

The Islander



GICA President's Report 2012

As I enter into my second year of presidency for the Gambier Island Community Association (GICA) I am coming to appreciate the effective role that this organization has in representing the issues and events that affect us as residents on Gambier Island. We have a broad base membership with support from all areas of the island and are working hard to find ways to ensure your voices are heard. We have been able to liaise with other layers of government including the SCRD and Islands Trust on your behalf as well as apply for funding and grants. As well we have listened to individual concerns.

It is important that we continue to increase our membership and allow GICA to be a force to be reckoned with when negotiating with other groups. Please send in your membership if you

have not done so... it is only \$25.00 per family! (See page 12)

You will read elsewhere of the various local activities such as the fishing derby, garbage collection, exchange sales, chimney and septic cleaning and other sponsored events that GICA organizes.

Of course the most visible accomplishment is the creation of the increased parking in the New Brighton area and that is detailed in another article.

The executive this year is comprised of President-Danny Tryon, Treasurer-Lynn Bell, VP Brian Thorpe and Directors: Louise Potter, Kathy McTaggart and Marilyn Pomfret.

We welcome your emails, comments and suggestions.

*Danny Tryon
President, Gambier Island
Community Association*

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New Parking Area



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A New Parking Area...

After a long and involved process, with many committees and studies over the past several years, we have a successful outcome in the long standing issue of insufficient parking in the New Brighton area. The project, termed the Andy's Bay Parking initiative, will provide angle parking up the hill opposite the store.

The Gambier Island Community Association has been committed to ensuring this successful outcome. Past president, Bobbi Kennedy spearheaded talks with the Ministry of Highways and let them know we were serious about this problem. Much resistance was encountered including lack of money.

This year we applied for Grant money from SCR D which was in excess of the normal amounts awarded and our elected representative Lee Turnbull deserves a large amount of credit for finding creative ways to lobby and get the funding we needed. She was supported by Joyce Clegg her alternate... we thank them both...and also our Island Trust representative,

Kate Stamford, did an outstanding job representing our needs.

Also Jim Green, who is a developer on the island, deserves a lot of credit for setting up an initial walk about meeting with elected representatives and then outlining possibilities. He insisted that he remain at arm's length and that all work be tendered so we hired an engineer to oversee the process and to consult on the specifications of the project. Although there were several close bids, it was felt that one was better and the contract was awarded to Pete Husband of Husband Contracting.

The project literally hit a major obstacle, that being a large rock outcropping under the soil. To avoid costly blasting Pete donated his time and skill to place a culvert alongside the road and Jim Green donated the barging and trucking for the pipe and rock.

There are still some small areas to be developed for additional parking once the summer crowds have gone...

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likely be some increased regulations required. There will also be signage defining parking areas and length of stay. The feeling at present is that no one should leave their vehicles unattended for periods longer than 6 weeks. On the lower level, we will increase the parking availability for short term day trips and also for people who are handicapped or have health or mobility problems.

We would like to avoid involving SCR D by-law enforcement, but if abuses are noted then that option is a possibility. We may need a parking decal to help identify all users of the parking areas as they do in "resident only" parking designations in metro Vancouver...

One of the new areas will be designated for bicycle, golf carts and motorcycles as we encourage alternative transportation...

The Gambier Island Community Association welcomes your continued support and input as we try to make Gambier Island the best it can be...

Danny Tryon
President, Gambier Island Community Association



Garbage Day in New Brighton

On a wonderful sunny Saturday August 18 the Gambier New Brighton Garbage Day went off without a hitch. We had an army of volunteers including:

Paco Cauley, Jeff Grant, Steve Armitage, Kathy McTaggart and Morgan Campbell, Ron Dies, Boris Gorgitza, Norbert Jakubke, Sean Wynia, Martin Hendriks, Joe Wright, Stu Watson, Rick Morrison, Elaine Davies, Kate-Louise Stamford, David Ascher, Bunker Killam, Richard Potter, Leigh Gabriel, Graham Wickham, John Bolton and Malcolm Smith. Eman and his helper collected garbage for people who could not do so themselves.

There were others that assisted Dan Crosby as well and we thank everyone who made this event successful!

