

August 2009 Steveston Community Society Newslette

Record-breaking Day for Salmon Festival!





The Steveston Community Society

Newsletter is published six times a year. Our goal is to provide information about the people and activities at the community centre, and to share stories about common interests, history, local personalities and events in the broader Steveston community. This newsletter is created by and for the members of the community. Please contact us if you would like to join the volunteer newsletter team.

If you would like to submit an item for inclusion in the newsletter, or recommend a story idea for one of our writers, please forward your ideas, information or material to our editorial committee for consideration. Space is free but limited, and we reserve the right to edit content.

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Mission Statement

The Steveston Community Society is an association of volunteers dedicated to maintaining a positive, pioneer "Spirit of Steveston", by providing cultural, social, and recreational opportunities for all members of the community.

McNulty's Meanderings...

History of Richmond Athletic Club by Bill McNulty

In May of 1927, the Rolston family moved to Blundell Road near Number 3 Road. Pete and Gerry, who had played Canadian Football in Vancouver as well as formed and coached a team, decided to form a football team in Richmond. Bill Rose, a local resident of Richmond, had also wanted to build a local team; however, when he learned the Rolstons had the same idea, he decided to let them proceed.

After contacting the Montgomerys, Gilmores, the Ross family and many others from Steveston including the Andersons, Leiths, Dingles, Wally Davis, Jan Main, the Pattersons, Mittinleys, Ledinghams and others from the Marpole community such as the McClellands, George Service and some families from Bridgeport, a team was created under the guidance of Pete Rolston.

The Brighouse Racing Association was kind enough to give the use of the paddock and grandstand for practice, the Clubhouse for organizing and the parking lot for a playing field.

After many practices with Pete Rolston as coach, the team played its first game against Meralomas Club at Brighouse and then took on UBC. These three teams formed the league for the 1927-28 season. Meralomas won all its games. Richmond won all games against UBC, but it was just the beginning.

Ed Gilmore was coaching a basketball team at the South Arm Church. With all this local interest in sport, it was decided to form the Richmond Athletic Club to sponsor all sports including football, tennis, badminton and softball. Prior to this decision, lacrosse teams played on London's field. It was not until 1912 that two full teams were formed: the Fisheaters and the Muskrats. However, by 1915 these teams, along with representative teams from East Delta, Ladner and Westham, formed the Lower Fraser Valley League and competed for the McKechnie Cup. The Richmond team wore purple sweaters with an orange "R" on their front chest.

The war halted organized sports and it was not until 1927 that sport got underway thanks in large to the commitment of Pete Rolston.

Richmond Country Club Profile

Privately owned & operated, offering Full Facility, Athletic and Social Memberships, Richmond Country Club really does offer something for everyone.

For over 50 years, Richmond Country Club has provided a superb facility and a beautifully designed and well-maintained golf course situated on 155 acres of a private, resort-like environment, right here in the heart of Richmond.

There is something for every member of the family to experience and enjoy. The 18-hole championship course entices both the avid and recreational golfer, providing a demanding, yet memorable test for players of all abilities. Serene pastoral surroundings, long fairways, manicured greens and an abundance of natural features such as giant weeping willow trees, delightful vistas of woods and lakes serve to enhance this pleasure. The 18-hole layout is a creation of revered golf course architect A.V. Macan, who crafted more than 40 renowned courses along the Pacific Coast during his prolific career. The Club has been the venue-of-choice for a number of local and provincial championships over the years.

For the tennis enthusiast, Richmond Country Club offers four outdoor hard courts in a beautiful park-like setting, which are also lit for evening play, and four indoor courts which are available year round.

Richmond Country Club is also known for more than just an amazing golf or tennis experience. A wide range of services and facilities are available to fulfill the personal and business needs of our membership including programs beyond golf and tennis, catering services, and event hosting opportunities.

Leisure services at Richmond Country Club are designed with a specific emphasis for children and family-based programming. Youth members have their own Junior Lounge equipped with free video games, TV and various pre-school play equipment. Seasonal day camps, art programs, movie matinees, baking classes, games and themed activities keep children entertained all year round, while parents enjoy the use of the Club's facilities.

If you would like to be a part of our social community, please contact Lisa Wood, Clubhouse Manager, at 604.241.3703 or lwood@richmond-cc.org. Visit us online at www.richmond-cc.org to see why Richmond Country Club is one of Canada's premiere private clubs.

