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# Discovery Islander

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## On the cover



*Remembrance Day at Quadra Legion*  
photo: Philip Stone

# Dear QCU members;

New Federal Government legislation affecting all Canadian Financial Institutions took effect June 23, 2008 with the enactment of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act and Regulations (Canada), commonly called PCMLTFA. Quadra Credit Union, along with all Credit Unions and Banks, is required to comply with the provisions of the Act.

The Act requires us to collect certain personal information in "transacting" with a member; some of this information has been routinely collected and recorded in the past, but in many instances new questions will be asked of you when making some transactions. An example of this is that you will now be asked the "Intended Use" for the account you are opening, or when making an investment.

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*Steve Halliday*

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# Island Calendar

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## The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Saturdays only at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Kidz Klub QI Bible Church grades 1-6, 3 - 4:40 pm
- **Every Tuesday** - Yoga Classes 9-11 am and 5-7 pm with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12  
- Live Jazz at April Point 7 pm  
- Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre  
- Folkdancing QCC-7:30pm Sept-Apr
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm  
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- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.  
- Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.  
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church  
- Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Thursdays starting Sept.11 QCC
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market 10 am - 2 pm behind Quadra Credit Union  
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - QI United Church Service-11am, 1st Sun of mon-12 noon  
- Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church  
- Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm  
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

**Next Deadline: Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2008**

## This Month

November 7 - 29th - 'Campfire Chronicles' - Davyd Oram at DRAW Gallery



## Local Remembrance Day Service

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be at the Quadra Legion on Tuesday November 11th, 2008. Everyone is welcome and families with children are encouraged to attend. Please be seated by 10:45am sharp. The Ladies Auxiliary will host the luncheon following the service. We will be conducting Initiations at the Branch at 4:00pm and the evening social will begin at 5:00pm with the potluck dinner at 6:00pm and Honours & Awards to follow. See you at the Legion.

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### Saturday, November 8

- Motus O Dances "Variations on Love" Awesome Q.C.C.  
Quadra Cultural Committee 8 pm

### Sunday, November 9

- Geshe YongDong "Three Wisdom Tools" Upper Realm Q.Cove  
11 am

### Monday, November 10

- Deb Humphries - garden club Q.C.C.  
creates home decorations with natural foliage - 7pm

### Thursday, November 13

- BC Ferries Town Hall Q.C.C.  
BCF Management will hear concerns & answer questions. 7 - 9 p.m.

### Saturday November 15

- 2008 Goods and Services Auction Q.C.C.  
Quadra Childrens' Centre fundraiser 7pm - 10pm

### Wednesday, November 19

- Free Money Q.C.C.  
11:30 am to Noon

- Free Firewood Q.C.C.  
1 pm to 2 pm

- Newcomers' Welcome with Chamber of Commerce HBI Lounge  
Member's and new members welcome 5-7 pm

- Book launch for Jeanette Taylor's new book Q.C.C.  
"Tidal Passages" A History Of The Discovery Islands 7 pm

### Friday, November 21, 4-9 pm and Saturday, November 22, 10 am - 3 pm

- Christmas Craft Fair Q.C.C.

### Friday, November 28

- Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Tidemark Theatre CR  
Tickets from Tidemark Box Office 250-287-7465

### Saturday November 29th

- Christmas Craft Fair Manson's Hall  
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**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

## EVENT CLASSIFIEDS

### Indoor circus jam.

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\$5 drop-in fee. Nov. 5 & 12th  
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## Steak Dinner

On Sat Nov 22 At Quadra Legion \$12.

The Legion is hosting a fund raising Steak Dinner on Saturday November 22nd, 2008 from 6:30pm. Make your plans now and call Len Lamb at 285-3354 to reserve your ticket(s).

## Win Turns 100!

Our beloved WIN GOLDSTRAW is turning 100 years young.

Everyone, young and old is invited to come and celebrate with her on Sunday Nov. 23 at the Community Centre from 4 pm. Until 8:00pm Potluck dinner music/skits/poems/memories.

Please no presents.

Handmade cards would be highly appreciated

For more information call Carrie-2295 Hilda -3458 Eileen-2434

## Cafe Aroma Open Mic Night

Audience, performers and staff have had so much fun over the summer that we are going to keep it going once a month over the fall and winter. It's free, family entertainment and a chance to share your secret talent with your fellow islanders and visitors to our island paradise.

So, drop in for some coffee, music and poetry... on the first Thursday of every month. Doors open at 7PM and music starts at about 7:30PM. Next event is Dec 4 jot it down on your calendar and we'll see you there.

## Christmas Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 am at Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay. Table rental is \$10, reserve early by calling Amanda at 285-3612 or Marie at 285-2345.

Concession will be open. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxillary Quadra Legion #154

## Monthly General Meeting

The Legion Executive would like to remind all members that we need your support and that the monthly General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00pm sharp. See you at the Legion!

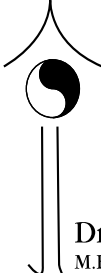
## Recycling Corner

Cans are a very popular recycling item. With only one bin, we need to remember, however, that only household cans are acceptable. Other metals including tinfoil need to be recycled elsewhere. If it is too big to fit in the bin or is not a can, please find another recycling option.

When possible, cans should be rinsed and flattened. This reduces smells and saves space in the bin. Too many people are having to take their cans home when the bin is full or leave them on the ground. Recycling left on the ground is a hazard to other users and attracts vermin.

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## 7th Comfort Quilt Marathon

October 18th and 19th was Quadra Islands Quilters Guilds 7th Comfort Quilt Marathon. We started the Comfort Quilts project in 2001 and since then we have given away more than 500 quilts to children suffering from life threatening illnesses. The quilts made will be donated to the Vancouver Childrens' Hospital and the Ronald McDonald house. The children choose a quilt they like and it is theirs to keep.

None of this would be possible without the support of our community. The six group leaders did a wonderful job coordinating donated fabrics into cheerful, colorful "kits" The "kits" save time on selecting, measuring and cutting fabric, so the quilters can get right down to sewing the quilt tops and quilting, so we really can produce a large number of finished quilts in one weekend. Way to go team leaders!

Huge thanks to the Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department for setting up our sewing stations and coming back afterwards to put it all away. To the girls that kept us feasting with hot soups, coffee, tea and goodies the entire 2 days - Joan Van Orden and Barbara Frank our Comfort Angels. From our community and beyond our helpers: Patricia Robison from Nanaimo, Ricarda Van Orden Black Creek, Joan Smith, Debbie Baier, Pat Lomas, Anne Hand, Jean Gunderson, Hilary Stewart, Barb Rawlins, Janice Miller/Scott, Asia Moir, and Meiling Alps with her magic massage chair who revived tired muscles and Barb Williams for the baked goodies.

Thank you also to Heriot Bay Tru Value and the Spirit points, Quadra Credit Union for their display window, Quadra Island Builders for the donation of sewing scissors for all who participated, as well as Marie at the Cumberland Quilt Shop. To Linda Gray and daughter Cleome for our wonderful Saturday supper. We indulged without a care in the world.

To the Discovery Islander for printing our event. Many thanks! And last but not least, thanks to all of the enthusiastic quilters who

spent their entire weekend sewing and creating these beautiful and much-appreciated quilts. Many took unfinished quilts home to complete, and the kits in the cupboard will provide instant projects throughout the next year for quilters with a bit of time on their hands.

We live in a wonderful community!

If you would like more info or you may be thinking of joining us call

Michele @ 250-285-3747 or email: quadraquilters@gmail.com

## Closing Celebration at Motif Design

Motif Design has been in business at the current location in the Upper Realm, Quathiaski Cove for 7 years. We will unfortunately be closing our shop at The Upper Realm on Nov. 28.

The Upper Realm, however, will continue to be open to the public and businesses such as Steve's Spirit Books, Island Music, Cove Clothing and Lena's Alterations and sewing services will still be upstairs. We will be having a large inventory and clearance sale featuring fabrics at huge discounted prices, furniture, imports, gifts, craft supplies, clothing mostly made from hemp and bamboo fibres and much more during the month of November.

The Epiphany Gallery will feature works by Bettina Lewis (the proceeds of which will go to Save the Children Fund) Our hours of operation are 11-5, Tuesday - Saturday. We cordially invite the public to a Closing Celebration on Friday, November 28 from 7-10 pm. Please call us at 285-2626.

## Book Launch For Local Author

The Museum at Campbell River and Harbour Publishing present a book launch for Tidal Passages, A History of the Discovery Islands, a vivid and fascinating history of the area by Jeanette Taylor.

