

Pacific Ramblings Newsletter January 2019

Issue 4

Message from your President - Bill Fernihough

It is nice to be into a new year. We started off the year by doing one of the activities that was promised, a Geocaching series of training sessions. Ben Dobranowski and I are holding 2 more sessions on January 19th and 26th at John Oliver Park in Delta. These classes are enough to get you started successfully in the art and science of Geocaching. In February we will continue to support the geocaching activity and maybe schedule a geocaching ramble and breakfast.

I am also working with Larry Chow, who presented the subject of TV Streaming and reducing your cablevision costs last Spring. We are planning to conduct a workshop for those of you who want to set up a streaming device and need more information and help. The Workshop will likely be at the end of February or early March. Streaming science has grown over the last year, and you may be aware of some TV service providers getting more interested in the business. TV Streaming requires the purchase of a streaming device (about \$60).

Some of our members will be heading south for some winter relief, and before we know it, Spring will be here.

Upcoming Events

Geocaching Training Sessions - January 19th and January 26th

2019 - There are 2 more Geocaching training sessions available for those interested in learning how to do Geocaching. The training session takes just over an hour and in that

short time last session's participants were able to find caches on their own. John Oliver Park in Delta is a great place for learning how to Geocache and there are many caches nearby for after class or later on. For more information and to sign up, Contact Bill Fernihough at 604-597-4323 or email billfern@shaw.ca.

February Ramble - February 12th 2019 - The Ramble for February will be at the Fort Langley National Historic Site located at 23433 Mavis Ave, Fort Langley. Group will meet at 10:45 A.M. at the Main Entrance to the Fort. There will be a Group Tour with a guide at 11 A.M. Lunch will follow at the Fort Pub and Grill located at 23433 Glover Road, Fort Langley. Contact Roy at 604-574-0282 or by email at royc46@shaw.ca to let him know you are planning to attend. Entrance Fee to the Fort National Historic Site is \$6 per person.

February Bowling - February 20th 2019 - 4 P.M. Cloverdale Lanes. Dinner to follow. Contact Marilynne Hedley at 604-590-5594 or Velma Derksen at 778-593-0077.

February Lunch and General Meeting - February 28th at 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club.

Care News - Wilson Martineau fell and broke his hip a few days ago. Jack Small is home from the hospital and is improving. It seems like a lot of folks have been suffering from colds and the flu. For all those who are unwell, we miss you and our thoughts are with you and we hope you get better soon. For questions or more information, contact Esther Exelby at 604-507-0230 or by email jexelby30@gmail.com.

Member Profile - Roy Charlesworth - Roy Started at Bc Hydro in 1975 and worked in Fleet Services in designing Speciality vehicle equipment for 5 years. In 1980 he moved to Corporate Quality Assurance for 30 years, retiring in 2010. During his 30 years, he travelled to many locations world wide, visiting both factories and Hydro sites to ensure mechanical equipment being manufactured for BC Hydro was in compliance with contract specifications.

Travelling is stressful and tiring, so Roy started walking outside of working hours as a way of getting exercise while travelling and also as a way to get to know the local areas. Roy developed a love of walking and getting to know places which makes him a good fit for leading the Pacific Branch Rambles and Outings. Roy took over the Rambles and Outings in 2017. He really enjoys planning the rambles and outings and seeing everyone enjoy the events. His most recent Ramble to the Honeybee Centre In Surrey was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Roy looks forward to planning many more enjoyable rambles.

Recipe of the Month - Easter will be here before we know it so submit your favorite Easter recipe for publication in the next Newsletter. Email to Heather Mullan at hmullan@telus.net.

December / January Activities

Honeybee Centre Ramble January 8th 2019 - The Ramble to the Honeybee Centre was well attended with over 30 people at the event. It was very informative and fun, with a delicious lunch in the Fry's Corner Beestro.



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Geocaching Sessions January 2019



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Newlands "Festival of Lights" Master Tree Trimmer Award

Once again- our Pacific Branch Tree Trimmers have won the "Grand Master Tree Trimmer" Award at the Newlands Festival of Trees". With the support of all of you and the other companies and all the Tree Trimmers, \$5090.02 was raised for the Langley Hospital Foundation this year! This is the 28th year of the Festival of Trees and the ongoing support of our Pacific Branch has helped to raise a grand total of \$117,000 for the Langley Hospital Foundation.

A big thanks to our Tree Trimming team: Barb Winkelmann, Ernie Winkelmann, Velma

Derksen, Esther Exelby, Jim Exelby, Penny McLeod, Ben Dobranowski and Wayne McLeod. WAY TO GO!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Many people look forward to the New Year for a
new start on old habits.

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