



PACIFIC UPDATE

Pacific Ramblings Newsletter March 2021 - Issue 26

We hope this Ramblings Newsletter continues to find you and your family safe and well.

As we are all aware the BC COVID-19 vaccination program is underway and several of our members have already received their first dose while others are making appointments. This is certainly good news! Let's be hopeful that by summer we can participate in many of our outdoor activities with family, friends and fellow members. Until then we will continue to provide you with an interesting variety of programs and activities, virtually of course.

This month we've had opportunities to attend a Smart Home presentation put on by Heather Mullan and Bill Fernihough. We enjoyed a St Patrick's Day Social complete with bingo, trivia and prizes with many decked out in their best green. We took two train trips on our virtual armchair ramble where over 40 of our members and guests from other branches attended. A Craft Bee will soon take place and we are looking forward to the Electric Vehicle presentation which you'll read more about in this newsletter.

The executive would like to express appreciation and thanks to our Ramble Chief, Roy Charlesworth. Since the pandemic sidelined his monthly outdoor rambles Roy has put together many excellent virtual armchair rambles taking us to a variety of places around

the world. His effort to find the perfect mix of interesting locations and well narrated videos no doubt takes a great deal of patience and time. Though we all enjoy his virtual rambles, we look forward to rambling outside with him and of course the pub afterwards for a meal and fine company. We also would like to thank his video editor, Ben Dobranowski, for assembling the videos.

If you have not yet checked out our webpage, which is updated regularly by our new webpage coordinator, Bruce Assman, you can access it using this link <https://www.powerpioneers.com/branches/pacific/> . Under the Branches tab select 'Pacific'. Here you'll find the latest newsletter and scheduled (virtual) events. If you'd like to contact your executive or any of the Committee chairs, you'll find their contact information here too. The Smart Home presentation and video is now available on our webpage.

Stay safe and well.
Your Executive
Pacific Power Pioneers

Understanding Electric Vehicles Presentation

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:45 AM

On Tuesday March 30th at 10:45 AM, Mike Wenzlaff, BC Hydro's Electric Vehicles Senior Program Manager along with our own members Bill Fernihough, Mel Dear, Ted Mackinnon and Lorne Nelson will be presenting an introduction to electric vehicle technology.

This workshop will involve a video on the three different types of Electric Vehicles including Hybrids, Plug-in Hybrids and Electric Cars.

Mike Wenzlaff will talk about BC Hydro initiatives related to charging stations, subsidies that are available through the provincial/federal governments and information on Electric Vehicle technology that is available on the internet.

Bill, Mel, Ted and Lorne will give us an insight into their personal experiences including reduced operating and maintenance costs in driving an Electric Vehicle.

This workshop will be of interest to anyone who is thinking of purchasing a new car in the future.

To register for this event or for more information, please contact Wayne McLeod by email: wayne.mcleod@dccnet.com

Upcoming Events

Calling all Crafters - next Crafting Bee Monday, March 29th, 10:30 AM

This month we are having a guest speaker. Holly Egan, a very talented crafter (of many crafts). Holly will be presenting a selection of her crafts.

We will be finishing up our rock painting. If you don't want to do rock painting, you can bring your project to work on or your completed projects to show to fellow crafters and a refreshment.

We will also be doing a show and tell of a selection of projects from our Pacific crafters. **Be sure to send Heather your craft photos so they can be included in the show and tell.** [Click here to submit your photos.](#)

A Zoom link invite will be sent out the day before the Bee.

Pacific Branch General Meeting via Zoom - Thursday, March 25th, 11 AM

Please join us for the March Pacific Branch General Meeting.

We will be drawing a prize for attendees. AND there will also be break out rooms so you can socialize with other members. In February the attending members selected the Charities we wish to support in our Community. The decision was Sources, The School Breakfast Program, Surrey Food Bank and Drivers for Cancer Patients. This month we will be deciding how to distribute the funds we received from the Volunteer Hours Program.