The author will be on hand to answer questions and sign books at the Museum, 470 Island Highway, on Tuesday, November 18 from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information, please phone 250-287-3103.

## Chamber Of Commerce Welcomes Newcomers

NEWCOMERS WELCOME:  
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

A Chamber sponsored wine and appetizer social event from 5-7 p.m. in the lounge of the Heriot Bay Inn

Newcomers to Quadra will be invited to meet each other, as well as members of Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. (A newcomer can be defined as anyone who is relatively new to the island and would like to meet more people)

Pre-registration by Nov 15 is required. Please contact Judy at 250-285-2150 or Susan at 250-285-2556 to preregister.

All Chamber Members are welcome, it will give an opportunity to first: meet our Newcomers to Quadra second: reacquaint ourselves with each other and meet new Chamber members third: have a bit of fun.

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Blood supplies are critically low. Without renewed commitment from donors, urgent surgeries will be cancelled and many people suffering life threatening illnesses will be endangered. I am sadly a member of the latter group.

As a lifelong donor myself, I recognize the time and effort required to donate blood. A visit to the blood donor clinic will take an hour or more from your already busy schedule. I cannot speak for others but that hour is not only a gift to me but to my children. I use that gift well. Four years ago I was diagnosed with a rare and invariably fatal cancer and given a few months to live. To make a long story short I am still here but without a couple of units of packed red cells every few weeks and immunoglobulins once a month, my beautiful girls would be without a dad. I may be too ill to be a great dad but I am not too ill to love them well. They are wonderful children and while they deserve better than I can give them, what I can provide is way better than nothing at all.

So I urge you – for my children – call Canadian Blood Services at 1 888 2donate (1 888 236 6283) or go to [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) and arrange an appointment for your next trip to Campbell River. Don't do it just for me. Do it for all those children who need their parents. Do it for yourself. One day someone you know or someone in your family may need transfusions and by giving blood and setting a good example you insure a much better chance of a successful outcome in a difficult situation.

If you belong to a club or other kind of group, bring it up at your next meeting. Call a friend and make a trip to the blood donor clinic a part of your next social engagement. You cannot possibly know how much your effort will be appreciated but I assure you I personally am grateful for every new day with my children and we know it is not just doctors keeping me alive – it is you.

Mike Windrim

## Geshe YongDong Speaks

Geshe YongDong, a Tibetan Buddhist monk since the age of 13, has been teaching in Holland, France, the USA and Canada since escaping from Tibet in 1992. He is now coming to Quadra Island to speak on the "Three Wisdom Tools." The talk is a concrete guide for day to day decision making in our increasingly complex world.

Following a brief meditation beginning at 11 a.m. (try to be on time), Geshe YongDong will lead a discussion and answer questions. The location is the Upper Realm in Q. Cove. The date is Sunday, November 9th.

The suggested donation is \$10 but pay what you can. Phone Steve or Danielle at 250- 285-3323 for more information. Cortes Islanders can get a ride to & from the Ferry by phoning the above phone number.

## Evening With Ronald Wright

Want to spend a fascinating evening with a bestselling author? The Haig-Brown House is proud to host international author Ronald Wright for two evenings of talks about his new bestselling book *What is America?* The talks will take place on November 21st and 22nd at 7:00 pm in the historic Haig-Brown House, 2250 Campbell River Road.

Ronald Wright is an award-winning novelist, historian and essayist. He is the author of nine books, including the #1 best sellers *Time Among the Maya*, *Stolen Continents* and *A Short History of Progress*. In *What is America*, Ronald Wright explores how a marginal frontier society, in a mere two centuries, became the de facto ruler of the world.

Space is limited to ten people per night. The cost for the evening is \$25.00. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this rare opportunity to spend quality time with a renowned author. For reservations call (250) 286-6646.

## Christmas Craft Fair

Mark Friday, November 21, 4-9 and Saturday, November 22, 10-3 on your calendar to enjoy the Christmas Craft Fair at the Quadra Community Centre. Santa Claus arrives noon Saturday. Enjoy the concession - proceeds to the playground.

## Quadra Seniors B.C.O.A.P.O.

Nov. 7th & 14th, the Flu inoculations will be available, at the Community Centre, @ 10:00 a.m. encouraging all Seniors to consider the treatment. Also make sure you are up to date on your pneumonia protection.

Members make sure you are on the Christmas Luncheon List call Pres. Bob Brown 2907 or Ruth 3801. The date is Mon. Dec. 1st/08 at 11:00a.m. at the Discovery Coast Inn. We will have entertainment, Prizes and a scrumptious Buffet.

Don't forget to help raise funds for Quadra Senior Housing by attending an evening with a very knowledgeable David Suzuki. The event is at the Quadra Community Centre Wed. Nov. 26/08 at 8:p.m, admission by donation.

Weekly we have on Wednesdays At 10:00 a.m, exercise to music With Anne— 11:00 a.m Carpet Bowling- with Chris— 1:00 p.m Singing with Lillianne.

Our Computer Group announces their meetings at our meetings. Walk on Sundays at 11:00 a.m with Peter and Lloyd meet at the Rebecca Spit Launch Ramp, or meet them at the parking lot at 11:20 a.m.

Memberships are due for 2009, See our Treasurer at our meetings which usually fall on the 1st Wed. of every month, starting with January 7th/2009.

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### Book launch

for Jeanette Taylor's  
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A History Of The Discovery Islands  
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at the Community Centre  
Wednesday, November 19th 7PM

This book will cover the islands excluding  
Quadra Island, which will have its  
own book in 2009 also authored by  
Jeanette.

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# Motus O Comes to Quadra

It is strange to think how a gymnast, a sheep shearer and a figure skater could have their paths meet and eventually become Co-Artistic Directors of a dance theatre company in Canada. Yet, as it turns out, that diversity has become the essence of MOTUS O, a dance company whose name means "way of movement". If you like street theatre, enjoy a romantic movie that dances around the edges of eroticism, and either are looking for or have found love, Motus O's Variations on Love is for you.

In his review in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Stephen Preece writes, "Within the simple theme of love, the program is rich in its variation. Presented in 13 separate segments (ranging from 30 seconds to 10 minutes) a spectrum of relationships is explored. From goofy boys ogling women on a beach, to the tingling excitement of new romance, to the love lost in the death of a nephew, a series of poignant sketches express some of our deepest human needs and emotions. A strength of the performance is the group's unabashed approach to humour: ranging from all-out slapstick to more subtle devices, some kind of lightening comedic turn is never far out of reach".

unique body type and style to the performance. The company also engages a full range of props, multimedia, lighting, sound, and costumes to express its art.

Physical inventiveness, lightning action, grace, and raw energy are all trademarks of their evolving style. Toronto's Globe and Mail reports, "MOTUS O was the star turn of the night. An innovative and high energy troupe performing works that were imaginative and physically risky." Debbie Slade, Managing Director for the St Catherine's Ontario Centre for the Arts, states: "A dynamic and innovative company. Their repertoire is fresh, exciting and accessible and their energy is amazing." And in Kitchener, "MOTUS O's performance of "Variations in Love" brought the capacity audience to its feet."

Since their formation in 1990, MOTUS O has created ten full-length productions for both family and adult audiences. The troupe continues to tour throughout North America, Europe and the South Seas, bringing with them their innovative and highly visual works to both small and large communities alike. Quadra Cultural



The eight dancers use the skills of their varied backgrounds – from mime to figure skating, theatre to acrobatics – to explore themes of smoldering sensuality, relationship dependency, raw jealousy, seduction, and vanity. Various dancer combinations contribute to the variety, including solos and duos up to the full ensemble, each dancer bringing a

Committee has worked for two years to bring them to the Quadra Island Community Centre on Saturday, November 8th at 8PM. Advance tickets at \$17 are available at Hummingbird and Quadra Crafts and the Music Plant in Campbell River. Tickets will be available at the door at \$20. For more information, call 250 285 3245.



## Free Firewood

Free Firewood is now available. We can help load your vehicle after the Community Lunch on Wednesday, November 19 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your vehicle and let's meet at the side door on the South Side of the Quadra Community Centre. If you do not have a vehicle, we can arrange to deliver in most cases. For example, we are delivering a truckload of wood to the home of a single mom without a vehicle this week. So if the above time doesn't work for you, call Steve Moore at 285-3323 or Paul Bishop at 285-2766 to make an alternative appointment.

This service is provided by the Free Wood Association which is a small group of community volunteers whose sole purpose is to supply free wood to elders, single parents and low-income families & individuals during the Winter months.

While we can supply small amounts of wood for free in emergency situations, we do not have the capacity to substitute for your regular Winter season wood supplier.