We understand there may have been a few issues on some other island stops and the GICA board would like to hear of your concerns. Our goal next year is to find a way to remove some so called Hazardous materials that have been collecting.

Stay tuned...

Danny Tryon

Chimney Sweep, Sweeps Island

On three days in late July the Gambier Island Community Association, under the direction of Brian Thorpe, coordinated the annual visit of Paul's Chimney Service to the island.

Over the course of three days twenty-one homes on the island were visited to provide chimney cleaning (in some

cases it involved several chimneys on one property), inspection reports and consultation regarding safety concerns related to stoves, fireplaces and chimneys. In several cases, access tested the ingenuity of Paul and Sean as they moved ladders and maneuvered across steep roofs.

This annual blitz serves as helpful reminder to all islanders of the importance of regular chimney maintenance.

This will happen next year and also we

will be attempting to coordinate septic cleaning.

**Brian Thorpe
Vice President,
Gambier Island
Community
Association**

"Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean"

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Gambier Island Conservancy Summer 2012 Update

Nature Reserves: At a special Director's meeting on 8 January, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Gambier Island Conservancy and the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (SCCA) which forms a protocol on how the two organizations will co-operate in being co-covenant holders on the protective covenants on the three Islands Trust Fund Nature Reserves in the vicinity of Brigade Bay. On 11 February, John Gibbs from the SCCA, Boris Gorgitza, Tess Johnston, Peter Scholefield, Mike Stamford and Maria Van Dyck from the Conservancy accompanied Jeff Ralph from the Islands Trust Fund office on a visit to the nature reserves to examine possibilities for restoration work on the reserves. The annual monitoring visit to the three nature reserves was conducted on 21 April by Islands Trust Fund consultants Doug Hopwood and Chris Ferris who were accompanied by Conservancy members, Peter Scholefield and Tess Johnston. Doug came back to the nature reserves the next day and on the following weekend to collect information for his preparation of a baseline study of the nature reserves, which is a prerequisite for the covenants.

AGM: One proposal at the AGM, in the community hall on 17 June, was to participate in a Howe Sound Forum to discuss the future development of Howe Sound, including the proposed Burnco Aggregate Mine Project in McNab Valley and the possibility of a National Park Preserve on Gambier Island. To help with the Forum, the Conservancy recently agreed to join a coalition of non-profit societies concerned about Howe Sound to be led by the Future of Howe Sound Society. To commemorate Wolf Wiedemann's contribution to the

Conservancy, it was agreed to use local resources to construct a shelter to house a trail map of Gambier Island and erect it in a prominent outdoor location. The results of the election were as follows: Peter Scholefield, President; Boris Gorgitza, Treasurer; Kathy McTaggart, Secretary; and directors-at-large, Maria Van Dyck and Mike Stamford.

Lois Kennedy bequest: The Islands Trust Fund is still considering our suggestion to utilize the Sponsored Crown Grant process to acquire land on Gambier Island and to use the bequest from the estate of Lois to cover the cost of a land survey and the preparation of a management plan that would be required to establish a new nature reserve on Gambier Island. It has been learned that Trust Fund staff are now examining the possibility of giving a higher priority to pursuing a sponsored crown grant on Gambier. In the meantime, the funds from Lois' bequest have been securely invested with the Municipal Finance Authority.

Feasibility of a National Park Reserve on Gambier Island: At its 8 January meeting, the directors agreed to invite Nerys Poole, former Bowen councillor and park advocate, to speak with the Conservancy directors on the subject and also to invite Mel Turner of Bowen who was involved with the consultations on the proposed feasibility study for a Bowen Island National Park Preserve. Both Nerys and Mel came to the director's meeting on 19 February and discussed their experience on Bowen Island and gave us their reasons why they thought the referendum to proceed with the Feasibility Study was defeated. They suggested that detailed preparation work be done before seeking input from the community on a proposed feasibility study for a National Park Preserve on Gambier Island. There

was general agreement at the AGM that the Conservancy does not want to be a "lead-organization" on an initiative of this size rather it would prefer to be part of a Howe-Sound-wide general discussion on the topic.