64th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival

Coming Events

Steveston Community Centre

August 13 Concert in the Park

6:30pm-7:30pm

August 21 Concert in the Park

8pm-10pm

August 23 Car Boot Sale

9am-12pm Rain or Shine

Daily Water Park! 9am - 9pm

Pool noon - 6pm

London Heritage Farm

August 9 Family Farm Fair 10am-4pm Admission \$2; Stu/Sr \$1; under 6 free

Antique & Collectible Fair, Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Produce Table, Antique Cars, Petting Zoo, Bouncy Slide, Face Painting, Crafts & Activities, Musical Entertainment, Food Concessions, Exhibits, House & Tea Room open, Jelly Bean Contest, Summer Raffle: win tickets to Vegas!

Community Arts Council of Richmond Artians' Galleria

Aug 19-Sept 30 Indian Summer Art Show

Fourth Annual juried art show featuring works from Vancouver Island and Metro Vancouver.



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The 64th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival lived up to its moniker record-breaking style this year! People came in record numbers despite the blustery morning. While organizers secured tents, displays and flags, the streets of Steveston were quickly filling up in eager anticipation for the annual parade. Crowds along the parade route were estimated to be in greater numbers that ever before, and after the parade ended, the festival grounds swelled with enthusiastic Canadians celebrating our nation's 142nd birthday.

The 2009 Salmon Festival theme was "Eight Months to the 2010 Games". Canada's Olympic athletes were celebrated throughout the festival including the parade, Opening Ceremony, Children's Festival, and most notably in the "Salute to the 2010 Games" area of the indoor Trade Show. This area featured an opportunity to meet some of Canada's speed skating athletes, the HBC Olympic Store, Richmond Olympic Oval and O Zone, and Spirit of BC – Richmond committee. Guests were delighted to have a chance to see the new Vancouver 2010 torch up close and also the opportunity to have their photo taken with the 2008 Beijing

Summer Olympic Games torch. The Steveston Community Society parade float featured Canadian snowboard champ and 2010 gold medal hopeful Alexa Loo. She later met her fans in the Children's Festival area. Canadian speed skaters Christine Nesbitt and Lucas Makowsky thrilled fans along the parade route. In the afternoon, the festival was visited by the 2010 Olympic mascots, Miga, Quatchi and Sumi.

But, the story of the day remained the crowds. From very early in the morning it was apparent there would be a lot of people attending the festival. The pancake breakfast was hopping all morning, and the 12th Richmond Scouts flipped over 1650 pancakes to hungry volunteers and those who came early to secure a good spot on the parade route. During the day the Salmon Bake served over 2300 plates of fresh sockeye, and the chow mein booth prepared over 2200 servings. Areas of the festival that typically quiet down by mid-afternoon remained busy until the official closing time at 5:00pm!



By the end of the day, all the food was gone, people made their way home for more celebrations, and the festival closed for another year.

It takes nearly a year of planning for a festival of this size. What is remarkable about the Steveston Salmon Festival (compared to similar events) is that it is entirely organized by volunteers and is supported by one salaried administrator. A number of these dedicated volunteers have been organizing the festival for many years. Congratulations to everyone who contributed in some way to making the 2009 Steveston Salmon Festival the best one yet!

Plans for the 2010 Steveston Salmon Festival will begin in the early fall. If you are interested in volunteering on the organizing committee, please contact us through the website www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca

Salmon Festival Volunteer Thank You!

This is a special thank you to the Steveston Salmon Festival Volunteer Team. You should know that the Salmon Festival's success was largely due to your hard work, dedication and the enthusiasm. Whether you volunteered for a short shift or all day, your efforts were immensely appreciated.

Some of our volunteers this year went above and beyond the call of duty and stayed all day, supporting the organizers. As Volunteer Coordinator for the Steveston Community Society, I commend everyone's actions and sincerely appreciate their support. The Steveston Volunteer Team is for people who want to be involved with the community by giving back and have fun. My goal is to ensure volunteers are involved and enjoying their experiences while helping their community - together we made a difference! Well done everyone!

Marisa C. Achtymichuk Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator Steveston Community Centre



Around the Community Centre

Fitness Client Profile: Brian Creer

Brian Creer turned 94 years old on June 30, 2009. He is the eldest client to exercise in the fitness centre at Steveston Community Centre. Retired 29 years ago from teaching physical education for 32 years, Brian is very familiar with fitness and athletics.

Brian spent years teaching children and youth basketball, water sports, skiing, wrestling, gymnastics, track and field, square dancing and more. He attributes his good health to living a life of activity. He is a regular participant at the fitness centre.

After living for twenty years in Steveston, Brian moved to West Vancouver with his second wife, Eileen, after his first wife, Bea passed away. Sadly Eileen also passed away last year so Brian decided to move back to Steveston where he lives with his son and family.