Last year, we were able to help nearly 40 people in difficult situations.

The shelter for the wood is shaping up slowly with the foundation in and the poles up but we have temporarily kept the wood dry by covering it up.

We will be thanking many individuals in future articles but for now many thanks to Hummingbird Office Supply, Quadra Foods and the Heriot Bay Store for their donations. Donations can be placed in the Free Wood Association account at the Quadra Credit Union.

## Free Poetry

Come and get a free poetry book at the Christmas Craft Fair at the Quadra Community Centre on Saturday, November 22. Take your pick of any one of the three volumes of poetry called **THE MEANING OF LIFE**

by local poet Steve Moore. Take one as a gift for yourself or a friend. Steve will be sharing a table with Jeannie, the homemade chocolate lady, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and support our local artists and craft workers during your Christmas shopping.

## First Aid/CPR at Parent's & Babies!!

The Parent's and Baby's Group is hosting a FREE two session class on CPR and First Aid on Infants and Children on Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2008 from 11:00AM to 12 PM at the Quadra Community Centre in Room 1.

This class is not consecutive so if you miss the first one you are welcome to come to the next one. It is open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, big sisters, brothers and any other caregivers or people who are interested in learning some useful techniques in CPR and First Aid. Perhaps your family's babysitter would like to be able to boast that they have taken CPR and First Aid?

See you there, rain or shine... any questions please feel free to call Lela at 250-285-2611

## Fair Trade Global Craft Fair in Campbell River

If you're looking for an alternative to the "big box" shopping experience this Christmas season, why not check out the Fair Trade Global Craft Fair in Campbell River on Saturday, November 15th? The fair will be at Timberline Secondary School from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature vendors selling products from many developing countries: the dollars you spend on gift items will support and strengthen fair trade practices in various parts of the world.

Take a break from shopping to enjoy a cup of coffee, a snack or a light lunch, all prepared by local Youth For Diversity groups. Remember, fair trade is better than aid so come out and shop on November 15th for gifts that give twice!

## Free Money

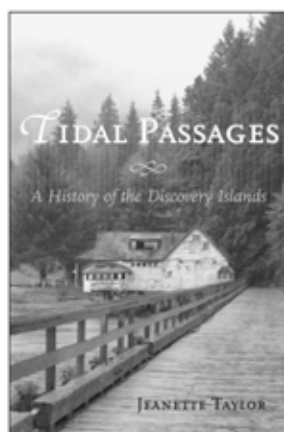
Free Money is back, even though we're a little short on funds. So anybody that can put some money in the Free Money Association account at the Quadra Credit Union before Nov. 19, it would be much appreciated. Every cent goes to Quadra Islanders in temporary need of funds.

The first distribution of money will take place before the Community Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to Noon in the downstairs Board Room of the Quadra Community Centre

on Wednesday, November 19.

This is a one stop free shopping day. The Food Bank,

the Community Lunch (donations accepted), Free Money and Free Firewood are all happening on Wednesday, November 19 (See separate article on Free Firewood). As a community it is important to know that food & warmth & a little financial assistance are available to everyone regardless of life's current circumstances.



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Director Su Rynard delivers a beautifully crafted piece about love and what the absence of it can do to the human body. Elegantly shot with effective mood scoring and dreamlike pacing, it is a story about the limits and potential of the body's most important muscle.



# BC's Oceans: Time to Act

Quadra Islanders recently received sobering information about the state of our ocean fisheries from Colin Campbell, a scientific advisor to the Sierra Club of BC.

Campbell, with a Ph.D in paleontology and world-wide research experience on marine ecologies, provided historical and global perspectives about our planet's ecology that is rarely available in traditional media.

By calculating the amount of fossil fuel burned since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, for example, scientists can calculate that we have added 480 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide to the biosphere. Much of this CO<sub>2</sub> has been stored in the world's oceans — we are presently adding 1 million tonnes per hour as this gas transfers from the atmosphere to the seas. Since CO<sub>2</sub> forms carbonic acid in salt water, the oceans are becoming more acidic — a drop in pH from 8.16 to 8.05 has occurred in the last 200 years. We are now close to the threshold where microscopic plants and animals, the biological foundation of the entire ocean ecology, will be unable to form the calcium structures they need to survive.

Campbell also pointed out that paleological studies reveal that only 200 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide in the biosphere accounts for the difference between an ice age or no ice age. With our present level of emissions, we may already be committed to a warming that will eventually melt the 2km thick ice sheets of Greenland, thereby raising the world's oceans by 6 metres — most of the marine damage would be to corals but almost all coastal cities would be flooded and prime agricultural land would be lost to ocean encroachment and salinization.

As for ocean fisheries, Campbell explained that about 75 percent are overfished, depleted or in collapse. When a new species is targeted by industrial fishing, the capture is so efficient that 80 percent of the stock is gone within 15 years.

Oceans are already showing signs of this overfishing: biomass change such as the proliferation of lower species (jellyfish); evolutionary pressure that produces smaller fish; and ecosystem restructuring where shrimp, for example, have proliferated after the collapse of Newfoundland cod stocks. Unless overfishing is curtailed, Campbell explained, we will soon be encountering "issues of equity" — "who fishes and who eats". (This is already an issue in BC as wild salmon stocks continue to decline.) Barring other factors, Campbell said, the restoration of most global fisheries could be accomplished by placing one-third of the oceans in no-fishing marine reserves for a century.

Campbell was critical of salmon farming, noting the inefficiency of using 2-20kg of wild fish to produce 1kg of farmed fish, particularly when herbivorous species such as tilapia could be a quality food source without stressing marine ecologies.

As for BC's wild salmon, Campbell suggested we might consider abandoning an ocean-based fishery and replacing it with an estuary-based fishery. This would allow the specific targeting of specific fish and thereby reduce the capture of endangered stocks that are now inadvertently caught at sea with healthy stocks. Such a change in fishing would also allow for a far more accurate count of returning fish and a more precise management of the resource. This was the system practiced by the coastal First Nations people who caught considerable fish but achieved sustainable stocks for centuries.

The evening was enlightening but unsettling. However, it was honest and frank. And, as Colin Campbell explained, if we are going to address the growing urgency of our environmental challenges, we need to accurately define them. His implicit message was that we already have a fairly clear idea of what is going wrong and what we have to do to address our environmental problems. What we lack is political will.

Clearly, as the evening revealed, he has been doing his work as a scientist. Now he is inviting us to do ours.

Ray Grigg for Sierra Quadra

## Firesign Studio at the CR People's Market

Come to the Campbell River People's Market every Saturday in November and December from 10 AM-2 PM in the Navy League Hall on 13th Street. The market is run by the J.A.D.E. Society to benefit the local homeless population. Firesign Studio and B&B on Quadra Island will have a display that features beautiful amber jewelry from Poland, Norwex Enviro Products from Norway, and art cards by Nanci Cook. Next Firesign workshop is in Melaque Mexico with Perrin Sparks, January 20-27. For information see [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com). Or call Nanci 250-285-3390. More vendors welcome!

## Scott Elam



Scott Elam, musician and instrument maker will show how he

makes his flutes, drums and the marimbas, and tell us something of the history of these early forms of music making. Join us at 11a.m. at the south entrance to the Community Center, Room 1, on Monday, November 17.

Scott has been with us from time to time on the island since the 1970's, and is well known not only for his music but also for his recent installation of beach boulders and plantings in front of the stores at Quathiaski Cove.

This event is planned by Quadra Circle which will be meeting on the 17th. at 10 a.m. preceding Scott's presentation. Men and women interested in community work and social activities are warmly invited to attend both occasions.



## To all the Quadra Islanders involved in Nov 01 Exercise

A big THANK YOU is in order to all the nearly 70 volunteers of Quadra Emergency Program, who participated in our FIRST Exercise of our Quadra Island Emergency Plan. Our thanks as well to the 29 people who acted as evacuees for the practice, and were processed through the various areas of reception centre.

The scenario for the Exercise, was an Earthquake at 0930 in AM Saturday, causing structural damage to various homes on Quadra and necessitating evacuation of several residents.

Our first attempt in implementing an Emergency Operations Centre was truly a learning experience. On Quadra Island, we have well organized, fully functioning responders in our Fire, Police and Ambulance groups. Attempting to coordinate and develop an action plan with these self sufficient groups was truly humbling for me. Representatives from each group, were fully supportive of the EOC concept and I am grateful for their assistance and cooperation.

The Ambulance "responded" to 3 incidents, Fire checked out much of the 4 main quadrants in the Fire District and Police provided support in "evacuations, investigated reported lootings", and assisted with the Security group at Reception Centre. Our thanks to all three groups. Your participation made it all work so much better.