A reminder email and Zoom link invite will be sent out the day before the meeting. You can attend even if your device does not have a camera or microphone!

Armchair Virtual Ramble - Tuesday, April 13, 11 AM

For the Tuesday April 13th Armchair Virtual Ramble, join us for an 'Exotic Asia' theme, a travel adventure to 4-South East Asian cities. For centuries, this part of the world has intrigued our Western cultures. Overcoming colonization and the ravages of war, the resilience of these cultures has endured and flourished into the booming business and travel mecca that we (normally) enjoy today!

Our journey starts with a visit to Singapore, straddling the equator at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. We then continue to Ho Chi Minh City, known as Saigon during the era of a bitterly divided Vietnam. Heading further east, we get to experience Shanghai, tolerated by its 'Chinese Masters' as a showpiece of its global economy! We end our tour in Bangkok, Thailand, with its ornate shrines, vibrant street life and shopping bargains!

Those of you wishing to receive a Zoom-link for the presentation, are asked to contact Roy at royc46@shaw.ca or phone him at (604) 897-3583. A reminder email will be sent a few days prior to the event and Ben will send the Zoom link invite the day before that will allow you to enjoy the presentation, even if your device does not have a camera or microphone!

Care News

For the most part, it would seem that our members are remaining in good health.

In the past month Esther Exelby has sent Thinking of You cards to Lucy Martinow; Bill and Marilynne Hedley and Mary Jack. Get Well Cards have been sent to Diane Farrell and John Strobl.

Congratulations to the many members that have received their Covid Vaccines.

If you know of anyone that is under the weather or is now in recovery, please call Esther Exelby at 604-507-0230.

Help Wanted - Puzzle Assistant

Do you like puzzles and searching for just the right puzzle online? Heather and Kathy could really use some help with selecting puzzles for our Pacific Newsletter.

If you are interested, please contact Heather Mullan by email: hmullan@telus.net.

Help Wanted - Phoner / Outreach Committee

Backup members are required for our Phone/Outreach Committee to contact Branch members and relay information about upcoming events, and when we can meet in person once again, the Luncheons and General meetings. They also advise the Care Committee if any members are ill or in need of assistance and support.

Reaching out by phone is a very rewarding way to meet and keep in touch with other Branch members. Come and join our team.

If you are interested, please contact Wendy Doka by email: wdoka@shaw.ca

Keeping Our Members Informed

[Click here to read the February Executive Minutes](#)

[Click here to read the February General Minutes](#)

[Click here to read the March Financial Report](#)

Literacy Fundraising

A reminder that Bill Bishop (South Surrey/ White Rock area), Bill Fernihough (Newton area), Wayne McLeod (North Delta area) and Ben Dobranowski (Fleetwood/Guildford area) are ready to pick up your pop cans and bottles and will drop them off at an Express Return Depot. Just have your items in a clear plastic bag for pick up.

- Ben Dobranowski (604-599-8663) - Fleetwood / Guildford area
- Wayne McLeod (604-594-3990) - North Delta area
- Bill Fernihough (604-597-4323) - Newton area
- Bill Bishop (604-538-0878) - South Surrey / White Rock Area

You can also take your items to the Return-It Depot and use the Express Return Pacific Code **6911691100** to return your items. All the donated funds go to the Pacific Branch Literacy Fund.

From the Encorp Return-it Express statements we receive, it is good to see that our members are using this code to deposit their containers to help grow our fund. In the month of March our Literacy Fund received **\$90.15** from Encorp Inc. Express for a total of **\$377.30** this year. That represents **3,816 bottles/cans** deposited for refunds.

