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Whonnock News

Spring 2008

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EASTER EGG HUNT

A Whonnock Tradition!



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*Sunday 23 March
Starts 1:00 pm sharp !*

What else is up at Whonnock Lake Centre?

April 27th | Rhododendron Society Show and Sale

May 8th | AGM Whonnock Community Association

June 8th | Volunteer Dinner

September 28th | Whonnock Lake Day

November 22nd | Whonnock Craft Fair

November 30th | Whonnock Weavers & Spinners

THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GETS TOGETHER ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:30 PM, AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. NO OBLIGATIONS.

President's Report

May this report find you all well and may the snow be gone very soon. We all look forward to another great year here in wonderful Whonnock. After all that snow this year and the trouble getting out of my driveway I am sure looking forward to spring-time. The Whonnock Community Association is operating well with no real concerns or unexpected costs at this present time. We continue to meet once a month and secretly hope that a new face walks through that door at the Centre at 7:30 on the third Thursday of every month to join us for our often funny, usually informative meeting. Our wish: new blood, new ideas and suggestions. We encourage and welcome all to attend. Coffee and cookies are always waiting.

Brad Jennings, President

Whonnock Lake Centre

We have had a busy start to 2008 with bookings for 2009 coming in fast. Whonnock Lake Centre and its picture-perfect setting continue to be a much desired venue!

This winter the Centre has also been a hub of activity with the programs put on by Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure and others: pilates, karate, and art classes and fitness classes for seniors. The Wee Ones playgroup meets at the Centre every Tuesday morning and the Brownies meet here on Tuesday evenings, learning crafts, survival, and to be good Samaritans. The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners also meet at the Centre.

Outside, in front of the Centre, members of the Rhododendron Society are busy removing tree limbs to let more sunlight in for some of the rhododendrons in their garden. When you are coming to the park, take some time just strolling through and enjoy the garden or sit down on one of the benches. We are looking forward to all the flowers that will bloom there in a few months.

Spring is not the same without the traditional Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Whonnock Community Association. Easter is a bit early this year, but we are sure it will be a sunny day and a large crowd of chocolate-loving kids will come hunting!

Caretakers/Managers Jordy and Shirley, & Abby
(our German Shepard Golden Lab cross)



Whonnock Well Monitoring Group

Twice a year, in May and October, the participants take water samples from their wells. Bodycote labs in Surrey pick up the samples from the Whonnock Lake centre.

The bacterial test is done on the samples taken in May and October. The chemical test is done on samples taken in May. Each participant receives their own test results.

The coordinators also receive a copy of the test results (anonymous) of all the participants. The data of the test results are entered into a spreadsheet. At the end of 3 years of test results, this data will be shared with the Ministry of the Environment.

If you wish to be a participant, contact one of the following coordinators:

Yukiko Tanaka 462 8675, Tilde Castiello 462 7617, or Norman Billesberger 462 7539.

A core group of the participants also take measurements of their wells on the first of every month. These measurements are also entered into a spreadsheet and will be shared with the Ministry of the Environment at the end of three years.

The coordinators are in the process of organizing a public meeting at the Whonnock Lake Centre hall, in this first half of the year. Mr. Dean Scovill from Fraser Health Authority has agreed to give a presentation on well and septic maintenance. Mr. Scovill gave this presentation in 2007 to the Langley well group.

Lakeside Preschool

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3- to 5-year-olds. Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604 462 0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.

In Memory of a Special Boy

The Whonnock Foundation acknowledges with thanks a donation in memory of **Rhys Mitchell**, "a special boy." The generous donor preferred to remain anonymous.

For information about donations to The Whonnock Foundation or to the Brian and Isabel Byrnes Fund at the Vancouver Foundation call Fred Braches at 604 462 8942 or e-mail him: braches@whonnock.bc.ca

Byrnes Bursary

The Whonnock Foundation has granted a second \$2,000 Byrnes Bursary to Jenna Beaudry, who is working towards a BA at the University College of the Fraser Valley.

The Foundation continues granting amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post secondary establishment, with a proven record of good performance. For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <<http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>>

Whonnock Bursary

It is that time of year again, any interested grade 12 student who resides or has been a past resident of Whonnock, should have filled out the application for the Whonnock Community Association Annual Bursary of \$1,000.

A committee from the Whonnock Community Association will generally receive the application package in May and each committee person will review the packages and prioritize their selections. Then at a group meeting we discuss and compare and come up with our first 3 choices.

The criteria we look at are threefold. First we look at the students marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university. Secondly we assess financial need. Thirdly we look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

Good Luck to all applicants!

Your child's best opportunity to learn music is now.