The Community Centre presented Brian with a complimentary pass for as long as he



is able to attend. Brian Creer is an inspiration to us all!

Steveston Annual Fashion Show for Seniors

The Annual Fashion Show for Seniors was held at the Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on Thursday, June 25th. Due to the popularity of this event last year, two shows were offered: the first in the afternoon, and a later show at 7:00pm. Both shows were sold out!

All our fashion models were seniors were from various clubs and user groups within the community. The beautiful outfits were supplied by Jet Lag Boutique, Treasures

Boutique, Seas on Shore, Buttons and Soles, Meow & Bark Alley and Stepin' Out Shoes. Our Steveston Beat Merchant jazzed up the show with a soundtrack by Frankie Nielsen. Commentary was provided by Margie Hardy and Tony Davies.

The Steveston Seniors Fashion Show is now a much anticipated event and an outstanding example of community cooperation and partnership. Contributions from local businesses and the enthusiastic support of over 35 volunteers, nearly all



seniors themselves, make this event possible. It was wonderful to receive such positive feedback from the audience. We are already planning for next year's show!

Thank you to everyone for making the Fashion Show for Seniors such a success! See you next year!

Margie Hardy Seniors Coordinator

Tennis Tournament

Thank you to all the participants who came out to the tennis tournament held in June and congratulations to the participants who made it to the finals. A special thank you to our sponsors: Head, Peen, Addictive Sports Wear and Tad's Sporting Goods. Hope to see you all again in the future.

Caton Pang Racquets Coordinator

Tournament Results:

55+ Men's Doubles David Yeung & David Chan Winners Bongo Loo & Nin Quan Runners Up

4.5 Men's Singles Amil Alidina Winner Jordan Lomas Runner Up

3.5 Mix Doubles

Kelly Taniguchi & Beth Crisologo Winners Emily Soriano & Samuel Tse Runners Up

3.5 Men's Doubles

Kevin Filkow & David Berns Winner Troy Choinkhor & Peter Skorka Runner Up

3.5 Women's Doubles Evelyn Gerard & Ritsuko Mukai Winners Emily Soriano & Nancy Wong Runners Up

3.5 Women's Singles Nancy Wong Winner Rose Pennington Runner Up

3.5 Men's SinglesMichael Lee WinnerKevin Filkow Runner Up

Under 18 Boy's Singles Jason Sunaryo Winner Kent Lau Runner Up



STEVESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Steveston Environment Committee

Over the past 15 years, the Steveston Environment Committee has endeavoured to honour and respect the Earth and its resources by reducing the community ecological footprint.

Its mission has been accomplished through education and leading by example, predominantly at the Steveston Salmon Festival where the Committee is responsible for supplying and washing non-disposable plates for the Salmon Bake, collecting recyclable containers and providing various information at its booth. This year, committee members encouraged the Festival to use compostable cutlery and next year the Salmon Festival aims to be a styrofoam-free event: the majority of food containers sold throughout the event will be compostable.

When the Steveston Environment Committee is not greening Salmon Festival, it is providing dish rentals to the Steveston Community Centre and other community groups throughout the year and managing a small flower garden near Garry Point Park.

For more information about the Steveston Community Society Environment Committee, contact Ann Metcalfe: metcalfe@shaw.ca.

Pedal for a Purpose Results

Pedal for a Purpose was a 12-hour indoor cycling event organized by Donna Bishop, Fitness Coordinator, Steveston Community Centre and her Steveston team. Participants pedalled on Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Not only did the event have great community support, it enjoyed enough sponsor donations to provide every participant with a prize. Below are some other fun statistics about the day.

- A Participants traveled 1869.1 kms the distance from Vancouver to Calgary and return
- A total of 30,057 calories was burned (which is about 50 Big Macs)
- Six teams and 66 people registered
- *Over \$5,000 was raised for the Vasculitis Foundation Canada!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Richmond Country Club	Steveston Seafood House	Candy Bouquet
Gateway Theatre	White Spot (Ackroyd)	Richmond Oval
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Richmond Orchestra & Chorus	George's Taverna	City of Richmond Aquatics
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Gulf of Georgia Cannery	Heringers Meats	Nandita K. Narayan

An Invitation to Steveston Wellness & New Thought Practitioners, Business Owners and of course Stevestonites young and old.