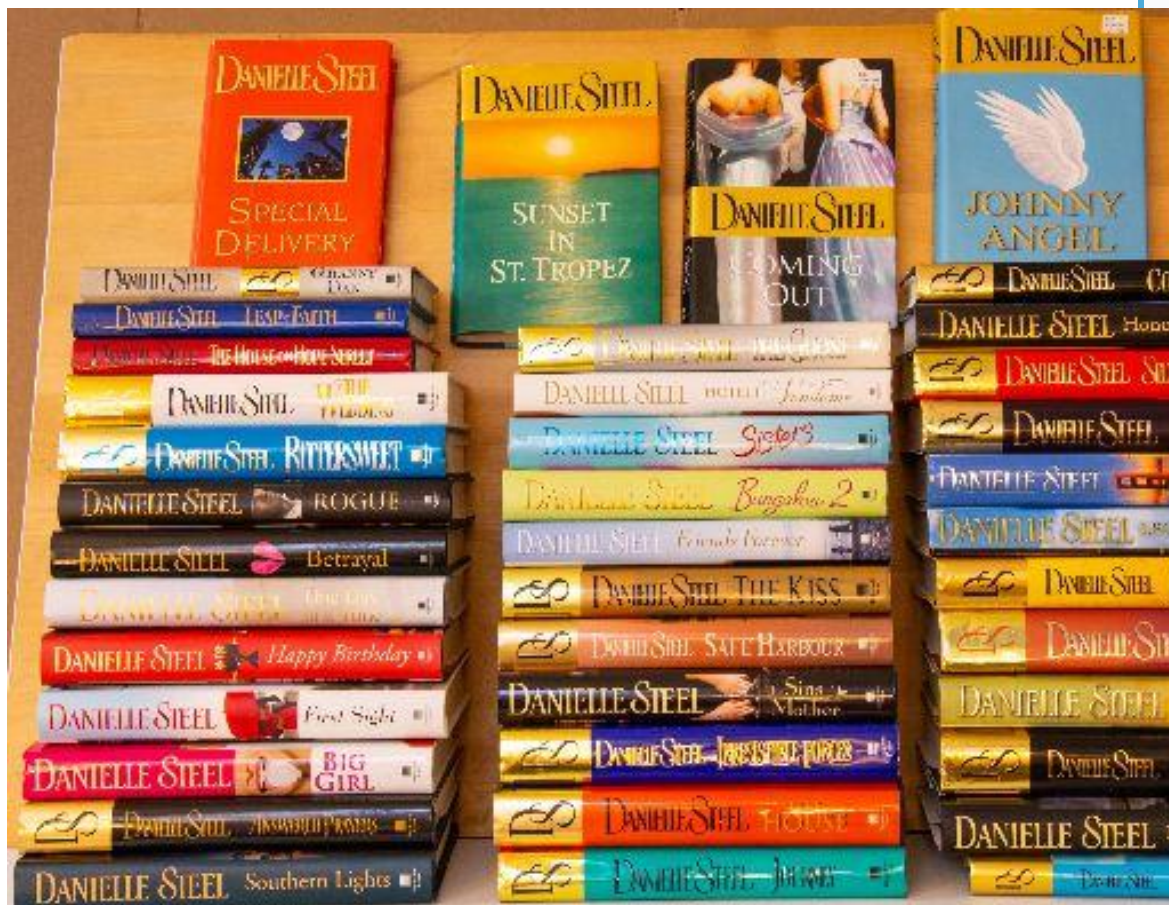
Impressive and Thank You!

Announcing the 2022 Jamboree at Harrison Hot Springs

[Click here for information about the 2022 Jamboree at Harrison Hot Springs.](#)

New Feature - Literacy Used Book Sale

We have received a donation of used books (thank you). We are trying out an online used book sale with all proceeds going to the Pacific branch Literacy fund.



Ben Dobranowski has kindly volunteered to act as the librarian while we try out the online used book sale.

Please contact Ben by phone (604-916-1081) or by email ben.dobranowski@shaw.ca to arrange to get your book(s).

The Literacy Fund donation for your books can be cash or a cheque, given to the 'librarian' in an envelope.

