

Pacific Ramblings Newsletter

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Message from your President - Bill Fernihough

We are looking forward to a very useful meeting this month with a discussion from the White Rock RCMP about senior driving. Thanks to Wayne for a great program.

June will be the start of our Pacific branch summer fun with the usual picnic and Bocce Ball "world championships" at the Semiahmoo fish and game club .

Reports are that the next ramble cruise has over 165 participants and is very close to 90 cabins booked (be the 90th cabin booked and win the prize of ship board credit and Speciality Dinner for Two).

See you all soon.

Upcoming Events

June Ramble - June 11. The June Ramble will be a visit to the Historic Stewart Farm House in the Elgin Heritage Park at 13723 Crescent Road, South Surrey. This popular venue can only accommodate our group for an 11:30 A.M. tour due to a school group visiting earlier. **We will still meet at 10 A.M.** at the parking area for a pleasant stroll around this picturesque park prior to our tour at 11:30 A.M.

Following the approximate one hour tour, lunch will be at the Town Hall Public House Pub at 3140 King George Blvd (@ 32nd Ave), South Surrey. Roy is back from his travels, so if you have any questions, please contact Roy at 604-574-0282 or email royc46@shaw.ca.

June Bowling - There will be no bowling in June. If you have any questions, please call Marilynne Hedley 604 590 5594 or Velma Derksen at 778 593 0077.

June Pot Luck Picnic - June 27 - at the lower grounds of the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club facility on 184th Street, Surrey.

The bocce tournament usually begins sometime before 11 AM and Velma would like folks there to sign up by 10:30 so that the bocce can get started and not hold up the lunch.

Bring a dish to share and your own plates and cutlery. Coffee will be provided, but if you wish to have something else, feel free to bring it.

Contact persons for the picnic and bocce tournament are Velma Derksen (778 593 0077), Ruth Norrie (604 597 4707), or Marilynne Hedley (604 590 5594).

September Ramble - September 10

Lorne Nelson and Roy Charlesworth have arranged a visit to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classic Chinese Gardens and Chinatown Tour in Vancouver, followed by lunch in Chinatown.

Lorne's Daughter-in-law (Claire) is a guide there and will provide us with the tour of these areas, and will also recommend a suitable restaurant (non dim sum) for us.

The group will meet at the Skytrain 'Stadium Station' downtown for the short walk to the gardens at 578 Carrall St, 30-mins prior to the start of the tour (tour time to be announced). The admission for seniors is \$11 and the guided tour is complimentary.

This has become a very popular venue (schools/ cruise excursion) and therefore it is important for Claire to have an idea of the extent of interest for this Ramble as early as possible. If you are interested in attending this ramble, please contact Roy **now** at 604-574-0282 or email royc46@shaw.ca.

Care News - Wilson Martinow is back at home now after his stay at Laurel

Place. For all those unwell, we miss you and our thoughts are with you. Please contact Esther Excelby at 604-507-0230 or by email jexcelby30@gmail.com.

Member Profile - Ben Dobranowski

Ben joined BC Hydro in 1974, and retired 37 years later in 2011. He started in the Transmission Design department as an EIT and went on to gain experience in several departments; Structural design, geotechnical, administrative. Ben says he had a satisfying, rewarding career working with many great Hydro people expanding the transmission grid in BC.

Ben joined the Power Pioneers in 2017 after he went on the California Dreamin' Jamboree cruise. He chose the Pacific Branch at the persistence of our president Bill Fernihough

Ben has enjoyed all of the Pacific branch activities he has attended, and wants to thank Wayne McLeod for getting him involved so quickly with the Power Pioneers. He really enjoys attending events where he is able to take photos, which is one of his hobbies even though he thinks he might be a nuisance sometimes taking photos and asking people to stop and hold that pose.

His favourite memory so far is the California Dreamin' Jamboree Cruise and working with Wayne McLeod and Wayne Carlow doing the photo slideshow. He met lots of new people and got reacquainted with people he worked with over the years.

Ben has always been interested in photography and carries a camera with him on all his trips. After he retired, he took several on-line courses and continues to read how-to books to try and improve.

In addition to taking Power Pioneer photos, he also takes photos for Canadian Blood

Services and the Crohn's & Colitis organization at some of their yearly events.

Ben manages the Pacific branch SmugMug site as well as maintaining Pacific branch Events and News on the Power Pioneers website.

Ben also enjoys Geocaching and says the rambles provide a way of finding more geo caches.

Royal Columbia Hospital Donation Update

The Royal Columbian Hospital folks were able to purchase 3 Lifepak 15 Monitors from the donations they received. Zahra Stark, Manager of Annual Giving, Royal Columbian Hospital Foundations says "Thank you so much for your generosity. We are so grateful for your support."

Here are some photos of the new Monitors on location at the Royal Columbian Hospital.



Recent Activities

May Ramble - Bear Creek Park



[Click here to see more pictures of the ramble and lunch.](#)

**Remember, if you
lose a sock in the
dryer, it comes
back as a
Tupperware lid
that doesn't fit any
of your containers.**

**Sixty might be
the new forty
but 9:00 is the
new midnight.**

Feedback

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