As is supported by the provincial emergency program, evacuees are asked to report to a Reception Centre. These Centres are set up to register evacuees to assist in family reunification, offer vouchers

for food, clothing, transportation and accommodation for the first 72 hours after a disaster occurs along with any necessary first aid, emotional support, and short term child and pet care.

Our planned main reception centre on QI is the Community

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Centre on West Road, depending on the disaster area and the condition of the roads.

Howie Seimens and Russ Hotsenpiller from the Strathcona Reg. District Emergency Program, were present to support and advise in the EOC, and to take part in volunteer appreciation at the Reception Centre just before it was "opened for business." at 1300 hours. They both expressed their pleasure in seeing the Volunteers' skill in setting up and running the Reception Centre.

I just have to say how proud I was, when I walked into the Reception Centre, and saw how well everything was going. It looked just like the videos we see of REAL Reception Centres - so professional, and well organized.. I know from the debriefing that not everything went smoothly, and that it was a learning experience for all - but we are a very "young" group in the big picture of emergency preparedness and we are still evolving.

I feel all of you should be proud of your efforts. Your success in the overall Reception Centre presentation is a tribute to the number of volunteer hours each of you spent in training, planning, organizing, and in the actual physical work involved in the set up and effective running of the RC.

We consider this Exercise a great success. We are fortunate to have so many talented leaders willing to give time and effort to our Emergency Program. I had so many Volunteers tell me what fun they had and how much they enjoyed being part of the group and the Exercise. This is a reflection of the positive attitude, and the life skills, all of you bring to the program.

Again .....Thank you all. What a wonderful group this is!!!!

Betty Doak and Judy Hagen

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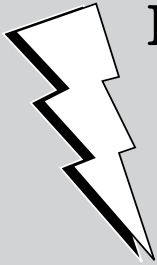
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## Garden Club Bringing Outdoors IN

The season has changed, the transition this year has been beautiful. The cool night temperatures with very little wind has allowed the foliage colours to last for weeks in all their glory. November is an in-between month: when we get caught up, take care of business, join clubs, and enjoy weekly activities that are put aside during the busy months in our garden. The begonias, gladiolus, unprotected dahlias and non-hardy plants should have been brought in from the cool night temperatures. Don't forget to disconnect your hoses, and drain surface water lines. We look forward to winter solstice, a time for candles, evening meals with friends, a warm wood stove glowing in the corner, and decorating the house to brighten our lives.

Deb Humphries will spend an enjoyable evening with the Garden Club Monday night, showing us how to use foliage, brought into the house, so we can enjoy nature at this dark time of the year. Deb, is an Interior Decorator, who a few years ago, operated her own business, Aram Cara, in the Upper Realm at the Cove. Passionate about decorating, she annually creates wreaths, centre pieces and garlands from local natural foliage. To spice up the arrangements for the December holidays, Deb will show us how to add in a few bulbs and use some interesting containers. Bring along your own creative ideas and perhaps some materials for Deb to use in her demonstration. What a great way to spend a cool, fall evening with friends, and prepare for the celebration ahead.

Join the garden club in this presentation at the Community Centre Monday November 10th, 7pm. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2. If you have any winter decorations you would like to display or seeds to share please bring them along. We share plants, magazines, seed catalogues and garden knowledge. A large collection of magazines has been gifted to the club, so please take a look and collect some winter reading. It's a great time to dream about next year's garden. New members welcome.



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## Halloween Fun Night

Halloween Fun Night was a raging success thanks to dozens of energetic volunteers creating magic in the community centre and beyond. For 23 years, Phoenix Firesigns has done a stellar job giving us a quality fireworks show. Appreciations to Doug Edwards and Ron Miller and their crew: Arnie Thomlinson, Pat Manery, Jaime Eley, Steve Eley, Kris Whittington, Christi Edwards, Rod McLean and Mike Stoughton.

Many thanks to the HFN committee who came to the first meeting and planned the events: Terryl Bertagnolli, Audrey Neri, Cally Overton, Colleen Oswald, Perry Johnston, Mandy Hart, and Anetta Grundvig. The "Haunted Hotel", the "morgue", the games and the decorations were creative, spooky adventures. Special mention to Barry Hatelt and Quadra Builders for encouraging and supporting, monetarily, the new addition of the "Luminara". Thanks to all who came out and participated in making these lanterns, and to Audrey and Cally for organizing it. Adult winners are Lesley Matthews, Lori Hewitt, Sue Clandenning and winning children are "the twig fairy", "candy" and "blue sparkly bird". (Please contact QCC for further details, winners.)

Thank you to all the helpers who were dragged into the vortex of activity by their siblings, spouses and friends: Bill Bradshaw, Trevor Johnston, Scott Hamel, James Eley, Steve Eley, Luke Roman, Jane Hamilton, Darren Wilman, Lisa Eberlein, Taylor Faryon, Tara Kaye, Jason Squires, Julie Watson and Dynah, Aquilina Mitchell, Lyne Boulyne, and Mornay Vanzyl.

Cheers to Alan Burnett and Mark Albrecht for bringing us a splendid bon fire to mark the occasion, and to Sarah Enns and Sonya Thompson who made apple cider and popcorn in the concession. Thank you to new resident, Angela Granzberg for the spectacular "fire spinning" demonstration as a pre-cursor to the fireworks display, and to her assistants, Jane West and Michelle Johnson. Also, how lucky are we to have Tomas the Magician living on the island, and what a performer! (Eat at his restaurant, Kameleon and experience the magic first hand.)

Lastly, it couldn't have happened without the support of Regional Director, Jim Abram and the Regional District, the Quadra Recreation Society and community businesses like: Phoenix Firesigns, Quadra Builders, Isle Tech Auto, Quadra Credit Union, Discovery Realty, Hummingbird Office Supply, Walcan, Sorensen MacDonald Enterprises, Island Networks Inc, Discovery Forestry, Quadrate Ventures, Sutil Charters and All Clear Septic. Special thank you to Jill Gates who did the final clean up touches so the Emergency Prep people could come in early the next morning and only see vestiges of the spooky night before. Sincere apologies for anyone not mentioned.

Sandy Spearing

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# Author's Labour of Love Brings History to Light

Thirty years of work will come to fruition this November when Quadra Island author Jeanette Taylor launches her new book, *Tidal Passages: A History of the Discovery Islands* (\$36.95, Harbour) with events on Quadra and Cortes.

Taylor, formerly with the curatorial staff for the Museum at Campbell River and now the executive director of the Campbell River Art Gallery, says the 300-plus page book is a labour of love and I'll be sad to let the project go. There's no end of fabulous tales to collect!

In *Tidal Passages*, author Jeanette Taylor delves into the history of Cortes, Read, Sonora, Maurelle, Hardwicke, Stuart, Redonda and Thurlow Islands, also covering many smaller islands and the surrounding mainland inlets (though not Quadra Island, which is the subject of a future book by the author).

Taylor introduces us to many inspiring characters in these pages and a few rogues and scoundrels too. We meet Edgar Wylie, one of the most notorious of the many eccentrics, rebels, bad guys and intellectuals who have made Read Island their home over the past century; old George McGee, born around 1850, who survived several slave-taking raids as a child and managed to live through the 1862-64 smallpox epidemic that killed many of his relatives on Cortes; Bonnie (Whittington) Brown, a famous cougar hunter from Read Island who had ten kills to her credit when she was still just a girl; Dan McDonald, who was rumoured to have been part of the infamous Jesse James Gang before he relocated to Twin Island, then called Ulloa, in 1889; and Mike Manson, the resilient and charismatic pioneer and businessman who helped shape present-day Cortes Island.

Since the 1970s, Taylor has collected hundreds of photographs and documents and conducted interviews with long-time residents whose memories reached as far back as the late 1890s. The result is an absorbing story of pioneering, resilience, humour and

kinship. Overflowing with archival photos and painstakingly researched, *Tidal Passages* is history and storytelling at its best.

The public is invited to meet Jeanette Taylor at two island book launches. Book Bonanza hosts a free slide show presentation and talk at the Quadra Island Community Hall on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). The Cortes Island Museum & Archives and Marnie's Books will also host a free slide show presentation and talk at Mansons Hall on Cortes Island on Friday, November 28 at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm). For more information, phone Book Bonanza at 250-285-3665, the Cortes Museum at 250-935-6540 or Marnie's Books at 250-935-0212.