Monthly Crossword Puzzle

[Click here to print the Crossword.](#)

OnlineCrosswords.net

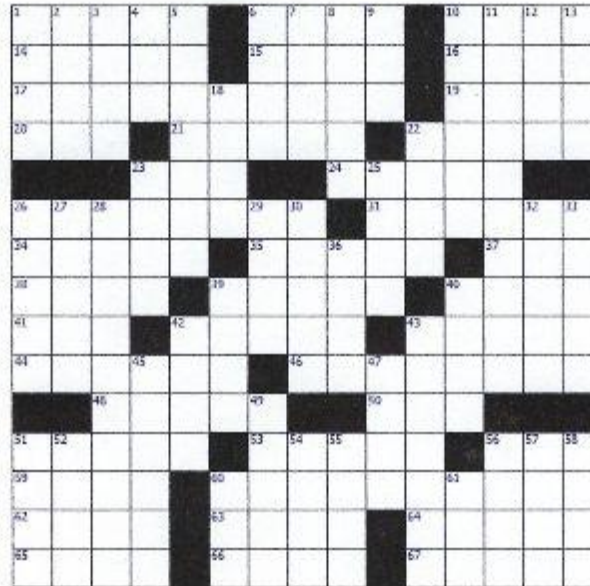
This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #5 for Mar 16, 2021

Find the solution at

<https://onlinewords.net/62471>

Across

- 1. Implant
- 6. Mimic
- 10. Charity
- 14. Florida metropolis
- 15. Grub
- 16. Banister
- 17. Draw pictures for a book
- 19. Ballerina's skirt
- 20. Golfer's need
- 21. Fry lightly
- 22. Passenger
- 23. ___-Mex cuisine
- 24. Certain parasite
- 26. Amaze
- 31. Gasoline, in England
- 34. Paid out
- 35. Alleviates
- 37. Payable now
- 38. Very little
- 39. Honeydew, e.g.
- 40. Space gp.
- 41. Finale
- 42. Trivial
- 43. Epsom ___
- 44. Staggered
- 46. Most sharply inclined
- 48. Ancient object
- 50. Positive vote
- 51. Small landmass
- 53. Pretended
- 56. Truman's monogram
- 59. Entrance
- 60. Excessive
- 62. ___ Canal
- 63. Da Vinci's "___ Lisa"
- 64. Was mistaken
- 65. Post
- 66. Chirp
- 67. Highway entrances



Down

- 1. Give off
- 2. Distance measure
- 3. Hay bundle
- 4. Aussie bird
- 5. Disagreement
- 6. Unbleached color
- 7. Informal talk
- 8. Inn
- 9. Have creditors
- 10. Rembrandt, e.g.
- 11. Fort ___, FL
- 12. Tick's kin
- 13. Defame
- 18. Cab
- 22. Feels remorse
- 23. Broadway award
- 25. Not shut
- 26. Autumn bloom
- 27. Backbone
- 28. Cut of meat
- 29. Noticed
- 30. Angels' headgear
- 32. Deposits
- 33. Minimum
- 36. Classify
- 39. Average skirt
- 40. Wine valley
- 42. Liquefy
- 43. Sleazier
- 45. Eyed slyly
- 47. Gazed upon
- 49. Narrow boat
- 51. 15th of March
- 52. Tender
- 54. Traffic barrier
- 55. Ambush
- 56. Hurt
- 57. Stride
- 58. Turner and Kennedy
- 60. Rascal
- 61. Gun owners' org.

Solution:

Puzzle Solution © OnlineCrosswords.net

E	M	B	E	D		E	C	H	O		A	L	M	S
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Sudoku Puzzle

[Click here to print the Sudoku puzzle.](#)

Sudoku

Level A, Puzzle # 2: About As Simple As It Gets

Fill in the empty boxes so that:

Each row contains the numbers 1 through 9.

Each column contains the numbers 1 - 9.