Burnco Aggregate Mine Project in McNab Valley: BURNCO Rock Products Ltd. has proposed to develop the BURNCO Mine Project, formerly the McNab Valley Aggregate Project, a sand and gravel mine located on the northwest shore of Howe Sound, approximately 22 km southwest of Squamish. On 23 May 2012, an informational meeting was held at the Gleneagles Community Centre on the Burnco McNab Creek Mine Proposal which was hosted by our two trustees for the Gambier Local Trust Area. It was an overcrowded meeting with a number attendees from outside of the Trust Area. There were expressions of concern from a number of property owners on Gambier Island, including those from Brigade Bay, Douglas Bay, Ekins Point and the Burrard and Thunderbird Yacht Clubs. On 2 August, the Conservancy sent a letter to MP John Weston voicing our concern about the possible impact of Bill C-38 on the environmental assessment and review process for the proposed mine project. A response letter from John Weston was dated 26 September.

Membership: Membership in the Gambier Island Conservancy supports its mission to preserve and restore Gambier's biological diversity and enhancing and sharing knowledge of its ecosystems. Membership also supports the ongoing maintenance of the trail systems. For more information on membership and volunteer opportunities contact info@gambierc.ca or go to the following website: <http://www.gambierc.ca>.

Peter Scholefield



Speak Out for the Recovery of Howe Sound

"Anywhere else in the world, Howe Sound would be a great national park."

-Dr. Murray Newman, Former Executive Director, Vancouver Aquarium

Howe Sound is our playground, our connection to nature, from the soaring snow capped mountains to the clear waters of the chilly fjord, it is a wild adventure on Vancouver's doorstep. Tens of millions have been spent cleaning up the Sound after decades of industrial abuse. And it's paid off with fish populations increasing and ongoing sightings of grey and killer whales as well as a large pod of pacific white sided dolphins which has "re-colonized the Sound." But this recovery is at a fragile stage and Howe Sound remains largely unprotected, without a long term land use plan.

An Alberta aggregate company, Burnco, is taking advantage of this and has proposed a large scale gravel mining and crushing facility at McNab Creek in the northern area of Howe Sound clearly visible from the Sea to Sky corridor. Similar in size to the gravel mine at Sechelt, Burnco plans to completely excavate the estuary from one side of the valley to the other. The estuary is home to many salmon bearing streams, bald eagles, black bears, and as noted by Burnco's own consultants, 21 at risk species including Roosevelt Elk that were transplanted there by the BC Ministry of Environment in 2001 in an effort to re-introduce the species to the area. Burnco indicates that the destruction of this sensitive habitat will create 12 full time jobs. But at what cost?

According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, a large scale gravel mining and crushing facility in the northern part of Howe Sound is likely to result in the destruction of fish habitat which cannot be

compensated elsewhere in the Sound. During a 2010 review of the project, DFO determined that the project would result in harmful destruction of fish habitat. During a follow up review after some scoping changes by the proponent, DFO stated that they "continue to have serious concerns about the extent of the impacts to fish and fish habitat that may result from this project" and that "The project presents a high risk to Salmon and Salmon habitat." There are major concerns about the crushing and loading facilities and associated noise, glare from industrial lighting, vibrations, dust, emissions and destruction or damage to wildlife habitat both terrestrial and aquatic. Noise and vibrations have also been found to negatively impact the ability of large marine mammals to communicate, navigate and find food and are increasingly believed to impact their fertility. Nesting eagles and their young are particularly sensitive to noise. The project area is known to have active eagle nests.

And then there are the economic impacts. The impact of the noise, light and air pollution and the ugly scar of an open pit mine in one of the most beautiful fjords in the world and a BC landmark on the Sea to Sky corridor, will be immense. The economic benefits to Burnco are evident, but the potentially negative economic impacts to other sectors of the Sound's economy are significant. It will damage BC's multi-billion dollar domestic and international tourism industry, as well as having a negative impact on the recreational and commercial fishers, boaters, kayakers, recreational property owners and numerous children's camps with, literally thousands of

campers each year, that currently enjoy the wilds of Howe Sound.