## Correction(s)

The author of last issue's **Save the Waves** article offers a public apology. If you were inspired to write a letter, please note that two of the previously published email addresses need small but critical corrections! And if you are waiting for a round-tuit, then here's a friendly reminder – and the tuit, which is, "Local Voices Count!"

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**General Board Meeting  
Presentation on  
Integrated Health Network in Sooke  
&  
Open House  
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008**

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors is holding its regular General Board meeting:

**Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Sooke Community Hall  
2037 Sheilds Road, Sooke, BC**

In addition to conducting its regular business, there will be a presentation on the Integrated Health Network in Sooke, and the relevance of initiatives such as primary health care to local residents. There will also be a limited amount of time set-aside during the meeting for scheduled presentations from the public and to respond to questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

**Presentation Guidelines:**

A written request is required to make a presentation to the Board. Requests should include the general nature and viewpoint of the presentation and groups/organizations must identify one individual as the spokesperson. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

**Questions for the Board:**

Questions must be submitted in advance of the meeting to allow for a formal response, which will be distributed in writing at the meeting and posted to our website following the meeting.

**Note:** Should the number of applications exceed the time available at the meeting it may not be possible to schedule all presentations. You will be contacted to confirm whether or not you have been selected to make a presentation.

Presentations will not be accepted without prior arrangement and questions from the floor will not be addressed. There will be an opportunity to informally ask questions following the meeting during the Open House.

Written questions or requests for presentations to the VIHA Board **must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008** by fax to (250) 370-8750 or by email to [janet.shute@viha.ca](mailto:janet.shute@viha.ca) or by mail to: Vancouver Island Health Authority, Executive Office, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8

**Open House Immediately Following the General Board Meeting – Approx. 4:15 pm**

Following the General Board meeting there will be an Open House to allow for a general exchange of thoughts, suggestions and concerns between the VIHA Board and senior management staff and the general public.

## Area C Regional Director's Report

November 7, 2008

by Jim Abram

What a beautiful fall day it was today! The light shining through the golden yellows of the maple trees is so incredible. Especially after the torrential rains of last Saturday, it was quite a treat. Hope you all had a chance to have a look around you and realize how fortunate we all are to live in such a beautiful place.

### Halloween fun night at the Community Centre

It was a real treat to be part of the festivities at the Community Centre and to see the incredible energy that is once again alive and well on Quadra Island. It was so heartening to see so many young families with kids of all ages in attendance. Great magician, haunted fun house and games and of course, the annual fireworks to end the evening. My congratulations to all of the volunteers that made it happen!

### Surge Narrows town hall meeting

I attended a town hall meeting at the Surge Narrows "bunkhouse" next to the school, hosted by the Surge Narrows Community Association, on Saturday, Nov. 1st (during that torrential rain that I mentioned earlier). It was good to see so many of the people from the outer islands gathered in one place for a very productive few hours. I think the main topics of concern were the two applications for tidal power generation in the area of the Okisollo Channel and another near Surge Narrows. Both of these have been heavily opposed by outdoor recreation groups from right across the country. More are in the application stage. The other main issue of concern is the Evans Bay wharf, which I have been working on for the past few years. I now have a meeting set up with the appropriate parties for 1pm on Thursday, Nov. 13th in Campbell River. Hopefully we will be able to come to some resolution on how to get this wharf divested to the community from Transport Canada. I have reported on this issue in past issues of the Discovery Islander and the Gumbboot.

### BC Ferries public meeting - Thursday November 13th, 7 to 9 pm - Community Centre

Here is the moment you have been waiting for, folks. BC Ferries is coming to Quadra Island to hold an old fashioned town hall meeting. Is there anything that you have been meaning to say to them but just haven't had the energy to write? Well here is your chance to tell them in person anything that you might have to say about fares, fuel surcharges, service level, or maybe you might want to talk to them about fares? or perhaps a word or two about FARES!?! I hope you will make the effort to come out. I wouldn't want them to think that we are completely satisfied with the cost of ferry service to the island. They need to know how it effects you, your family and any other folks that may have had to leave the island due to the increased cost of service. PLEASE ATTEND!

### BC Ferry Advisory meeting

On the day after the town hall meeting we will be meeting as an advisory group to hear the latest and greatest from BC Ferries and what they have in store for us. These meetings are open to the public with a portion at the beginning dedicated to public presentations. So if you have an issue that would be best discussed at the advisory meeting, feel free to attend this one also. It will be held at the Heriot Bay Inn from 9am to 12 noon on Friday, Nov. 14th.

There are many more things that I am working on and that are in progress but I think that is about enough for this issue. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, VOP 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

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## Quadra Childrens' Centre 2008 Goods And Service Auction

Saturday November 15th 7 – 10 pm

Feeling a little blue that THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER? Is the rain and wind, getting you down? Bring your friends and family for an adult oriented evening of food, fun and fabulous bargains.

Would a great price on a Vancouver Canucks signed hockey puck, 3 month gym membership, alder flooring, dinner out, or a Strathcona Gardens family pass make you smile.

Maybe deals on plumbing or electrical work, music lessons, a cord of wood, Organic produce, landscaping services, carpentry or welding work, or a boat haul would get rid of the blues.

Come down to the Quadra Community Centre and let the fun and the deals of the Quadra goods and Service Auction cheer you up!

The evening starts at 7pm, with sweet and savory delights, peruse the two 'silent' type auctions and start the bidding.

The Chinese auction has a sneaky twist because you don't know what amount other people are bidding, whereas the silent auction you can see the other bids. When the auctions close at 8pm the highest bid will be successful.

From 8 – 10 pm sit back with a beverage and keep an eye on the items you hope to take home at the live Goods and Service Auction. Purchase a paddle for \$5 and bid on the many incredible items that have been donated by the Quadra and Campbell River communities. Just by purchasing a paddle you are entered into the draw for many fabulous door prizes.

This incredible event only happens every 2 years so save the date and don't miss out. This is not just a fundraiser but also a fabulous social event!

Proceeds benefit the Quadra Children's Centre. Ensure that quality affordable childcare can keep being offered to the Quadra community by this award-winning center ..... and have a great time doing it.

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### *Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting*

**Friday, November 14**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Island**

Members of the public are invited to attend the  
Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee meeting.  
If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with the  
Committee or with BC Ferries, please contact the chair of the  
Ferry Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting.

John Sprungman, Chair

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Minutes of the Committee meetings are available on BC Ferries website:  
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 **BC Ferries**



November 7, 2008

# Area B Regional Director's Report

by Jenny Hiebert

The weather this fall was the ideal blend of rain and sun creating glorious autumn colours associated with the interior or "back east." The maple leaves transformed into a golden glow that was most pleasant to view as I travelled about to October meetings. The recent southeaster has relocated the glow from the trees to the ground offering the opportunity to examine the grandeur in a new and different way. The size of some of the leaves is as breathtaking as their colour. Seasonal change is one of the many transitions happening around us, I'll outline a few others.

## Local Elections

On November 15, Cortes residents will be going to the polls to elect our next local/regional representative. Cortes (henceforth to be known as Area B) has three candidates seeking the honour of representing our island community. They are: Noba Anderson, Myrna Kerr, and Stephen Moyse. All three candidates offer their unique strengths and experience to the electorate and I encourage each voter to investigate which candidate they feel would best represent the community for the next three years.

Opportunities to learn about the candidates are increasing. Each has a posting on the Tideline at [www.cortesland.com](http://www.cortesland.com) and everyone can peruse these presentations. Each is being interviewed on Cortes Radio on consecutive Tuesday evenings starting at 7:10 pm (Oct. 28 -- Stephen; Nov. 4 -- Noba; Nov. 11 -- Myrna). The Cortes Seniors group has once again organized an All Candidates Debate. The debate will be held on Sunday November 9, 7:30 pm at Manson's Hall. It is hoped Cortes Radio will be able to carry a live broadcast of the debate for those unable to attend.

This is a pivotal time for Cortes. However you choose a candidate, whether it's strategically, logically, or instinctively, please exercise your democratic right, privilege and responsibility, and cast a vote on November 15.

## Harbour Authority of Cortes Island AGM

The annual general meeting of the Harbour Authority of Cortes Island (HACI) was held on October 19. Manson's main hall was filled with members and interested islanders eager to discuss the live aboard situation on the local docks, which the HACI oversees. Joe Cliffe

chaired the discussion and everyone wishing to speak was given the opportunity to be heard. Speakers eloquently spoke in favor of a made on Cortes solution. The membership voted to form a committee from its members to review the live aboard situation and develop a community solution. This committee will report to the HACI board by Dec. 1, 2008 and at a special membership meeting to be held by February 1, 2009. The special committee consists of four members (Delia Becker, Ron Bowen, Hubert Havelaar, and Melanie Mielke) and 3 Board members (Jedidiah Duyf, Randy Van Eyk and Eli McKenty) who were appointed after the election of officers.

