

# WBPS

# 94<sup>TH</sup>

# NEWSLETTER

WRECK BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Published occasionally by a non-profit group of beach users and friends who represent the Public Interest to all authorities and levels of government. We define Wreck Beach as the Foreshore beaches from Spanish Banks West and Acadia to Booming Ground Creek bordering Musqueam lands. The Original and Official WBPS Website: [www.wreckbeach.org](http://www.wreckbeach.org)

ALL THE NUDES THAT'S FIT TO PRINT!

BODY ACCEPTANCE IS THE IDEA.

PREPARED BY BEACH VOLUNTEERS NUDE RECREATION IS THE WAY!

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WRECK BEACH DECLARED ONE OF CANADA'S TOP 52 WONDERS OUT OF 25,000 NOMINATIONS IN THE JUNE 7, 2007 CBC "WONDERS OF CANADA" CONTEST!

All photos by Hiro Hosono unless otherwise noted.



July 5, 2015 Wreck Beach 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Skinnydip (677)

SKINNYDIPPER PHOTO OF 2015 & ASSORTED SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE AT WATERMELON'S LICORICE SHOP ON COMMERCIAL



Photo of Point Grey Scar Cliffs Fencing and signage after the death of a young camper when the cliff failed this past year. Photo by Keith Thibodeau



berm or seawall is going to stop the cliff face erosion but they are dead wrong. The area that slid with the camper in it last year was cliff face, not cliff toe. That cliff face problem is why Trail 4 was built...to keep people off the cliff face which was causing people erosion. That's why UBC planted the cliffs in a procedure called bioengineering (willow trees interlaced and planted laterally across a cliff face to hold the soils in) below the Museum of Anthropology and below the Cecil Green Mansion. It's a much more complex issue, though, because UBC was advised not to water the President's mansion's extensive lawns but to move instead, to a kind of Zen garden not requiring so much watering. That is what, in conjunction to the plethora of UBC's construction sites on the south side of Marine Drive, is contributing to such rapid cliff erosion. And, just think, as part of their planned 13 more high rises, some of which will be sited just south of the tennis courts by the student residences near the botanical gardens, we can expect more slides in the estuarine end of Wreck. And, thus it was ever. I've included a map in the Wreck Beach newsletter # 91, back page that shows the areas UBC wants to target most to armor in order to protect new buildings they want to build. They even wanted to destroy Booming Ground Creek by rip-rapping and culverting it but we spent \$600 to hire a marine habitat biologist to prove there are salmonid in that creek...that is until chlorine and some other deadly substances were released by UBC and killed the Chinook and sticklebacks and therefore the mink who lived on them. Don't get me started on UBC's arrogance over the years. And in this latest round of geological exploration ("Non-invasive"), they didn't even consult with us until this past month when they have been in negotiations with GVRD since January 2015!! If Mitch Sokalski had not insisted, they might not have consulted with us at all. And, I took my Master's from UBC from some wonderful profs, but it isn't the profs at fault here, it's the arrogant administration!

### Story of the Point Grey Scar Cliffs

The cliffs of the Point Grey escarpment including the Pt. Grey "Scar," which is what this particular area is called (sometimes referred to as Vancouver's "Cliffs of Dover"), is what is known as a perched aquifer type of topography. What this means is that there are impermeable layers of clay sandwiched in between porous or permeable layers of Quadra sands. Think in terms of a chocolate cake layered with rich butter frostings. If you poured a liqueur on top of the cake it would flow along one of the butter layers, but If you poke toothpicks down through the cake and pour a liqueur over the top, it will percolate down through the cake and get into the porous parts giving it a lovely flavour. When the cliffs' topmost layer is

opened up through something like UBC dorm construction just across Marine Drive from our cliffs, that water percolates down through the cliffs and flows out to the surface of the cliff along the clay layers. If the water freezes on the cliff face and melts taking some of the cliff face, that's called sluffage. These cliffs were laid down and compacted by the continental glacier some 10,000 years ago so they were compressed. In geologic terms they are called "feeder bluffs," because they feed the beaches below. They have done so for centuries and will continue to do so especially since UBC refused to listen to Duncan Hay and Associates in the 80's when he told them it was more a cliff face problem than a cliff toe problem. They are so arrogant and ignorant that they think building a stone



Judy presenting an honorary WBPS membership trophy to Sgt. Drew Grainger on Jan. 7, 2015 as he receives the coveted RCMP community policing commendation for his Wreck Beach community engagement

