



March 2008

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Birch Bay Village Bulletin



Round 2!

On February 14th a follow-up session on the Birch Bay Point connector road was headed up by BBV Board President Valery Anderson, BBV Manager Ken Hoffer along with Whatcom County Executive, Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Director of Public Works, Frank Abart, and County Councilwoman Barbara Brenner. Info page 4.

POINTS OF INTEREST...



NOTE: Boats & Trailers- Please remember that boats and trailers must go through the visitor side when entering Birch Bay Village. This is so Security can check for current BBV decal's and keep the gate up for entry. Thank you!

ACC Meeting March 4th - Meets at the Clubhouse at 7 PM.

Security Committee & Court meets March 12th - at the clubhouse at 7 PM

BBV Kid's Activities "Game & Craft Days" March 13th. Full details on page 6.

BBV Social Club St. Patty's Day Dinner - March 15th. Make your reservations now! Call Jenny at 371-7682. Details see pages 1 and 2.

Pizza, Etc. - They're celebrating St. Patty's Day in style on March 16th at 5:30 PM! Check it all out on page 2.

OVER THE HORIZON: Mark your calendars

BBV Yacht Club Vessel Awareness Day- April 5th. Complete details on page 4.

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SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS:

Regular Meeting: The Social Club meets regularly at 1 PM on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Clubhouse. We are hoping to increase participation in the Social Club. We have sponsored some wonderful and well-received events this year. These functions are fun to organize, as well as to attend, and we urge you to join us as we plan for the future. Please attend our next meeting on March 10th. We welcome

men as well as women of all ages. The 2007/2008 Officers are: Co-chairs Jenny Taylor and Ted Provencher; Vice-president Priscilla Ott; Secretary Heather Perks; and Treasurer Carol Macmillan.

Breakfast: The next Social Breakfast in the clubhouse is March 1st. Please come and join us. Breakfast will be served from 8 am to 10 am. Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham,

muffins and fruit, coffee, tea and juice will be served and the cost to you is \$5.00 or \$2.50 for kids under 12.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: The Social Club is hosting a St. Patty's dinner with traditional corn beef, cabbage, bottled beer and all the other trimmings on March 15th at 6 pm at the Clubhouse. Dinner will cost \$13 for Social Club members and

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\$15 for non-members. Be sure to make your reservations for this Irish celebration. As space is always limited at the Clubhouse be sure to get your reservation in early by calling Jenny Taylor. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the office. Please make checks out to BBVSC. If beer isn't your drink of choice, you may BYOB.

Chick Flick: March 18th will be the next Chick Flick. Come join us for ladies night out at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. Watch the reader board for the name of the movie. Your admission to the movie is an item for the Blaine Food Bank. Bring a comfy chair and your favorite beverage. Popcorn will be provided. See you at the movies.

Bunco: Our next Bunco night will be held Friday, March 28th, at 7:30 pm. Call Betty McKinney to make your

reservation. Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Coffee and tea will be served or BYOB. The cost is \$5.00 a person, and all the money collected will be given out as prizes.

Welcome Committee: If you are new to the Village and haven't been greeted by the Committee, please call Judy Lackey. Donations of new items to be used in the Welcome Baskets, such as individually wrapped teas, coffees, potpourri, wrapped candy, candles, small notebooks, pens/pencils, etc. are always needed and appreciated.

Helping Hands: We have a terrific pool of volunteers who are available to provide temporary assistance to those in the village who are sick, recovering from surgery, have lost a loved one or otherwise need help. Services include providing food or meals, running

errands, picking up medicine, helping with children, making emergency repairs, temporary yard work, driving people to doctor appointments, etc. We have created a list of medical equipment that will be available for short-term use, such as walkers, wheel chairs, crutches, canes, an adult portable potty-chair, etc. We would like to add some names of young mothers to our list of volunteers in case children are involved. Please call DeeDee Ross.

Commemorative Bricks: There are still spaces available in our "Walk of Fame." If you would like to add your name, or the name of a loved one, to this memory sidewalk, please contact Sandra Bogen.

Food Bank: If you are interest in donating non-perishable items to the Blaine Food Bank,

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VILLAGE QUILTERS GROUP

The Birch Bay Quilters meets on the 2nd Friday and the 4th Thursday of each month. The Friday group meets from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Thursday group from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All meetings are at the BBV Clubhouse. Questions call Betty or Joan.