There is much potential in Howe Sound to continue to grow the tourism industry with significant economic multipliers that could accrue to the local economy. The area is used extensively by the movie and TV production sector for filming. Reindustrialisation would put this at risk and as taxpayers and residents, after spending tens of millions cleaning up the Sound, we are not prepared to take this risk, especially as the project is expected to produce only 12 jobs over 20 years.

For more information on the mine and its impact on Howe Sound, see our [Fact Sheet](#). What can you do about it? Together with multiple organizations, representing thousands of residents, we are speaking out against the obvious risks and harm this project will cause to the environment, the economy (tourism in particular), and the liveability and enjoyment of the region for residents and visitors alike. Join us, [The Future of Howe Sound Society](#) a not-for-profit organization committed to the conservation and stewardship of Howe Sound for the benefit of current and future generation, and tell the government you support the recovery of Howe Sound by signing our petition and send along to all your friends and family. For further developments, including the next round of public open houses and details of how to make your views known, please sign up for our newsletter, like us on facebook, and/or follow us on twitter.

Thank you for your support,
Future of Howe Sound Society

Annual Fishing Derby

If you had arrived at New Brighton between 10:30-11:30 am. on August 12th, you would have found a host of small children crouched on the dock with their jiggers, attempting to catch shiners. Forty children were in attendance with their families enjoying the hot, breezy morning. After all the shiners were released and little hands were sanitized, everyone gathered on the top dock where the Potters served up hotdogs, watermelon and drinks to the hungry hordes. Thanks to Eliza Killam and her helpers, Tory and Emily, for managing the Derby and distributing a wonderful cartload of prizes. See you at Gambier Harbour next Summer!



Flea Market on July 21st

After a drizzly, cloudy morning, the sun came out just in time for GICA's 2nd Flea Market at the Centre. The nine participants set up outside on the grass, selling everything from gigsaw puzzles to food processors. Sales were brisk as a good crowd arrived to browse in the sun. Enough money was raised from the table fees and donations to purchase a much needed folding table for the Community Centre. Thanks to the ANAVETS for opening.

Louise Potter, Director
Gambier Island Community
Association



ANAVETS PCMR 276 2012 Report

PCMR refers to the PACIFIC COAST MILITIA RANGERS from the WWII practice of Island loggers carrying rifles to work with them in case of an invasion. This was a practice all over BC. Each location had a militia unit for the rural work force. The Militia unit on Gambier became the ANAVETS Unit and we are now the only unit with a PCMR designation left.

Annual ANAVETS Report by Don Bell.

I would like to begin by reflecting briefly on our past 5 years. When we first started we had 25 members and a determination to get the Unit off the ground, but that was all we had. A small core of committed workers showed up in the evenings and weekends doing the ugly work of getting the mildew and glue off the concrete floor. Shawn Frisee, Allison Maxwell and Mike Patten volunteered professional work. Bob Meredith drove us to complete the project with an unwillingness to compromise on anything!

Kevin Wing and Jim Honeywell arranged for us to have the wonderful bar. It originally came from a tavern in Montana and ended up in Prince George before coming here.

Once we had enough money cobbled together we built the Patio. This year with thanks to Nancy Ashton we got a great price on boxwood and a free delivery from the Mercury. Thanks to Phil Richardson for soil and for all those who came out to plant.

The PCMR 276 has a great club room. Thanks to Morely Baker and

Carol Whitaker we have a room designed to have a British pub like feel. Our membership has grown to over 100. (Thanks Bob Ostiguy!) We have received and award every year from the Dominion Presiden for our continued growth and we have received an American Legion Medal for our activities.

We follow 3 programme goals:

1. Remembrance and educating our community on contemporary veteran needs.
2. Supporting Island youth with literacy promotion and post secondary scholarships.
3. Providing a contribution to Island Life by participating in fund raising and program development.

On our first goal, we have secured funding from the Sunshine Coast Regional district to create a memorial garden and wall in the ANAVETS park, the site of the old clubhouse. The wall will have commemorative plaques for veterans from the island.

On our second goal each Remembrance Day we give every member children a book store gift card in order to encourage reading. Every youth entering college or university gets a small stipend to help

with expenses and another upon successful completion of their program.