Each square 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

	2	8	6	4	7	1	9	3
9	4	1	8				5	6
6		7	5	9	1	2	8	
2	8				9	3	1	7
7	5	3	2	1		6		9
				6			2	
8		5			6		3	
3	6	4	1	8	5	9	7	
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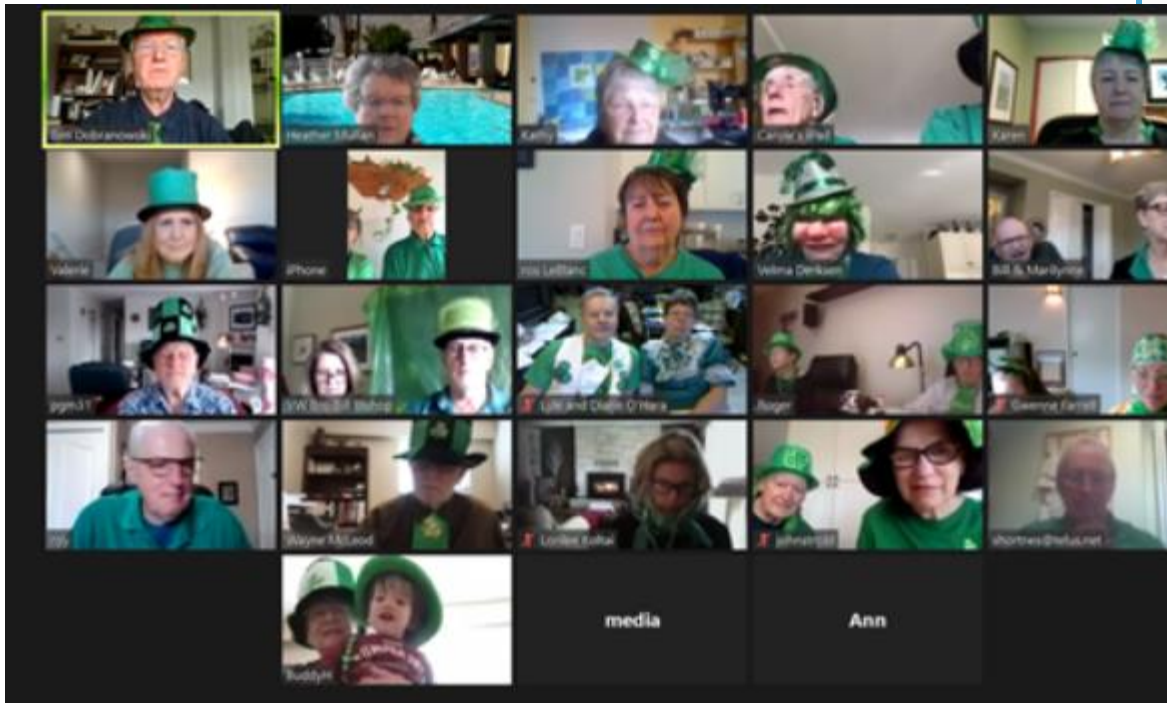
Solution:

Solution for Puzzle A-2

<u>5</u>	2	8	6	4	7	1	9	3
9	4	1	8	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	5	6
6	<u>3</u>	7	5	9	1	2	8	<u>4</u>
2	8	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	9	3	1	7
7	5	3	2	1	<u>8</u>	6	<u>4</u>	9
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	6	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	2	<u>8</u>
8	<u>7</u>	5	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	6	<u>4</u>	3	<u>1</u>
3	6	4	1	8	5	9	7	<u>2</u>
1	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	7	<u>4</u>	8	6	<u>5</u>

St Patrick's Day Social

More than 30 folks attended our St Patrick's Day Social on March 17. It was a fun event with bingo, St Patrick's Day trivia and prizes.



Can you guess who this is?



Covid Information

For the latest updates on the COVID-19 situation:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/seniors>
- HealthLink BC, <https://healthlinkbc.ca/>, which includes commonly asked questions and useful resources from health authorities.

Jokes for March

**Right now there is a
mother somewhere
home schooling her kid
on geography by having
them track her Amazon
package.**



If you require more information or would like to comment, please do so to hmullan@telus.net or [Kathy Chambers](#)

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