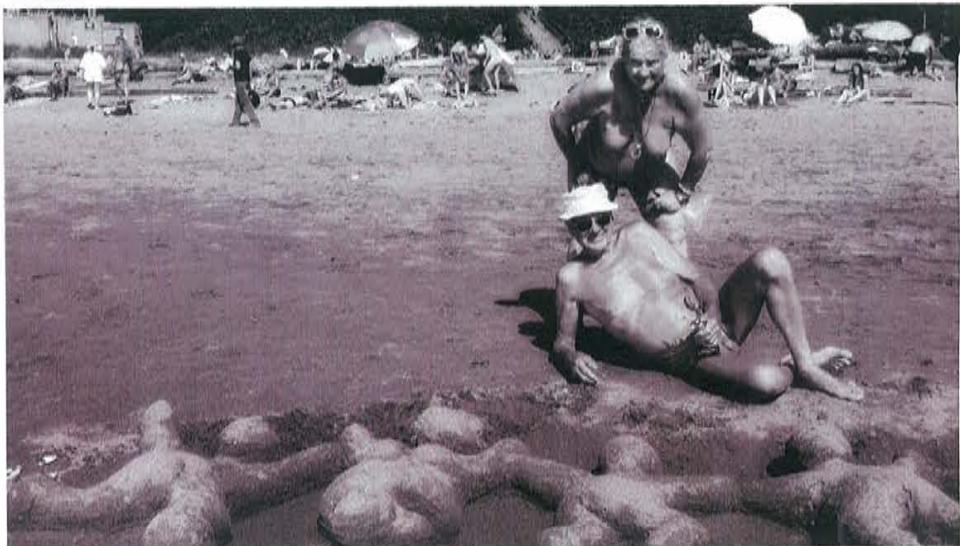
## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Check out the new fencing and signage at the Point Grey Scar which became necessary after a young man was killed in a slide on those unstable cliffs. Speaking of which the President's mansion sited above Wreck Trail #4 has massive lawns and we have been trying to get the University to put in a Zen sand "garden" there since 1981 instead so all that water doesn't flow out the perched aquifers (clay layers between the Quadra sands) above the Trail 4 beach, causing the massive slides like the one which killed the camper this past spring at the Point Grey Scar just to the West of the mansion's lawns. Now, the University, after internal talks with Metro Vancouver since January 2015, finally was urged by Mitch Sokalski, General Manager of all GVRD Parks, to involve the WBPS. They have now embarked on another series of \$100,000 cliff-erosion studies under the guise of erosion-control for buildings and towers they should never have built so close to the cliff's edge in the first place. They have hired Golder and Associates to do the study so if you see men in vests, hard hats, and logger boots scaling our cliffs, remember not to kill the messenger. Both Steve and Judy were invited to this high-level meeting with West Area Parks new manager, Jeffrey Fitzpatrick and Mitch, and UBC sustainability and infrastructure brass, John Madden and Doug Doyle. Perhaps, if UBC realizes the rate of erosion has increased tremendously, they won't be tempted to erect a row of high rises on the old experimental gardens adjacent to (south of) Totem residences. By the way, in case the wonderful salt air, sunshine and suntan lotions don't do it for you, new high-end spa's are turning to bird poop facials, fish pedicures, and anal beautification. Or, you may want to go really high end and get real gold facials or body skin softening.

In credulous as it may seem, we had to change our poster printers this summer although we have worked with them successfully for several years. Although our group photos have shown children with their parents in the past, this company refused to print our posters with children in them after doing so for years. However, thanks to Nadia at Rackets and Runners we found another printer who is just as good and far more approachable!

Anyone suffering from arthritis will want to book a massage with Nadia of the gifted hands! And, rumours have it that love is in the air... Deepest thanks to Judy's Fairy Godmother, Ania, who made one of Judy's dearest dreams come true in sparkling sunset colours! Congrats to all the August 8 Wreck Beach birthday folks...7 that we know of and be sure to wish Croc a happy birthday on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!