On the third goal, we participate in fund raising events with profits to the organizers, such as the cancer awareness event last summer, but most of all, we open a regular and reliable place for people to meet, socialize, have dinner, a drink or play a game of pool. Much thanks to Bob M. and Phil for hosting so many of the openings.

2012 ANAVETS PCMR 276 Executive Board:

Don Bell, President

Lynn Bell, Treasurer.

Phil Richardson, Vice President and Chef de Maison.

Bob Meredith, Program Director.

Bob Ostiguy, Membership Secretary.

Camilla Berry, Director of Special Programs and Celebrations and Recording Secretary.

Steve Richardson, Member at Large.

Jack Pomfret, Veteran's Representative.

Mike Stamford, Sergeant at Arms.

Brain Thorpe, Padre.

Information about ANAVETS is on our website: www.anavets276.com

Our address is:

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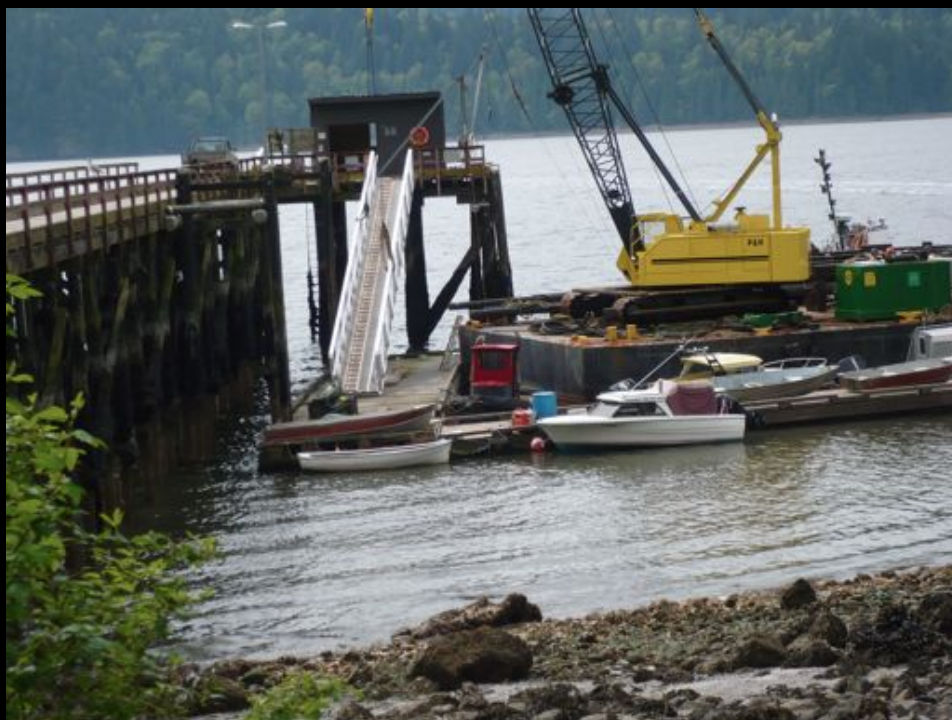
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Above: Thanks to the Langdale Access Working Group the new small boat float allowing for continued access to the Langdale dock by Islanders was opened this year on February 29, 2012. Special thanks to Stu Watson and Joe Wright for spearheading the initiative.

Below: A new longer dock was installed at New Brighton on May 13, 2012. New decking and other maintenance work was done this spring. The New Brighton Dock is annually inspected and plans for further maintenance and capital improvements for 2013 are being made. Thanks to Joyce Clegg, Joe Wright and Danny Tryon for coordinating with the Alternate Area F Director.



Stuart Watson Recipient of Island Trust's 2012 Stewardship Award



On September 20th, 2012, Stuart Watson was awarded the Island's Trust Stewardship award. He has a history of extraordinary volunteerism and in particular a dedication to fire prevention and maintaining public dock access, for both Gambier and Keats residents. Stu has been a large part of the Gambier Fire Equipment Group (GFEG) started in 1980 and the Keats Fire Equipment Group (KFEG) started in 2009.