PIZZA, ETC

The next Pizza. Etc. event will be held Monday, March 17th, at 5:30 pm at the BBV clubhouse. It will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Corned beef will be provided along with potatoes, cabbage and beer, thanks to several volunteers. Everyone else may bring a salad or dessert to share, along with the \$2.00 donation toward the corn beef. We plan to play various card and/or dice games following dinner for those who wish to participate. Bring a friend or neighbor. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Judy Sullivan.

BBV EXERCISE GROUP

The Exercise Group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. We begin with low-impact aerobics/dancercise, and move into a session of free weights and stretching. Anyone is welcome to take part in this free fitness activity. For information, call Janet Sharp.

**Join in the Fun with the Social Club's St. Patty's Day Dinner -
Saturday, March 15th at 6 PM at the BBV Clubhouse**

Members: \$13 Non-Members: \$15 Make your reservations now!!!

BBV WINE TASTING CLUB:

Friday March 21st is the date of the next BBV Wine Club event. This month we will be tasting Zinfandel wine from California. Although Zinfandel is grown in many parts of the world, it is best known for its success in America, particularly in California. Zin, as it is affectionately known, is a bold red wine with flavors of blackberries and black cherries which goes well with bold flavored foods such as grilled stakes and BBQ ribs.



The next tasting will be at the Club House on Friday March 21st at 7:00 PM. Make your reservation by March 16th by either e-mailing Jim Macmillan at jim.macmillan@uni.edu or by calling (360) 371-2933. Your early reservation will help us know how much wine we need to buy. Last month we had 52 people in attendance. Could we go over 60 this month? I hope so!

The cost will be \$20/per taster. Bring 6 glasses for the tasting and an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. With bold flavors of Zin you can pull out the stops on you appetizer!

The Rhone tasting in February was, well, outstanding. There wasn't a bad one in the bunch. Here are the results of the six wines in the blind tasting. These wines were purchased locally so if you missed the tasting you can probably find them to try.

1. 2005	Kermit Lynch	\$14.90
2. 2005	Domaine La Garrique, Vacqueyras, France	\$19.60
3. 2005	Domaine Chaume-Arnaud, Vinsobres, France	\$16.90
4. 2005	Chapoutier, France	\$10.00
5. 2005	Amoux & Fils, "Vieux Clocher", Gigondas, France	\$18.60
6. 2005	St. Cosme, "Les Deux Albions", France	\$16.90

Comcast has changed their Web Page system so I have not been able to update the tasting schedule. I now have a new web page for the wine group at :

<http://macmillan.jamesg.googlepages.com/home>

It is not a great page but it has the schedule and the master wine tasting list. As I get adventuresome I will add new things to the page.

Coffees On! - Come join us for rolls, muffins and a starter cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. We meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the clubhouse. However, we do not meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. Info - call MICK BRIDE.



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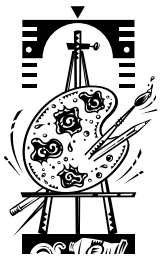
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BRIDGE CLUB:

Practice Bridge: We will be having Practice Bridge every Wednesday starting at 11 am. Starting at 10:30 am, any new-comer, or those who have not played for a long time can come to a beginners session. Any questions, please call Dorothy at 371-5540.

Duplicate Bridge: March, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and 30th at 1:00 pm. NEVER PLAYED? TRY IT! It's a fun 3 hours. Love to see you!

Bridge Luncheon: Thursday, March 6th at 11:30 am at the BBV clubhouse. Novices & newcomers to the Village are welcome. For reservations call Sue Knowlton.



ART GROUP:

The Art Group meets every Tuesday from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the clubhouse. We would love to have new members join us. If you are interested in joining our group, please call Joanne Besas or Pebble Griffin.

FROM THE OFFICE

From the BBV Board President

The Meetings with Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive, and Frank Abart, Whatcom County Director of Public Works, concerning the Birch Point Road Curve were successful. Whatcom County will keep Birch Bay Village informed of prospective changes. If anyone is interested in transcripts of either meeting they are available at the BBV Office.

The BBV Open Forum on February 6, was successful. The Board would like to have an Open Forum for BBV quarterly).