Following the elections the executive board was formed as follows: Eli McKenty (President), Joe Cliffe (Vice-President), Andy Ellingsen (Secretary), and Ray Grout (Treasurer). Directors are June Cameron, Jedidiah Duyf, Vern Logan and Randy Van Eyk. The community looks forward to the progressive and positive work being done by the Special Committee and HACI executive.

I recently received more good news relating to the HACI. The Integrated Land Management Bureau has finally issued a 30-year lease on District Lot 1510 (the Whaletown Dock) for community dock purposes. Thanks to all the folks who worked steadfastly for many years to gain this facility for the community.

## Parking in Downtown Manson's Landing

The Southern Cortes Community Association organized a meeting on October 22 to discuss the parking congestion in "downtown" Manson's Landing. Two areas of concern were identified—the first in the "downtown core around the community hall and the second near the entrance to Hague Lake. Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (TRAN), Emcon, the RCMP, Friends of Cortes Island, Fire department, the Seniors Society, local businesses, concerned and generous citizens, and the regional director were present to discuss these ongoing safety concerns. Everyone recognized the dangers presented by folks speeding through the area plus the ever-increasing parking congestion which endangers pedestrians and bicyclists, and restricts access for the school bus, emergency vehicles, and road maintenance (i.e.: snow removal).

Max Walker, Area Director from TRAN

in Courtenay, agreed to paint two crosswalks across Sutil Point Road (at Charlotte and Beasley Roads), post more visible speed signs, and speak to the Ministry of Parks about the summer parking congestion around Hague Lake Park.

It is recognized that lack of sufficient parking is one of the main difficulties facing the area. A number of potential parking possibilities were identified and discussed and hopefully will start to manifest over the next year or so.

## Hazardous Waste

Many island residents, myself included, were surprised by an announcement that appeared on the Tideline (Oct. 24) and the Marketer community flyer (Oct.31) stating that as of November 1, the Cortes Island Waste Management Centre (aka the Recycling Centre) would no longer be accepting a host of toxic items including, all automotive fluids, batteries, electronics, garden chemicals, paint and tires. Residents started contacting me on November 1 via phone and email. Unfortunately, I had no knowledge or information about the situation and being the weekend had no access to regional district staff.

On November 3, Dova Wiltshire, the contractor who runs the Cortes Recycling Centre, posted an article on the Tideline explaining that the Cortes facility does not have the licence to handle these materials under the BC Eco Stewardship Regulations. She has been in contact with an organization in Campbell River, Encorp, which handles some of these products and has made arrangements for a mail-out to be distributed in the near future. Items not covered by Encorp should be returned to the point of purchase for proper disposal.

There are concerns that some folks won't bother to return these products to Campbell River and that they will end up in our forests, waters, or landfill (via our transfer stations). Returning these products to town will ensure they are disposed of safely. Changing any habit is always difficult, however, with some time, effort and patience we can make this change and keep our island clean, green and safe.

The search for creative solutions to deal with hazardous waste will be ongoing. I will, of course, relay any pertinent information to island residents as I receive it.



## Gnat Road Beach Access

I am very pleased to announce that today, (November 3); the Gnat Road Beach Access trail was completed. The trail is quite new and will probably be muddy in places but is now open for public use...and on a clear day the view of the mainland is spectacular and definitely worth the walk. Winter rains will dictate if any further work needs to be done come springtime.

Mark Appleyard, trail builder extraordinaire, designed and built the trail. Philip Wood was Mark's principle assistant with Aidan Wood, and Bob Chapman fulfilling the role of helpers. Sandra Wood organized the neighborhood volunteers. Thanks to each of you for your part in ensuring this trail got built for the community. Your efforts represent a shining example of how volunteers continue to be a vital part of our island way of life. My most heartfelt appreciation to each of you.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues feel free to contact me at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone--202-6488. You can also email me at [brijen@oberon.ark.com](mailto:brijen@oberon.ark.com) anytime.

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Approximately 50 % of woman and 25 % of men over the age of 50 will suffer an osteoporotic fracture.

According to the National Osteoporosis foundation, the associated cost of osteoporotic fractures is approximately \$ 18 million annually.

In addition to their cost, fractures have a debilitating effect on the independence and quality of life. Moreover, the problem will worsen, and it has been estimated that 35 years from now hip fractures will be three to four times more common than they are now.

Research shows that our less active lifestyle and poor nutrition has caused decreased bone health and muscle strength- both which are risk factors for fall- related bone fractures.

Effective treatment options for osteoporosis include medication, nutrition and exercise.

Exercise can improve muscle mass, promote strength gain, and improve dynamic balance and therefore is a unique and vastly underused therapy for people with osteoporosis and at increased risk of falling.

An exercise program of falls prevention, strength, balance and coordination is designed to improve strength and functional ability, and increase confidence and quality of life into old age.

Weight- bearing physical activity is essential for the normal development and maintenance of a healthy skeleton. Activities that focus on increasing muscle strength also may be beneficial for non-weight- bearing bones.

Sedentary woman increase bone mass slightly by becoming more active, but the primary benefit of the increased activity may be in avoiding further loss of bone that occurs with inactivity.

## Bag Bee a Great Success

On November 2nd I-CAN hosted a shopping bag sewing bee at the community center. After weeks of preparing and a couple of preparatory work days, the Bee arrived with a flurry of activity. Things were well organized. About 35 people of all ages and levels of sewing experience dropped in to sew a bag (or two or three). Many took patterns and material home. Others shared their expertise and machines over the afternoon of sewing. It was a busy and dynamic day of picking fabric, ironing, cutting, pinning and finally, sewing. After each bag was completed it was marked on the "bag thermometer". We beat our goal for the day which was 55 bags made (not including fabric and patterns taken home). Also each person could iron or sew on an "I-Can Bag Bee" tag. Thanks to Hannah Rohan for designing our cute label.

This was a great success because of people volunteering their time. The key organizers were Lisa Spizziri, Maureen Fox, and Annette Yourk. They did a great job taking on and coordinating the Bag Bee. Thank you to all I-CAN members and friends who helped with set up, take down, concession, sewing etc. What a great bunch of worker bees! And to everyone who lent out sewing machines, thank you for trusting us with them. Linda Elias helped with equipment and sewing. Sharon Hatelt donated a large amount of great fabrics, which saved us from a bunch more fabric hunting. Free fabric also came from the Philippines Garage Sale and Tinkerbell's. Thank you all.

Thanks also to everyone who turned up with enthusiasm to create a unique recycled bag. Enjoy using your Bee Bag.

Check the Gumboot in the coming week or two for the patterns. We will post them there.

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

## Watching and Hoping

by Steven Halliday

As I type this, record numbers of Americans are making their way to the polls to vote in what may well be the most important election in their country's history. According to most major polls Obama either has a slight lead over McCain or a very large one, depending upon whose poll you are reading. Personally, I agree with Paddy Power, whose confidence in an Obama victory is so strong that immediately following the final presidential debate he paid out \$1.4 million to customers who had bet with him that Obama would win. Power, who owns 260 betting offices across Ireland, was quoted on NPR as saying McCain's odds "are drifting like a ship without a captain" while "Obama is at 9 to 1, which means that you have to put down \$9 to win \$1, that's how short he is. He's a red, red-hot favourite". In Power's view Obama had already won, so he paid off gleeful Obama punters several weeks early.

Further positive signs of an Obama victory can be found at [www.iftheworldcouldvote.com](http://www.iftheworldcouldvote.com), an Icelandic website that collects votes from global participants and displays the demographic results. As of 10AM November 4th the site had registered 803,986 votes from 212 different countries, with 87.2% voting in Obama's favour. This almost mirrors the results of the Globe and Mail's poll yesterday, in which 6,521 Canadians voted for Obama, while only 1,450 (18%) were for McCain. Unfortunately, during the 2004 elections both of these organizations had John Kerry handily defeating George W. Bush, a result that perhaps should have happened but unfortunately did not. The most conservative of the unscientific polls is certainly at the staid old Economist, whose global poll registered 85% voting for Obama. CNN, as at 10AM November 4th was still polling, and CNN.com was recording 213,712 (76%) for Obama, and only 68,244 supporting McCain. Obviously the world, and a good many Americans, wants Obama as the leader of the most powerful nation on then planet.

