

BOARDWALK NEWS

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"Mayor" & Mrs. Harry Trotter

64 Years of Companionship

Harry and Margaret Trotter will never quit coming to Telegraph Cove. They have been returning for years, ever since 1979. Harry discovered this area long before it became popular. Harry was a west coast logger who worked in the woods on the coast; his camp was at nearby Pott's Lagoon. He stopped in to see what the Cove was like while he was fishing the local waters. That was when he first met Gordie Graham and his family; the Graham's were in the early stages of developing the land and properties of the present day Telegraph Cove Resorts. Harry thought this place

would be a swell spot to bring his wife Margaret for a holiday and once they arrived with their truck and camper Margaret was "hooked" on it too. Not just because of the beauty of the surroundings and the quaintness of the tiny village boardwalk, oh no, this couple and their family loved to fish and hunt. What better place to come from early May to October; they would fish for the abundant coho and spring salmon all summer long, then can the fish at their campsite. They always have enough for themselves and the family to last the winter. Harry liked to boast about Telegraph Cove and all the good fishing it had to offer and he encouraged others to come out to see for themselves.

Harry and Margaret know this area very well. Margaret's father was involved in the engineering and construction of the Port Hardy Airport runway during World War II. In 1942, during the war, Harry would take "logger's leave", when it was available with the army, and he could take a break from the hostilities.

That is how he got his early start in logging, when he came to the North Island to work in the woods. Back in those days, the only way to travel to the island wilderness was to take the Union Steamship passage from Vancouver to

Menzies Bay and then on further north to Port Hardy, a trip that would take several days.

Harry gives Margaret all the credit; she is the one who can out fish him.

Margaret baits their hooks, sets the lines and, between the two of them, "four-to-one she is the best fisherman".

Our "Mayor" and his good wife have returned to Telegraph Cove for twenty-four years because of the close companionship and lifelong friendships they have made with so many of the campers and fishermen who also like to return every season. They come back because of the special welcome they feel when the campers reach the Cove and the Grahams and their hardworking Resort staff members are there to greet them with a warm hello and a helping hand.

Why is Harry the mayor? After all the devotion and promotion that he has shown towards Telegraph Cove throughout the years, we think he deserves this title. Thanks, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter!

The Whale Bones Collector

Jim Borrowman and his wife Mary own and operate Stubbs Island Whale Watching, BC's first whale watching company. Taking people out on the water to view the Orca in the wild has always been more of a passion than a job and it was natural that Jim's love for the whales and the environment in which they live would spill over into his unconventional hobby of collecting marine mammal skeletons.

The collection boasts over thirty different marine mammal skeletons, several terrestrial mammal skeletons and too many individual bones to count. On July 1, 2002, the Whale Interpretive Centre



Preparing the fin whale for display

opened its doors in Telegraph Cove, which is now the home for this amazing collection. Until the Centre opened, the bones were spread from one end of Telegraph Cove to the other. On the roof of the woodshed, the Stubbs office, the freight shed, the boardwalk and yes Jim and Mary's home. You will find jars of ear bones and teeth in the pantry, dolphin parts in the freezer, jawbones and vertebrae in the living room. Does Jim's wife share in his unique hobby? Absolutely!

During a wildlife tour in May 1999 and again on a fishing expedition two weeks later, Jim and Mary saw a fin whale feeding just outside Telegraph Cove. This caused great excitement; as such large cetaceans are not common in the Johnstone Strait area. This was the first sighting of a fin whale in probably twenty-five years. Several days later the cruise ship 'Galaxy' arrived in Vancouver harbour with a fin whale wrapped over its bulbous bow. The couple was sure that this was 'their' fin whale and phone calls were made to the appropriate government officials with the message, "That is our fin whale and we would like it back in Telegraph Cove!"

Unknown to Jim, Mary called the marine mammal scientists at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo with her ideas and plans were set into motion. Permits were granted to be the 'legal guardians', the Coast Guard offered assistance to pull the whale out of the 'graveyard', and the tugboat 'Yucata Spirit', owned by Cachelot Towing, generously stood by to tow the whale from Boundary Bay to Telegraph Cove. On July 1, 1999 over breakfast, Mary asked her husband, "Would you still like the fin whale?" and Jim answered, "Oh gosh yes." Her reply was, "Let's get the skiff and go out front because 'Finny' has arrived home!"

Jim and Mary are dedicated to responsible wildlife viewing with true educational merit. When the 'bones collection' was first started, the whole concept was to educate the public about

the diversity of marine mammals that inhabit the Johnstone Strait and Blackfish Archipelago areas. There is no value to the collection if the public cannot learn more about the species themselves and the conservation issues that threaten their survival.

The Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretive Centre Society applied for federal Habitat Stewardship funding in 2002 and received seed money to start the Whale Interpretive Centre. During the 2002 season the 'freight shed' was cleaned and three articulated skeletons were hung. The two university students that were hired articulated six small marine mammal skeletons. Over this past winter, Gordie Graham, owner of Telegraph Cove Resort, built a 2,000 square foot addition to house 'Finny' who is 57 feet in length. With this new addition, the goal for the summer is to



Drilling a piece of 'Finny' vertebrae

have the skull and spinal column articulated and hanging. The Whale Interpretive Centre is a non-profit society and this year is totally dependant on the generosity of the public to keep its doors open. Financial support, in-kind donations, and marine mammal artifacts are gratefully accepted. Tax receipts can be issued upon request.

Eagle's Eye View

The Eagle

Alfred Tennyson

He clasps the crag
with crooked hands;

Close to the sun in
lonely lands,

Ring'd with the azure
world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea
beneath him crawls;

He watches from his
mountain walls,

And like a
thunderbolt, he falls.



Fun Facts

- 1. The bald eagle is not really bald; it actually has white feathers on its head, neck, and tail. Bald is a derivation of balde, an Old English word meaning white. The eagle was named for its white feathers instead for a lack of feathers.
- 2. Bald eagles may use the same nest year after year; adding more twigs and branches each time. One nest was found that had been used for 34 years and weighed over two tons!
- 3. The bald eagle can fly 20 to 40 mph in normal flight and can dive at speeds over 100 mph.
- 4. Bald eagles can actually swim! They use an overhand movement of the wings that is very much like the butterfly stroke.

Weather

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BALLOON	FUNNEL	SHOWER
BAROMETER	HAIL	SLEET
BLIZZARD	HIGH	SNOW
CIRRUS	HOT	SPRINKLE
CLEAR	HURRICANE	SQUALL
CLOUD	ICE	STORM
COLD	LIGHTNING	STRATUS
DEW	LOW	SUNNY
DRY	MAP	THERMOMETER
FLOOD	METEOROLOGY	THUNDER
FOG	MILD	TORNADO
FORECAST	MOISTURE	TYPHOON
FREEZING	PRESSURE	WARNING
FRONT	RAIN	WATCH
FROST	SEASONS	WET

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The Killer Whale Café Notice Board

Monday / Wednesday / Saturday

5 - 8 pm

Salmon B-B-Q

Friday

6 - 9 pm

Prime Rib Dinner

Where does this door take you?

Can you discover which boardwalk cabin this doorknob will open?



Fishing rule #1: The least experienced fisherman always catches the biggest fish.

Fishing rule #2: The worse your line is tangled, the better is the fishing around you.

Fishing rule #3: Fishing will do a lot for a man but it won't make him truthful.