

# SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am jumping back into the Association – having previously served in almost all Director roles within the past 10 or so years. I also volunteer for the ‘Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue – Station 12’ as a crew member.

My background can be summarized as; military (7 years), software developer (30 years) and business owner. I currently spend my time moving a couple of projects forward; real estate investment for rental income, and a tourism operation. I get to these things when I am not looking after my two teenage girls.

My wife and I have lived in Sandy Hook for about 13 years.

It is my hope that the Sandy Hook Community Association continues to be a robust advocate for the community by; having a large membership, and a representative Board that is well connected with the community.

Peter Harvey, B.Sc.



## HIDDEN GROVE



### The Backstory by Michael Davidson

This is a story in two parts. When Gertrude Pacific and I bought our house on Skookumchuk in 1993, one of the big selling points was the public forest in the back. No one seemed to know the status of the land. Gertrude was horrified to discover that it was crown forest land which Interfor planned to clear cut in the near future. Spurred into action, she began a furious effort to have the 55-acre section protected for recreation. She was soon joined by many in the community who successfully fought a campaign to have it designated as an “Interpretive Forest Recreation Reserve” by the Ministry of Forests in 1994.

---

The second part of the story begins with a local resident sounding the 'logging alarm' by stringing survey tape along the part of Inlet Road that borders what became known as the Hidden Grove in 2000. Its protection took far longer but with Bob D'Arcy helping to spearhead the battle along with countless others from the community, progress began in 2006 when the Community Forest took over Interfor's tenure and put a moratorium on logging. The full history, including lots of photographs and news clippings, can be found on the Hidden Groves website --

[secheltgroves.com/history.html](http://secheltgroves.com/history.html)

Current projects include the new interpretive signage along Monty's Way provided by the Community Forest and the continuing trail upgrading by the Trailbuilders, a volunteer group who are responsible for building and maintaining the 16 km of trails.

The Sechelt Groves Society depends on membership numbers for it's strength in defending and developing the Hidden Groves. It's only \$10, so please consider joining if you [and your dog] are regular visitors --  
[www.secheltgroves.com/join.html](http://www.secheltgroves.com/join.html)

---

## FEATURED NEW NEIGHBOURS



### Q&A with the Bol Family

Let's welcome Floria, Mario and their family to Sandy Hook. They moved here from Hawaii this year and have settled in nicely, becoming friendly faces in our neighbourhood.

#### What attracted you to the Coast and Sandy Hook?

Driving all over BC and came upon the town of Sechelt, eventually finding the Sandy Hook area. We absolutely loved the scenery and decided that this was the place for us.

#### What have you enjoyed most about the Coast? Any favourite spots?

We love the Coast scenery and the outdoor activities available throughout the year. We really haven't decided on a favorite spot as of yet, but we do love the Sechelt waterfront.

#### What are you looking forward to doing here?

We look forward to raising our family, meeting new people, and experiencing the Sunshine Coast lifestyle.

#### Any memorable experiences?

Our most memorable experience happened just a couple of weeks ago. Our 3-year old Australian Shepherd got loose and ran off into the woods behind the house chasing after a large black bear! It was pitch black outside and you couldn't see your hand in front of your face! Mario went searching for him in the truck, and luckily, after half an hour, he came back home unscathed! What a lucky dog!

## EVENTS

### **Christmas Carol at Tot Park**

Join us for our annual Christmas Carol on *December 22nd*. Bring your family and friends.

#### ***Recital of French and English Carols:***

5:45pm

5925 Skookumchuk Rd

#### ***Caroling + Hot Chocolate + Cookies:***

6:30pm

Tot Park (Deerhorn & Skook. corner)

### **Meet & Greet Potluck**

Come meet your neighbours and chat with the SHCA Board on *February 3rd*. All Sandy Hook residents are welcome.

Bring a dish to share.

Beverages will be provided by SHCA.

6 PM Onwards

5818 Skookumchuk Rd

## **SHCA Board**

### ***President***

Peter Harvey

### ***Interim Secretary***

Jennifer Garden

### ***Directors***

Kara McDougall

Flavio Ishii

Bruce Woodburn

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

[info@sandyhookca.org](mailto:info@sandyhookca.org)