Thanks Stu!



financial and time donations) have paid for the following projects:

- resurfacing of entrance driveway,
- preparation and painting of the lobby, hallway and lounge,
- installation of coat rack,
- replacing the roof and skylights over the lounge,
- refinishing the hardwood floors, and
- relocating the “art shed” to the community centre grounds.

Some of the events hosted at the community centre this past year included Valentine’s Evening, the Spring Dance, the annual Family & Craft Fair, Salute to Summer, Christmas Caroling as well as yoga. Throughout the year, the building also provides a gathering place for smaller events such as dinners, lectures and workshops.

The centre is there for everyone. If you have a community event you’d like to organize (cultural, educational, or just for fun, etc...) or if you’d like to help out with the board of directors, please follow the contact link at www.gambierisland.org/centre.htm.

The centre is equipped to host corporate and private group events—every dollar of rental revenue from these events goes towards the costs of operations and maintenance of the building. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about this, please follow the “rental” link on the webpage above.

Like so many people on the island, my Gambier “to do” list is always growing but that just seems to be part-and-parcel of living here. I’ve learned that, to the extent that I can, contributing to making things happen to create community is also part of living here. So yes, life on Gambier Island isn’t the easy life, but it sure is the good life.

Nancy Grenier, Director
Gambier Island Community Centre Society

The GCCS logo is designed and donated by Norbert Jakubke, The Idea Partner.



done at the community centre, I realize the expression is true. Without hundreds of hours donated by volunteer islanders, the centre would not be open to host the gatherings that keep us connected (not too much, just enough) and help make our community vibrant.

The centre is not managed by municipal staff, tax allocations or government subsidies like most community centres in urban centres. The centre is the way community centres should be: self-sufficient and funded by the grassroots that want it. Funding is generated through a non-profit structure that operates as a registered Canadian charity. As such, it is governed by a board of directors. Every year, this group of islanders volunteer to take on the responsibility to:

- keep a watchful eye on the bank account to pay the bills for the centre (power, water system, etc...),
- coordinate maintenance for the building and surrounding grounds,
- organize the Fall and Spring cleanup events, and
- support members of the community who want to host community or private events at the centre (events are not always organized by the committee).

Along with on-going grounds and building maintenance, proceeds from the 2012 events and membership dollars (topped up with

The Good Life

I’ve just finished struggling with a 25-litre Jerri can to put fuel in the truck, chopping wood for two hours and filling a few buckets of water in preparation for a potential power outage (after six years on the island, I’m convinced I can feel the windstorms coming). These are times when I think life in the city can be so much easier than life on Gambier Island.

In the Lower Mainland, for a few tax dollars or small fee, I’m connected to infrastructure and service systems that pickup my garbage and recyclables, provide safe drinking water, give easy access to heat and gasoline... well, you know where I’m going with this.

On Gambier, making things happen requires a bit of an effort, and a lot more than money. I’ve learned from people around here— island life gets better when I roll up my sleeves. When I see all that gets



Citizen of the Year

This year the Gambier Island Community Association decided to annually recognize an individual who has made and continues to make a difference to our Gambier Island lifestyle. This year we have recognized Gord Steele.

The wording on the award reads `` IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF GAMBIER ISLAND AND HIS EFFORTS TO COLLECT AND REMOVE DERELICT VEHICLES.``

Since coming to Gambier Island as a young boy, his mom recalls the island men lining the dock awaiting his arrival so he could fix their engines or cars... He has used those skills and hard work to run a successful barging operation, as well as an excavating company on the island. Many people on the Island have used his expertise at some time or other and he rarely turns down a request for help.

Although Gord is the first to admit he is motivated by money, we are all grateful that he used his ingenuity and resourcefulness to rid the island of abandoned vehicles and scrap metal.

So for these efforts and the many times he has offered his services to island residents, the GICA executive voted unanimously to salute Gord Steele as `Citizen of the Year 2012.`

Danny Tryon

New Citizen of the Year

It is with much joy and pride that we introduce to you:

Heath David

**Born July 17th, 4:05 pm, Sechelt BC
10 lb. 1 oz. 22 inches**

Steve and Haley Armitage





"This old gang of summertime friends are still coming to Gambier Harbour. We are not only parents but also grandparents; we all share a history of family friendships that now go back 5 and 6 generations."