It is baffling to me how any sentient human being could possibly prefer to be led by someone who is so clearly unsuited for the job as is John McCain. His unsuitability was further cemented with his choice of Sarah Palin as a running mate. The desperation of his campaign was clearly illustrated when

the "Wasilla's Wonder Woman" credentials are reviewed, and his teams inexcusably sloppy vetting of his choice left him extremely embarrassed when her recent history became news. Her performance during the campaign was abysmal to say the least, but then again, so was McCain's. In spite of this, millions of Americans cannot or will not vote for someone they believe is a socialist (thanks to clever Republican spinmeisters), and even worse, a large sub-set of that group cannot or will not vote for an African-American as President of the USA – no way, no how. I've seen a few videos on the web taken at McCain gatherings, and the willful ignorance and just plain orneriness of many of his supporters was truly horrifying. Thank god they are in the minority, as the results of November 4 voting should clearly demonstrate.

One scary thing for Obama, should he win, is the ridiculously high expectations that his supporters around the world have placed on him. He is expected to cut taxes, pull out of Iraq, win in Afghanistan, fix the banking crisis, resolve the border problems, institute a government health care program, end the corruption in Washington, reduce spending and finally to mend the broken fences resulting from the Bush debacle. All this in his first term.

I have news for everyone...ain't gonna

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**"One scary thing for Obama, is the ridiculously high expectations that his supporters around the world have placed on him."**

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happen, folks. Obama has not reached this pinnacle without talking to and dealing with those who really hold power and are unelected. You can be sure they and he have an understanding on various matters of importance and that he will be constrained in his reforms. No president has sufficient clout to fight the military/industrial/financial establishment as it exists today, and the past 60 years or so. Certainly Obama will make token efforts at various reform measures, and things will move very slowly through the labyrinth that is Washington, DC to eventually be sanitized or die a slow death before ever becoming laws. At least Obama will make an effort – McCain wouldn't even try. You will only see serious action if Obama gets a second mandate in 2012...which is a very long time from now.

The UK's Guardian printed an opinion

by James Ridgeway titled *The New World* (November 4, 2008) which points out the many difficulties Obama will inherit, and closes "What might happen under an Obama presidency is certainly a preferable alternative to the warmongering free-market free-for-all promised by John McCain. But the promised change, when it boils down to policy, will be modest, slow and hard-won – and no doubt disappointing to some who expected more of the new world they worked so hard to create." Obama is a handsome and intelligent man, a gifted orator with a remarkably low-key yet intense presence that I first noted during his 2004 Democratic Convention speech and introduction to America. But he is not, as he jokingly quipped during a recent Washington black-tie dinner, from the planet Krypton "sent here by his father Jor-El to save the planet Earth". He is indeed a super man, but not Superman.

With about an hour left until the close, the Dow Jones Industrials is up 239 points, the Canadian markets are rallying, and millions of Americans who have never voted in the past are in the polling place lineups. Obama's political machine has done a wondrous job in getting out the vote and this will certainly go a long ways in tilting the election in his favour. Everything appears to be signalling an Obama victory, barring election shenanigans such as in 2000 and 2004, and the whole world is excited at the prospect.

William Rivers Pitt wrote an excellent essay entitled "Tomorrow" ([www.truthout.com](http://www.truthout.com) - Nov. 3/08) regarding the election that makes the following point – "There are many eyes upon us today as we prepare to step into tomorrow. The eyes of those lost in fire and smoke of a bright September morning watch us, the eyes of those lost in needless battle watch us, the eyes of those subsumed by an invading sea watch us, the eyes of those lost to disease and poverty and greed watch us, the eyes of all those lost who should not be so are upon us, they remember what we did yesterday, and they will see us tomorrow."

We who have no vote are also watching...and hoping. And when you read this on November 7th I am truly hopeful we will be watching a new kind of America emerge under the leadership of President-elect Barack H. Obama.



# Town Hall Coming Up, Fares Going Down

by John Sprungman  
Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

**B**C Ferries will host a “Town Hall” meeting 7-9 p.m. next Thursday (Nov. 13) in the upstairs meeting room at the Quadra Community Centre. BCF’s Executive V-P and Chief Financial Officer Rob Clarke and other BCF management will be there to answer questions and hear ferry users’ concerns. BCF asked me to chair the meeting. BCF plans to hold an evening public meeting on Cortes in the spring.

Our Ferry Advisory Committee’s last meeting of its three-year term will be held the following morning (Nov. 14) from 9-12 at the Heriot Bay Inn. This meeting is also open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the FAC for the next 3-year term, please email me ([sprungman@twincomm.ca](mailto:sprungman@twincomm.ca)) or Amar Johal, BCF’s Director of Sales and Community Relations ([Amar.Johal@bcferries.com](mailto:Amar.Johal@bcferries.com)).

## A Midwinter’s Ferry Tale

At last, some good news about fares:

The hefty August 1 fuel surcharges were cut in half Tuesday because of falling oil prices. And all of BCF’s fares will be reduced by one third for December and January, due to a decision by Premier Gordon Campbell to ante up \$20 million from the provincial treasury to restore some canceled sailings and hopefully boost declining traffic.

The Campbell River-Quadra Experience Card charge for a car and driver dropped from \$18.30 to \$16.70 on Tuesday and will be \$11.70 for the two midwinter months. The passenger fare went from \$5.15 to \$4.70 on Tuesday and will drop to \$3.30.

A car-and-driver roundtrip from Campbell River to Cortes was a \$42 Experience until Tuesday when the surcharge cut made it \$38.45. In December and January, it will be \$26.95. A Cortes passenger was paying \$6.75 for the same trip at the card rate. Tuesday that fare became \$6.20. On Dec. 1, it will be \$4.35.

Cash and commercial rates will be lower in similar proportions. On the Vancouver Island-Lower Mainland ferries, two people and a car will pay about \$50 each way in December and January instead of about \$75.

What prompted this sudden response by the government, after five years of pushing BC Ferries’ increasing costs onto ferry users, was a precipitous decline in traffic on the major routes in September. Traffic didn’t

just back off. “It went off a cliff,” CFO Rob Clarke said.

With BCF’s 2008-09 business plan predicated on 2.3 % more passengers and 2 % more vehicles than the year before, BCF and the government were startled by a 13 % drop in fare revenue on BCF’s major routes this September compared to 2007. Over the whole system, there was a 10 % drop.

Of course, the greater financial world was bubbling like fondue, gas was almost as costly per litre as bottled water, and the Canadian dollar was as unattractive to U.S. travelers as their investment statements.

BCF responded by parking some of its brand-new Super C ferries in favour of smaller, older ships on the mainland-Vancouver Island runs and by canceling some sailings on those routes and on the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale route that connects the Sunshine Coast to Vancouver.

Raising fares is one thing. We whine and travel less. Cutting the schedule is something else. Residents of the Sunshine Coast who depended on those sailings responded with a roar of objection that crossed the water to Victoria like a tsunami.

## Singing A Different Tune

The day after Premier Campbell acted to restore the service and reduce fares, three of us representing the 12 FACs on the coast were in Victoria for a prearranged meeting with Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon to discuss a paper we had submitted calling for a “Minor Routes Strategy for Coastal Ferry Service.”

This session was very different from five previous meetings the FAC Chairs had with ministry officials. The 16-page paper, drafted by Tony Law, the FAC chair for Hornby & Denman, contained many of the arguments we had made before to no avail, but it also analyzed many options for cutting BCF’s costs and increasing its revenue and defined the limitations of each approach.

The Minister told us he used many of the points in the paper to explain the choices to the Premier who had decided to provide some relief for ferry users in his 10-point plan in response to “these turbulent economic times.”

“We want to help our coastal communities, retail and tourism sectors during this key time

of business and to help families connect during the upcoming holiday season,” the Premier said. “It will require \$20 million in one-time funding. This will reduce costs for passengers and will act as a bridge until lower fuel prices work their way through to lower ferry fares.”

Of course, nobody knows what the price of oil is going to be. In six months, it’s gone up above \$140 US a barrel and it’s dropped below \$65 US. But now the Canadian dollar has also tanked, and BCF has to pay for its fuel in greenbacks.

Even if oil stays down and the rest of the fuel surcharge comes off, fares will only go back to what they were in July, and the Ferry Commissioner has already approved an increase of up to 7.2 % next April 1. By the May provincial election, Campbell’s Christmas gift will be a distant memory.

To have a meaningful, long-term impact on the cost of ferry travel, the government is going to have to increase the annual service fee it pays BC Ferries. The quasi-privatized vehicle the Liberals created for BC Ferries in 2003 has crossed the centre line and is colliding head-on with market forces its designers didn’t anticipate. Minister Falcon seems to be recognizing this.