Deepest sympathy goes to Andrew in the loss of his beloved Azula, one of our four-legged Beach family



Judy and Overall Grand Champion Sandcastle Trophy Winner, 80+ Years Young, Stan the Man, Shovels Down Winner with his 'Wreck Beach Family'

## ARE YOU CONCERNED about any of these ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?

- US thermal coal exports
- Loss of agricultural land
- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Salmon & shellfish fisheries
- Port Metro's Terminal 2 at Roberts Bank
- LNG plant at Tilbury
- Damage to the Fraser

Then you should attend the

### ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

Saturday September 12th.  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Ladner Community Centre  
4734 51st Street, Ladner

In Alaska the human body in it's natural state appears to be considered "indecent," whereas in Canada "mere" nudity does not constitute indecency.

Alaska Nudity Laws:

\* Sec. 11.41.460. Indecent exposure in the second degree.

- (a) An offender commits the crime of indecent exposure in the second degree if the offender knowingly exposes the offender's genitals in the presence of another person with reckless disregard for the offensive, insulting, or frightening effect the act may have.
- (b) Indecent exposure in the second degree before a person under 16 years of age is a class A misdemeanor. Indecent exposure in the second degree before a person 16 years of age or older is a class B misdemeanor.

\* There are no nude parks or beaches in Alaska.



"Mole King" won best youth sandcastle trophy!

No Garbage Cans...



Please Take Up Your Own Garbage!  
Thanks W.B.P.S.

## NATURIST CONTACTS

(Other contacts will be included in future WBPS Newsletter issues)

- (1)- Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN) Magazine Goes On-Line!

Sign up today!

[www.fcn.ca](http://www.fcn.ca)

[http://www.fcn.ca/documents/GN\\_29-2\\_o28Summer2014o29.pdf](http://www.fcn.ca/documents/GN_29-2_o28Summer2014o29.pdf)

- (2)- You'll want to sign up for the TNS Magazine, N...Issue (33.4) is dedicated to women in naturism, with an article by Judy Williams entitled "I Am Naturist Woman! Hear Me Roar!"

[www.naturistsociety.com](http://www.naturistsociety.com)

- (3)- B.E.A.C.H.E.S Foundation  
Miami Shores, Fla.  
(305)-620-7090

- (4)- Naturist Action  
Committee/Education Foundation  
(512)-282-6621

[www.naturistaction.org](http://www.naturistaction.org)

[www.naturisteducation.org](http://www.naturisteducation.org)

- (5)- Wreck Beach Preservation Society

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### ISSUES TO WATCH THIS WINTER:

- DREDGING OF MARSHES BEHIND WRECK BEACH BREAKWATER
- RESA MEETINGS AND DECISION-MAKING OF VIA THAT WILL IMPACT WRECK BEACH.
- EXPERIENCE THE FRASER CHALLENGES.
- TERMINAL 2 PROJECT CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT DEADLINES.
- COAL, JET FUEL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS GOODS TRANSPORT VIA SHIP UP THE FRASER AND ALONG OUR COASTLINE.
- VOLUNTEER TO HELP CARRY EVERYTHING UP AND DOWN THE STAIRS AT THE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER AND TO HELP DURING THE PARTY. WE NEED ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION AS WELL.

### Sat. and Sun., July 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> -THIRD INTERNATIONAL Two-Day NUDE ART SHOW

-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BUNS RUN ON AUGUST 16- IF WE DO NOT GET COMMITMENTS BEFORE SUMMER, THEN WE MAY WELL HAVE TO CANCEL THE EVENT: 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN. CALL 604-856-9598 OR 604-308-6336 TO VOLUNTEER!! [judyw@direct.ca](mailto:judyw@direct.ca)

### HOMELESS BENEFIT CONCERT, OCT. 2 FEATURING TWO CHOIRS

Our next Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir concert, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm is a joint benefit concert featuring two choirs. VWMC will be joined by the New Zealand National Male Choir at St. Andrew's Wesley United Church on the corner of Burrard/Nelson streets in Vancouver. (The Church seats 1,400). Net ticket proceeds will benefit the First United Church (corner of Gore and East Hastings) to aid in their ministry to the homeless. More than 500 individuals use their facilities every day, many of whom are struggling with mental illness, addiction, extreme poverty, homelessness and other challenges. The church provides 60 shelter beds, 189 units of affordable housing, 2500 meals per week plus numerous programs to support the physical, social and spiritual well-being of marginalized adults. Concert tickets are \$25 and \$10 for students, available online (no fees) at [www.vwmc.ca](http://www.vwmc.ca) or from choir members or by phone 604 878 1190. Tickets are also available at most United Church offices around the Lower Mainland. Bare Buns Team Organizer, Arthur Gee, Baritone