GAMBIER VIGNETTES

Gambier Island is my favourite place on earth. It wraps a sense of peace and place around me as soon as I set foot on its rocky shores. It is not an island of sparkling white sands & beaches that curve off into the horizon but one of rugged cliffs, mountains, deep fjords and an occasional notch in the southerly shoreline; one of which was named Harbour Grace in 1911 after his Newfoundland birthplace by Hugh Archibald Youdall. He was a BC Land Surveyor who surveyed the first subdivision in Grace Harbour. It was to this lovely spot that my Great Grandfather, CHARLES ARTHUR LETT, came in 1912 with his wife Mary Stewart MacHaffie. Seeking a quiet place to establish a small hobby farm they purchased the 13 acres at the top of the present government dock as well as much of the waterfront. The task of clearing the forest must have been daunting. They lived in tents and with help & the use of work horses, axes and crosscut saws they managed to carve out approximately 3 acres and build their substantial 3-storey home. Over the next 11 years they developed a pretty flower garden; climbing roses, rhododendrons, iris & lilies. Clumps of daffodils bloom each Spring to this day. Recently Christopher Cleator, (a Great-great Grandson of Charles Arthur) has almost single-handedly cleared the original field of invasive plants.

The idyllic 2 months of summer

holidays spent at Gambier Harbour during the late '40's & '50's, leave an indelible memory in my mind. The moment we arrived by 'Lil Pete' water taxi from Horseshoe Bay we kicked our shoes off & they weren't put on again until Labour Day when we returned to the city. There were no thongs or flip flops in those days & with a wooden wharf there were many nasty slivers to be removed until our feet were toughened up enough to withstand the abuse.

My sisters, Barbie, Dulcie & I, together with the Larsen, Crompton, Forbes, Houston & Killam kids, managed to wile away each day with just our row boats and our imaginations. The boys tinkered with their hand-me-down Johnson 3 hp engines which sputtered & smoked their way around the bay making the most terrible noise; the girls threw sticks of wood into the water which had crayoned faces on one side & the name & age on the other. This game was called 'Boys' & we spent hours throwing these 'Boys' into the water for their swims & fed them berries from lids placed along the logs at the top of the beach where the 'Boys' were also laid out to dry.

Every afternoon there were feats of scary proportions, now that I reflect on it. Each one of us trying to outdo the other as we hurtled into the water from the top of the dock, completely disregarding the tide which was sometimes dangerously low. And how could I forget walking along the top of the railing from the end of the dock, at LOW TIDE! After dinners we would gather again to play kick-the-can. This could be

challenging when clambering around on the rafters either under the wharf or in the rafters of the shed.

There were also the bon-fires. Massive blazes on the end of the rock at The Hollies & seen from the ferry. With hot dogs marshmallows & hot chocolate all provided by my Mom, Mary, we would sit around singing campfire songs. But the really daring thing for the girls was for us to go skinny dipping! This had to be done without the boys knowing. (It mostly worked!)

Rainy days were spent playing Jacks as we sat by the hour on the crooked old wooden floor of 'The Barn' and when we tired of that it was card games at the kitchen table while Mom kept the old wood fire going with plenty of homemade goodies as well as keeping us warm & cosy. That included blackberry pies, made with the small bramble variety, not the Himalayas so prolific to-day.

This old gang of summertime friends are still coming to Gambier Harbour. We are not only parents but also grandparents; we all share a history of family friendships that now go back 5 and 6 generations.

This summer our extended family will be commemorating 100 years on Gambier Island and we will be reflecting on how blessed we are to have had the benefit of this amazing community of friendly, caring people, thanks to the vision of our ancestor, Charles Arthur Lett.

Gambier is paradise.

Leiani Anthony, June 2012



In Memory

*Lorne Bowering of
New Brighton
April 17 1934 - July
24 2012*

*Betty Errington of
Long Bay
August 4 1932 - July
30 2012*

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