The most favourable time to learn music is from birth to four years. Help your young child achieve his or her full musical potential with an innovative, developmental music and movement program. Parent + child classes are playful and creative and each family receives the acclaimed CDs and song books. Call now for the spring class schedule starting in March that will be taught in Whonnock.

Check out the Music Pups program www.themusicclass.com and phone Eleanor Tracey at 604 462 0610 for more info.



Wildwood Fellowship Church 10810 – 272nd Street

People go to church for many reasons. We go hoping to find answers to life, to develop positive friendships, to find a valuable place to serve, to make our lives count, and to find acceptance and love. Most of all, we are looking to know God and worship Him.

Wildwood Fellowship is a family-oriented, nondenominational church in your community that welcomes you. We believe you will find Wildwood to be a caring place that is committed to ministering to your entire family. Sunday Services are held at 10:30am.

Children's church during the service, Kid's Club (K-Gr 4), the community Junior Youth group events (Gr 5-8), Teen studies (Gr 9 & up) and fun times (ie. Guys & Dads' floor hockey nights), Ladies Bible Studies are all designed to help us discover and connect with our Designer and Creator. In all these ministries, our goal is to communicate that Jesus Christ is the only answer to our deepest longings.

For more information, please contact Pastor Arnold or Eleanor Tracey at 604 462 0610.

Old Age Pensioners – Branch 103, Whonnock

Meetings are on the last Monday of the month at 11:00 am at the Whonnock United Church. Call Margaret Norman, 604 462 7591 for more information.

Whonnock United Church

The Whonnock United Church at 27091 River Road meets Sundays at 11:00 am for a joyful hour of music and worship followed by coffee and fellowship in our church hall. We are a small but warm and outreaching congregation, strong in our faith and genuine in our worship. We welcome all to come visit and enjoy our service. For more information call Jean Ruttan at 604 462 7794.

Volunteer Dinner

On June 8th, the Whonnock Community Association hosts a dinner for all volunteers who help making Whonnock and Ruskin such wonderful places to live, work, and enjoy.

This will also be an occasion to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the opening of Whonnock Lake Centre on 16 July 1988.

More information to come!

Holy Spirit Anglican Church

Holy Spirit Parish, formerly St. John the Evangelist, recently held a Pub Night that raised \$1,600 to be donated to the drilling of two wells in Africa, a full \$600 more than its original target. Thomas Kerr, Margaret Strocel and Sandy Bull were leading the planning and execution of the fundraiser. The Save the Children's Fund and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund will each receive \$800 from the Parish for the drilling of the wells.

The members of Holy Spirit are now beginning to raise money for their own well. Having a reliable supply of potable water will enable the parish to expand its work and the use of its facilities.

Services, Sunday School and nursery are held from 10 to 11.30 am every Sunday, with refreshments and fellowship afterwards at Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 27123 River Road, Whonnock. For more information please feel free to call the Church on 604 462 7933, and you can visit the Church website at <http://members.shaw.ca/stjohnangelist/>

Whonnock T.O.P.S. Local 4522

Whonnock T.O.P.S. Local 4522
Open House. All welcome!
Tuesday April 8, 7 to 8 pm.
Whonnock Fellowship Church.
Contact Jo-Ann 604 463 1622

Take off Pounds Sensibly is a non-profit weight-loss support group that meets every Tuesday at the Wildwood Fellowship Church in Whonnock. We offer guidance, support and plenty of laughs. Come see what we are all about.

Time 6:45 to 7:00 pm weigh-in, 7:00 to 8:00 pm meeting. Call Lori at 604 463 7355 or Jo-Ann at 604 463 1622 for more information.

Whonnock Walkers

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Maureen at 604 462 7940 for more information. Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Parking lot.



Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club

New Beginnings Mark Our 25th Year!

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary of service to the community, the Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club is gearing up for another exciting paddling season. This year, however, participants will see a new face when they arrive at Whonnock Lake.

The club is happy to announce the hiring of new head coach Peter Majewski, who comes to the club with outstanding qualifications and 18 years of coaching history. Formerly a P.E. teacher in Ontario, Peter is a fully certified canoe/kayak coach who has a background with many Canadian clubs and has also coached the U.S. National Canoe-Kayak team.

"We're ecstatic to have attracted a coach with his credentials to our club" said club commodore Virginia Kuran, "We're looking forward to the next three years of building our club and developing new programs to serve the community with Peter as our head coach."

One program that Coach Peter is keen on advancing involves the Dragonboat that RCKC acquired last summer. "Dragonboating is an activity that everybody can enjoy, and we'd love to see many people involved in our program this year," says Peter.

The paddling club is also preparing to kick off its fundraising initiatives this year with the RCKC Alumni & Friends Gala Dinner to be held May 17th at the Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Center, with proceeds going towards the new building project.

About Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club: The Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club have been providing high quality recreational and competitive paddling opportunities since 1982. The club offers a wide range of paddling programs suited for all levels of participation. For more information on the club, visit www.rckc.ca



RCKC Programs are starting!

Kayak & Canoe - Community Youth (9 to 13Y)

Adult Learn To Kayak "Introduction" (19Y+)

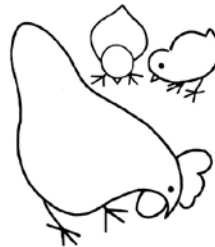
Learn to Dragon Boat Paddle (19Y+)

For more information see the Arts and Recreation spring program or visit Parks and Leisure on the municipal Web site <mapleridge.ca>

To register for any of the above programs, please call 604 465 2470 or register on-line at www.recreg4u.ca

Guides and Pathfinders

Guides and Pathfinders meet at Whonnock Lake Centre, Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm. For more information call Heidi at 604 462 7193 or see <whonnock.ca>



Whonnock Wee Ones Play Group

For newborns to preschoolers. Open play-time, crafts, songs, circle time and lots of fun. Drop in, 8:30 to 11:30 am, Tuesdays at Whonnock Lake Centre. \$2.00 per session.

Guys and Gals Volleyball

Wednesday nights at Whonnock Elementary. All adults are welcome to come out for a drop-in Volleyball game 7:45 to 9:00-ish. Some fun and fitness and best of all it's free.

Visit: <http://whonnockvolleyball.blogspot.com/>

Drop-In Gym 13-18 yrs

Come check out our open gym and play sports such as basketball, volleyball, and floor hockey. Location: Whonnock Elementary School. Monday 7:00 to 9:00 pm. FREE!

Whonnock Youth Outreach

In partnership with the Whonnock Community Association. A component of the Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities within the Whonnock area. The Youth have been working hard with the area residents, volunteers, parents, and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities. For more information call: 604 467 7354. (Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 pm September to June).

Westcoast Shotokan Karate School



For children and families. Come on out and try a FREE class. You might be surprised on how much you enjoy doing Martial Arts no matter what age you are! At Whonnock Lake Centre. Mondays and Wednesdays

5:00 to 5:30 pm private lessons

5:30 to 6:00 pm group class

For more information call Sensei Johnson 604 612 3995 or email: shotokanjohanson@yahoo.ca

Alvina's Village Fitness

Alvina Tyler is offering classes of low impact aerobics at the Ruskin Hall and Whonnock Lake Centre. For more information call Alvina at 462 8601. Check her blog: <http://alvina-villagefitness.blogspot.com/>

1st Whonnock Scouting Group



Remember when Scouts...did good deeds, helped friends and neighbours, shared stories around the campfire and just enjoyed being kids? Well they still do! And they do it in more exciting wonderful ways than ever before. Come join us on Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm at the Scouts Canada Whonnock Lodge at 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Beavers, 5 to 7 years old, Cubs, 8 to 10 years old, Scouts, 11 to 14 years old, learn skills, plan adventures, and get down to the real business of being kids: having fun.

For 100 years, Scouts Canada has been Canada's number one youth organization. We are well known for our safe, fun, and adventurous programs, where fun is the common denominator, blended with friendship and outdoor fun. Our programs are provided by a network of caring people who enjoy the rewards of knowing the positive influence they have on young people.

For more information contact: Adriana Knox 604 462 7262

1st Whonnock Cubs

For a few months now the 1st Whonnock Cubs have their own "blog." Try <<http://whonnock-cubs.blogspot.com/>>

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners continue to meet in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. We would like to thank all the members of the community who attended our Open House show and sale. We had a very successful day and are always proud

to show off the beautiful Whonnock Lake Centre to people from all over the Lower Mainland. We were especially thankful that it did not snow this time!

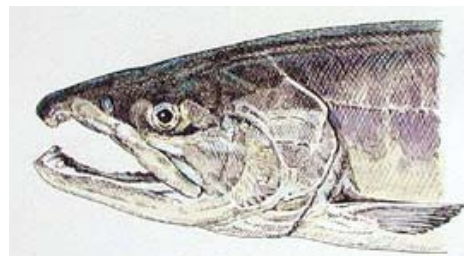
This spring we will only meet once a month and instead of meeting on the 4th Tuesday we will be holding spinning days in various members' homes.

We have a group project underway weaving rugs, using a large collection of wool that we were given from the estate of the Wagners who were professional weavers who lived in Ruskin. Hopefully the results of all this weaving will be part of our stage display at our Open House on November 30, 2008. We always welcome new members. If you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting, or phone Marie at 462 9059. <<http://www.northwestweavers.org/MemberGuilds/MGWhonnock.htm>>

Cedar Plank Salmon ? Ask the Scouts!