In our meeting, he characterized the Dec/Jan fare reduction as a “shot in the arm” to “bridge us into the new year.” He said BC is going to be “buffeted hard by what’s going on” in the world economy and that they were “concerned people would stop traveling.”

He called it a “commercial decision to buy down those fares and to restore those services” and said they are “hoping to see a spike in ridership” over the two months. This gave us an opening to talk about getting together again. He agreed we should “see how things are going” and “look at what we need to do then.”

I referred to Falcon’s comments after the August 1 surcharge about cutting service levels--and the reference in both BCF’s annual report and 2008-09 business plan to looking at changing service levels as means of cost-cutting--and I asked if he now thinks that “service cuts are not the way to go.” He paused and then said very deliberately, verbatim, “Yes, it’s fair to say that.”

In spite of my cynicism about what politicians will say in the months before an election, I think our message is getting through. All over the coast, in the media ferry users

read, FAC members, local government leaders and BCF's management have made it clear that it is the government's "public policy" that ultimately determines what riding the ferries costs.

Enjoy the respite. It's long overdue.

## Q. Cove Questions

Noting that the bathrooms in the new Quathiaski Cove terminal building were frequently "out of order" this summer, Quadra FAC member Connie Burns heard the water supply was limited and asked what was being done to correct the problem.

In an email, Rob Seitz, BCF's project manager for terminal construction, said it wasn't a water shortage that shut down the bathrooms but pumps that "weren't working properly." Changing to larger pumps, he said, has solved that problem.

But water supply and quality are concerns. BCF has a well at the top of the hill next to the holding lanes and has an agreement with the Q. Cove Harbour Authority "to provide them with any excess water we do not need," Seitz wrote.

He said BCF recently installed a larger storage tank, but the water from the well still isn't potable. As a result, the Harbour Authority hasn't drawn from BCF's well yet and BCF is "working on resolving the water quality issue."

Likewise, BCF is still working on how to better manage traffic on the hill in overload conditions. Two meetings that were scheduled at Q. Cove couldn't bring together all the desired participants--BCF & Dept. of Highways' managers, FAC representation and the regular Q. Cove lot attendants. The effort to get the right people on site at the same time continues.

If you have a vision of how everything could be better or a question about why something is the way it is, bring it to the Town Hall meeting next Thursday.

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## Dear Editor,

Steven Halliday makes some good points in his October 24 Viewpoint about ferry fares, as many other islanders have done during these past few months of brutal fare hikes. I'd like to elaborate on a couple of those points, as I too have been a regular ferry commuter for the past 26 years, and I resent being put in the same category as a tourist who can afford the occasional inflated cost of a ferry ticket. The ferries I take to get to work were originally part of the highway system and should remain so.

Many years ago I lived in a small northern community where vast amounts of money were spent in the winter months on the highways - grading, sanding, salting, repairing frost heaves, repairing the many bridges on one small stretch of road. At no time was I required to pay extra for the high cost of maintaining the 20 mile stretch of highway that connected my small community with Highway 97. As Steve Halliday notes, we islanders are continually being hit with rising ferry rates because "we made a lifestyle choice". Well of course we did, and it's no different than the choice I made when I moved north to teach school and live in a small, isolated community served by 20 miles of highway that requires expensive maintenance. Most of us choose to live somewhere in this province so we can raise a family, work, and pay our taxes to support necessary amenities like roads, schools, and health care.

Mr. Halliday notes that our province markets the ferry system in a big way when it promotes supernatural B.C. in its tourism junkets. At the last Ferry Advisory Committee meeting I attended on Gabriola, I learned with dismay that BCFC now has a very grand office near the Canada Place Pier on Vancouver's downtown waterfront. The purpose of this venue is to promote BC Ferries to the Asian market, as an international tour destination. That would be fine and dandy, if such ventures were not subsidized by the beleaguered ferry commuters of our coastal communities, who just want to get to and from work and home. It's time to separate BC Ferries as high-end tourism from coastal ferries that should be providing affordable, reliable transportation.

Susan Yates  
Gabriola Island, BC

## Dear Jim Abram,

Congratulations on your acclamation as our regional director. We are lucky to have you serve our community with the dedication you do, in spite of misunderstanding and criticism that too frequently arises.

I would however like to express some disappointment on two points: first that there has been no public, town hall style meeting *before* municipal election day for you to discuss the coming term with the community and secondly that it is around a year and a half or even two years since the Quadra Island Community Association received your assurance that you would engage a advisory committee to liaise with on community matters. I respectfully request your attention to these two matters.

Philip Stone

## Dear Editor,

This just-past Halloween was pleasant as usual. I bought a small sack of goodies and enjoyed opening up my front door to a couple of dozen happy kids. By 8:30 pm the parade had passed.

Tired, I went to bed with a book only to be interrupted at about 9:30 by a loud knocking on my door. I went to the door, pulled open the curtain and saw a collection of somewhat older boys, 8 years, 9 maybe even 10. There were about 5 or 6 I believe. 'All gone boys' I called out and turned my front door light out and went back to bed.

I woke up the next day to notice that my front window was streaked with white paint. They'd splattered the window ledge, the window frame. My whole house had been freshly painted about 2-3 months ago. This mess of splattered white paint was ugly and hard to remove. I can paint over the mess on the blue trim but lack the paint for the mess they made on yellow shingles.

So this letter is addressed to PARENTS. You probably know whether your kid might have done this sort of minor yet shameful harm. I like kids, I'm an old man living alone and don't get any opportunity to interact with kids anymore. But you the parents, you must have a pretty good idea whether your kid was nasty and bitter or not!

I hope you'll do what you need to do for him to grow up straight.

Burton Wohl

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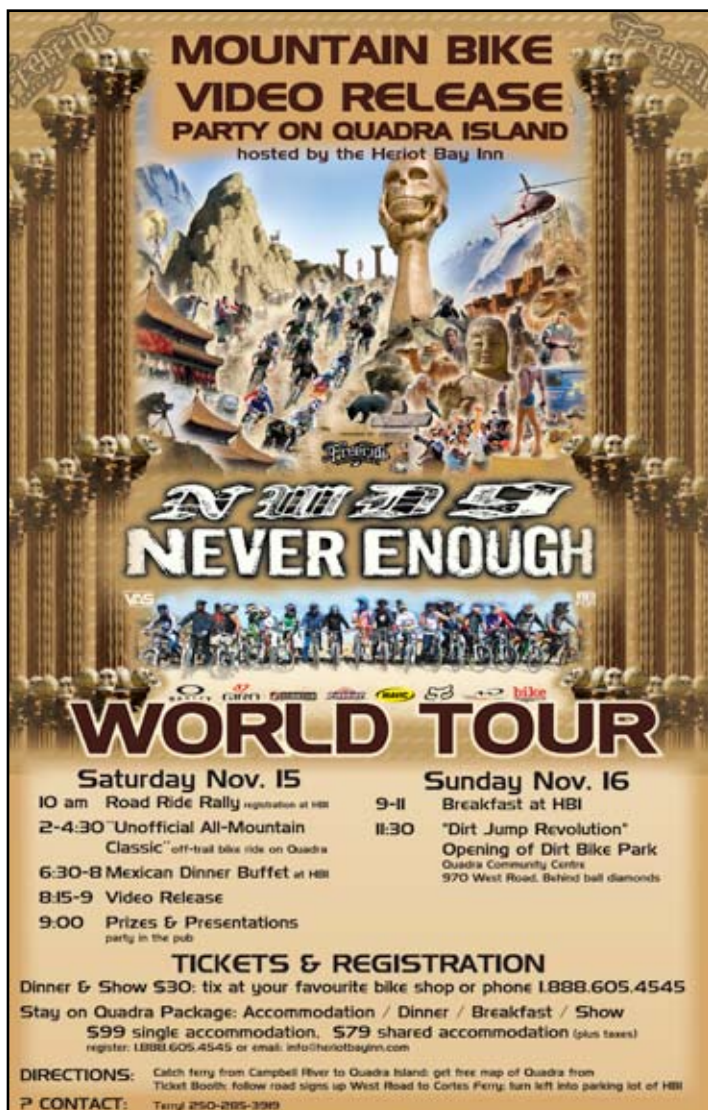
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Saturday	06:45	2.5	8.2
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09	02:47	3.6	11.8
Sunday	07:50	2.8	9.2
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	21:11	1.7	5.6
10	03:52	3.9	12.8
Monday	08:50	3.0	9.8
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	21:47	1.2	3.9
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Thursday	11:57	4.9	16.1
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