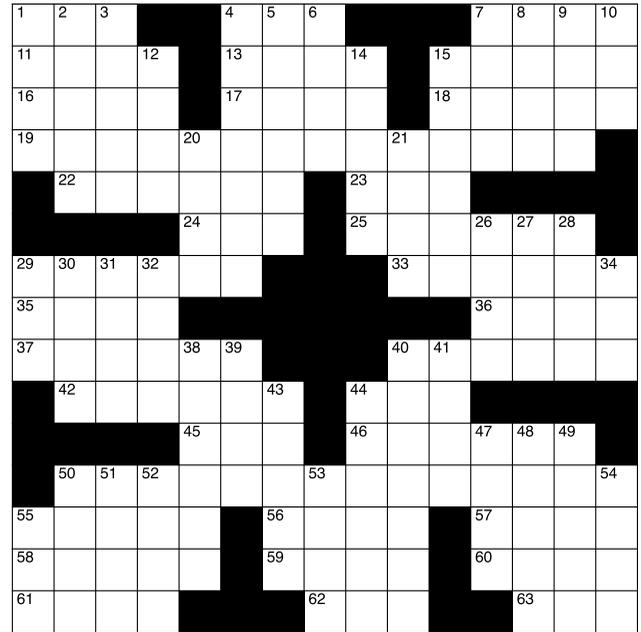
ACROSS

1. Femur head joint
4. Co. name prior to CCN & Experian
7. An encircling route
11. Actor Baldwin
13. Yeman monetary unit
15. Slightly curved blade sword
16. London Int'l. Advertising Award
17. Exchange premium
18. Am. artist Edwin Austin
19. Hyperopia
22. Purplish red color
23. Take in marriage
24. Promotional messages
25. Full of high-spirited delight
29. The study of plants
33. S. Am. camel relative
35. Amounts of time
36. Purplish brown
37. Treat with contempt
40. Set in advance
42. In a lucid way
44. Only laughed once
45. One point E of due N
46. Revolve
50. Harry Potter star
55. Olympic contests
56. A small lake
57. Arabian chieftain
58. Ribonuclease
59. Plants of the genus salvia
60. Small deer of Japan
61. Slang for "alright"
62. ___ student, learns healing
63. Spring ahead.

DOWN

1. One of two equal parts
2. About ilium
3. June's birthstone
4. Calamity
5. Jefferson named unalienable ones
6. Rest in expectation
7. Baseball's ___ Ruth
8. Flows away
9. Belonging to Robert E.
10. Attempt
12. House in Spanish
14. Lerner and ____, wrote "My Fair Lady"
15. Summer shoe
20. Formerly Persia
21. A small wooded hollow
26. Duct or cellophane
27. Large flightless birds
28. Genus leuciscus fish
29. A place to sleep
30. Minerals
31. Scarlett's home
32. 7th Hindu month
34. Poised to
38. Fitness guru Austin
39. Czech & German River
40. Slogged
41. College army
43. Short sharp barks
44. CA. citrus county
47. Brews
48. Fearful and cautious
49. The people of Chief Kooffreh
50. Euphemistic damn

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51. Far East wet nurse
52. Where birds hatch their young
53. Wander
54. Male undergrad social club
55. Programming language

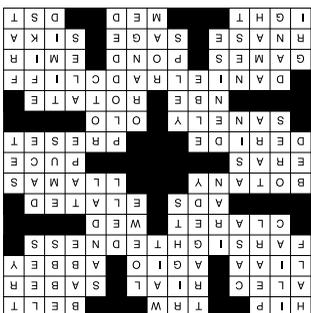
SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

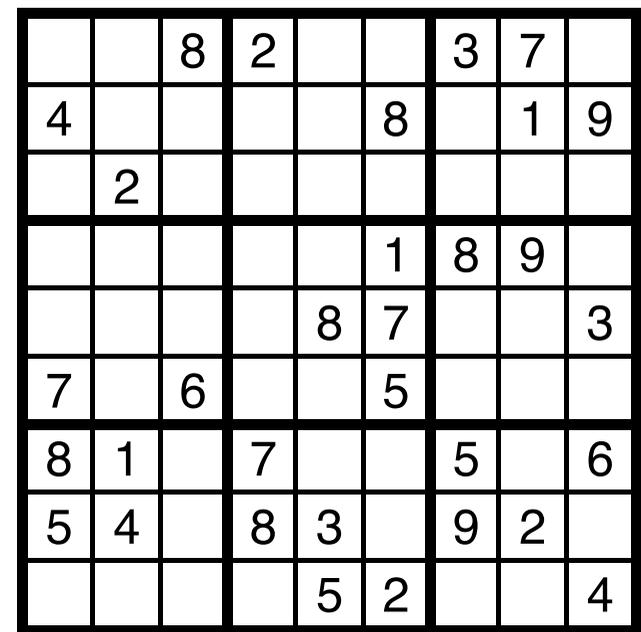
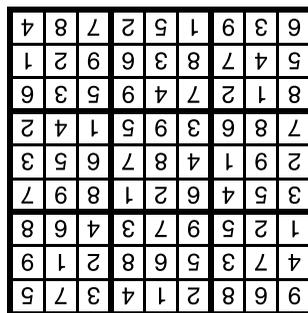
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★ Moderate ★★ Advanced ★★★ Hoo Boy!

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