TRY THIS MAPLE MUSTARD PLANK SALMON RECIPE !

Soak BBQ Cedar Plank in cold water for a minimum of two hours. Preheat BBQ grill to high. Place BBQ Cedar Plank on grill, close BBQ lid and preheat the plank for 2 to



3 minutes. Place salmon fillets (plain or marinated in your favourite marinade) onto the heated cedar plank, close BBQ lid and cook salmon for 12 to 15 minutes. Brush salmon with Maple/Mustard Glaze (Maple Syrup, garlic, grated orange rind and Dijon mustard) during the last 4 to 5 minutes of cooking. When salmon is cooked, carefully remove from hot plank to a platter and serve.

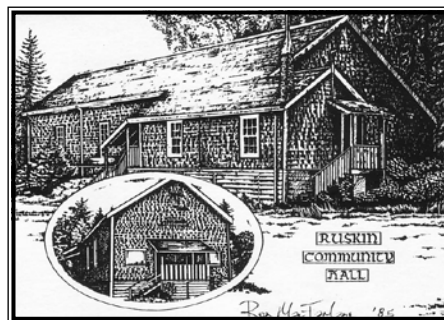
Where do you find a BBQ Cedar Plank? The 1st Whonnock Scouts Group is selling BBQ Cedar Planks to raise money for camping. The BBQ Cedar Planks cost only \$5.00 each. Call Lisa at 604 462 0855 if you don't know how to find a Whonnock Scout, Beaver, or Cub!

The planks are produced courtesy of Silvermere Forest Products (Ken Buckles); Pioneer Woodworking (Art Auger); Clark's Drywall (Clark Blanchard); Double M Excavating (Mike and Pete Muller).

Looking for more recipes? Google: "recipezaar," or "cedargrilling," or "theheritageworkshop".

Ruskin Hall

The Ruskin Hall is located in Maple Ridge at the corner of 96th Ave. and 284th St. Rental is available for anniversaries, weddings, reunions, meetings, etc. The hall seats 84 people for a dinner or 114 for theatre seating. Call booking agent Shannon for more information at 462 7642.



Yoga with Kim

Kim Rondquist continues to teach asanas yoga at the Ruskin Hall Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00. For more information contact Kim at 462 4284.



Rhododendron Garden Notes

When the garden was extended in 2004 we had to choose about 200 new plants and this was a big task. We wanted a variety of plants with differing colours, mature heights and season of flowering. Degrees of shade and exposure were also important factors. And we had to select from the plants available from growers. Many hours were spent by the garden committee in studying Greer's Guidebook to Available Rhododendrons and compiling our lists of desirable plants and then fitting them into the available spaces. In the process even the novices amongst us began to remember the names and characteristics of some of our choices. As ordering and planting continued, the question arose, "How do we retain our hard-won knowledge and build on it in the future?" This led to the following poem which was read at the FVRS Christmas Dinner meeting in 2004 titled: "Names to remember when visiting the Rhododendron Garden at Whonnock Lake."

When we visit the garden, for what should we look,
A number, a name to compare with a book?
Between paper and pencil and voluminous Greer
The delight of a garden will never appear.

Look for the names like Margaret Dunn,
Elizabeth, Trude Webster or plain Susan.
Others like Cary or her friend Molly Ann,
Could these be our friends as we visit again?

Remember these names and pictures enlist,
Blue Boy, Snow Sprite and Muncaster Mist,
Purple Lace, Yellow Pippin and Markeeta's Flame.
Once seen the picture will stay with the name.

The following names will ring like a bell
In your memory, naught to dispel,
Rocket and Taurus, Vulcan and then,
Hello Dolly, Holy Moses and similar ken.

Species names may seem to defeat,
Struggle not to remember but only repeat,
lutescens, augustinii, decorum, sutchuenense,
indicum, hyperythrum, davidii and moupinense.

These and others in the garden you'll find,
All labelled and plotted, each to its kind,
Take notes if you must but always remember,
The garden is there to bring joy with its splendour

Scot Henney November 2004



Whonnock Station ?

No, this is not the station at Whonnock, or "Warnock" as it was written in the time tables in 1884, but a station building somewhere else on the north shore of the Fraser Valley. But this is as Whonnock station would have looked since all these first stations looked the same when trains started rolling between Port Moody and the Fraser Canyon in 1884, and when the first transcontinental train came through on June 28th, 1886.

According to contract, stations on the new railway in the Fraser Valley were built about 10 miles apart. Whonnock station was 20 miles from Port Moody, Mission 30 miles and then came Nicomen at 40 miles. The first station after Port Moody was Hammond at 12 miles. Port Haney did not fit in that 10-mile system and did not get a station until 1892.

Whonnock's growing Web

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PILATES BY THE LAKE — BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATE

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