Village Bikes

The Body Soul & Spirit Expo (October 23 to 25) offer an opportunity to "Explore-Experience-Enlighten" and bring together an exceptional gathering of people in the New Thought, New Consciousness. Ancient Wisdom, Green Living, Natural Healing Lifestyle - including some of the world's most influential experts in all these fields. Simply stated, the Expo is a one-stop bonanza for those seeking a more holistic lifestyle!

With the tremendous growth in everything holistic, this event is also a wonderful opportunity for Steveston businesses, wellness centers, stores, products distributors, spas, or anyone with a product or service that resonates with the spirit of this event! In creating a diverse event such as The Body Soul & Spirit Expo, we seek to bring together individuals, businesses and organizations that "celebrate life" and help us explore a healthier, happier, more conscious and successful lifestyle.

If you have a product, service, spa, organization, course or workshop that would be of interest to those who attend, this is definitely an event YOU should consider. Steveston business owners receive 10% off our booth prices. See our registration kit for more information @ www.bodysoulspiritexpo.com or call Stephanie Payne Brooks at 1-877-560-6830 Ext. 2 or 604-786-9667. To redeem this exceptional offer you need to book by September 5th through Stephanie. Steveston residents interested in purchasing tickets for this event should also contact Stephanie.



WIN A COMMUTER BIKE!

Prize package: one Norco 20" LRT commuter bike, full fender, rack, panniers, bell, light.

\$2 per ticket. Chances of winning are one in 2500 (total tickets printed).

Tickets are available at the SFAM Info Booth every Market Sunday and weekdays at the Steveston Community Centre.

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Did you know there is a 50/50 Draw each Market Sunday? Visit the SFAM Info Booth for details and to purchase tickets for your chance to share the pot!

Chef in the Market Schedule

August 16 ~ Tahera Rawji

Tahera Rawji is a celebrity chef, cooking instructor, and author of "Simply Indian" and the newly released "Simply More Indian". For the past 11 years she has been sharing the secrets of spicy dishes from Pakistan, India and the Middle East in her popular cooking classes. Tahera lives in Richmond.

Remaining Market Sundays Ian Lai ~ SFAM's Resident Chef

"Eco Chef" Ian Lai is founder and Programme Coordinator of Terra Nova Community Gardens. He also serves in that capacity for Queen Alexander School, an inner-city school in East Vancouver. He is a food production researcher working for the Evergreen Project, a branch of BCIT's Centre of Architectural Ecology and he also teaches at the Northwest Culinary Institute in Vancouver.

Remaining 2009 Market Dates:

August 16, 30; September 13, 27 October 11

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SFAM, please contact:

Paula Morimoto, Market Manager Tel: 604-729-7326 or info@sfam.ca or visit our website www.sfam.ca

Steveston Community Society

Music in Her Soul

I knew Janice Froese through a couple of meetings and an email or two but not much more. We worked together—she doing most of the work as the layout editor—on this Steveston Community Society Newsletter, an essential community building publication.

One day I picked up the Richmond newspapers and noticed Janice had received a Richmond Arts Award for Volunteerism presented by the City of Richmond. It was also reported that Janice had received the Ethel Tibbits Woman of the Year Award for the Arts in 2006.

I was surprised because I really I did not know Janice well and to top it off she is quite low key and unassuming. I clipped the articles for my Steveston file and planned to congratulate her at our next meeting.



We had that meeting and congratulations were put forward. Janice was sort of shy and humble about her award and behaved as if it was all in a day's work. I know for a fact that a person does not receive awards such as the ones mentioned above for run-of-the-mill volunteer work. Being the one who knew Janice the least it was only natural (tongue in cheek) that I would be asked to write about her for an upcoming publication.

Janice has music in her soul. She was born with the gift of song in her heart. Everything she does is fueled by her love of the arts. She is a singer, pianist, and guitarist. Before becoming a mom, Janice performed in musical and community theater. Adding more spice to the pie, Janice revealed that she was the lead singer of a semi-professional blues band of which she and her husband were members. At Salmon Festival we enjoy Janice singing "O Canada".

Love of music and the arts is truly a family affair. Janice met her husband while performing in a community theatre presentation. They were both rabbits in the production, so you can imagine the jokes that were told at their wedding.

Janice's children inherited the gift of creative expression from their parents, so naturally we are seeing inspiring reflections from them. Greg, her son, was born with a cry that was musical; sort of like a dolphin singing. You guessed it; he is an accomplished musician playing several instruments and singing for numerous bands, choirs and orchestras. Janice's daughter, Andie, is a superb sketch artist and musician. She enjoys visual art and is a talented designer of remarkable jewelry.

Janice has a vision which I believe is her mission. She says "Richmond has so much to offer artistically and culturally". In order to actualize her vision she wants to see an extensive arts multiplex built in Richmond within the next five to ten years. The venue would include a concert hall with performance space similar to the Chan Centre, an expanded Gateway-style theatre with more space for larger casts and allowing for more extensive performances and rehearsal space. She would also like to see studio space for visual artists, a library and classrooms. Restaurants, meeting areas and an administration wing would accommodate the needs of people drawn by a need to drink in artistic energy.

Getting to know Janice was enlightening and uplifting. I have so much respect for her now and feel like I know her better. She is a driving force for the arts in our world. Her fuel is her passion of which I am honored to have been invited to share. I am glad that I was the one chosen to write about Janice Froese an "Essential Person of Steveston Village".

Observations by Christine Durgo; Photo by Sandra Steier

Richmond Golden Rods & Reels Society

LET'S GO FISHING!

Richmond Golden Rods and Reels Society is a group of fishing enthusiasts aged 55 or better. Once a month, the Rods and Reels group meets at the Steveston Community Centre to hear guest speakers and presentations about fishing. Delicious pot luck lunches and dinners are organized for members to enjoy as well as day trips and impromptu fishing outings.

In May, June and September the Rods and Reels Society organizes five-day fishing trips to beautiful BC lakes. All members are invited and encouraged to enjoy these outings.

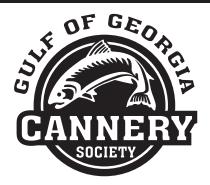
The Richmond Golden Rods and Reels Society also organizes the annual Bullhead Derby on behalf of the Steveston Salmon Festival. The Bullhead Derby is typically held the Sunday prior to the July 1st Festival.

If you are interested in learning more about fishing and would like to meet like-minded people, come and join the Rods and Reels group at a monthly meeting.

For more information, contact Lorne Kelly 604-274-2218 or Norm Perry 604-274-3971



Around the Village



Strolling through Steveston

Diveinto Steveston's colourful history!

Join our guides for a fascinating walking tour through a century of laughter and hardship in Steveston. Return to the raucous heyday of the fishing village. Meet shady characters and uncover the hidden lives of cannery workers and fishermen.

Every Wednesday and Saturday throughout July and August from 1:00 to 2:00pm.

Reservations: 604-664-9009

\$15 admission includes entry for the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site of Canada. Walking Tour only \$10, \$8 society members

A project of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, City of Richmond and the Steveston Historical Society.

Steveston Legacy Project Unveiling Set for August 30!





Artist Norm Williams displays photos of the Steveston Legacy Project, a life-size bronze statue depicting three cannery workers. This project has been in the works since 1993. The statue will be unveiled August 30 in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. Stop by and join the conversation!

On Sunday, August 30, the much anticipated Steveston Legacy Statue will be unveiled in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. The sculpture is a tribute to the workers whose efforts led to the development of Steveston as a hub of fishing industry. Steveston's own Norm Williams (Steveston High Class of 1962), describes his life-size bronze sculpture as follows:

The old fisherman sits at his net-mending bench and holds court with a young dock worker who unloads the catch, and a cannery worker on her break. They represent the ethnic diversity of the industry, the men and women, old and young. The setting is pre-war. This sculpture is intended to portray an historically accurate image of the industry and its people.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr College of Art & Design), and UBC. He has worked as a teacher, commercial artist, illustrator and animator. The Steveston Legacy Statue is his latest creation, commissioned by the Steveston Alumni Association.

Please join Norm Williams and the Steveston community for the August 30 unveiling celebration at 11:30am at Fisherman's Park at the corner of Third Avenue and Moncton Street, in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

Steveston Salmon Festival Bullfrog Powered!

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In BC, Bullfrog currently sources exclusively from wind farms and low-impact hydro facilities. Bear Mountain Wind Park is on track to be the first fully operational wind project in the province and will begin supplying customers in Fall 2009.

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are able to reduce their environmental footprint, help cause new renewable generation to be built locally and create a cleaner world for today and tomorrow.

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be bullfrogpowered—in July, the Steveston Community Society chose to bullfrogpower its annual Salmon Festival. In the words of John Yap, Minister for Climate Action and MLA for Richmond-Steveston, "Thanks to everyone at Bullfrog Power for providing the festival with energy from green sources".

Becoming bullfrogpowered is simple; signing up takes a few minutes online and no special equipment is required. BC residents who choose to become bullfrogpowered pay about 60 cents more a day; a small price to pay to make a big difference!

Visit www.bullfrogpower.com to learn more. Christine Carter

BC Sales & Marketing Manager Bullfrog Power Inc.



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