From BBV Manager

Board of Director's Statements of Candidacy are being accepted until March 15th, 2008. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors now's your chance.

There have been some changes done to the Architectural, General, and Marina Rules & Regulations. The changes will be in your June packet, and you can pick up updated copies of the rules at the BBVCC Office.

Also, if you or any Member you know is interested in being on a BBVCC Committee the Office is always accepting resumes.

YACHT CLUB NEWS

Spring General Meeting- The Birch Bay Village Yacht Club held its semi-annual luncheon and general meeting Saturday, February 23rd at the clubhouse. The bridge announced the creation of a committee tasked with clarification of the requirements of membership. The committee will present potential changes to the bylaws before the fall general meeting, in time for the membership to vote on the clarifying changes. The membership voted to table business regarding an Honorary Membership in favor of waiting for recommendations from the membership committee.



Following the meeting, Rear Commodore Wayne McFee presented an anchoring technique and ground tackle seminar. Wayne has cruised along both coasts and Mexico anchoring often. The discussion included types of anchors, the behavior of different types of road (all chain vs. rope/chain combination vs. all rope), and how to prepare for rough weather anchoring.

Recycling Used Electronics - The Birch Bay Village Yacht Club has teamed with the Semiahmoo Yacht Club to provide recycling of used printer cartridges, old cell phones, and calculators. The proceeds will go to help the Blaine Sea Scouts maintain their sailboat. Recycling box located in BBV office.

Vessel Safety Awareness Day - The Birch Bay Village Yacht Club is again sponsoring Vessel Safety Awareness Day with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on the morning of April 5th. Auxiliary members will inspect vessels for compliance with Coast Guard and Washington State safety rules. Yacht club members or Birch Bay Village residents who wish to have their boat inspected should contact a member of the Auxiliary or a yacht club bridge member for an appointment.



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you may leave your donations in the special box in the library. Check the monthly BBV Bulletin calendar for times the clubhouse will be open.

Valentines Day Pot Luck Dinner: A Heart Warming success thanks to Betty McKinney and her decorating staff. Forty-five Village residents attended and had a wonderful Valentine's Party. Thanks to all who attended and all who helped.

6th Annual Fun Run/Walk: This annual event will be held on May 17th at the Clubhouse, come rain or shine. There will be T-shirts this year to commemorate this event. There will be four events: Kid's 1 Mile (10 and under); 1 Mile Walk/Run (11 and older); 4 Mile Walk/Run; and a 10K Walk/Run. Each course is marked by color and maps will be available on race day. You can walk, run, bike, jog, however, no skate boards. The entry fee is \$12.00 prior to race day or \$15.00 on race day. The entry fee entitles you to a T-shirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and very limited 3XL) proclaiming the event. Entry forms will be available in the office mid-March. Please drop your entry forms and fees in the special box at the office. Make checks out to BBV Social Club. Your pre-paid T-shirt will be delivered to you prior to race day. If you want to order just a shirt only, please fill out the entry form and put "SHIRT ONLY" on the form. So get out those walking/running shoes and get in shape for this fun Village event.

SAFETY TIP: Remember when you are out walking/running/jogging, etc - use the left side of the road facing traffic.

BIRCH BAY KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 13th at Beach Basket Yarns from 10 am to 2 pm. Coffee and dessert furnished. Bring a sandwich. Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome. If you are a beginner we will be glad to help you get started.

ADULT POKER NIGHT



Enjoy an evening of Texas Hold'Em and meet some new friends. Beginners are welcome. Our group meets at the BBV Clubhouse every second and fourth Sunday evening from 6 - 9:00 pm. For more information

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March 15th 4:30 - 7 PM

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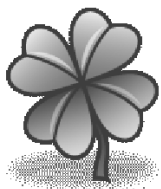
Games and Crafts Drop-In ~ Second Thursday every month. A BIG thank you to everyone who came out for games and crafts on Valentine's Day and to the Moms who helped. Lots of fun was had with the craft; icing and decorating cookies, as well as playing with all the games and puzzles. When the weather had cleared a bit, everyone enjoyed the lawn behind the clubhouse to play on.

Our next game and craft drop-in will be on Thursday, March 13th from 3-6 pm. We will have a St. Patrick's Day themed craft. Board games, puzzles, cards and video games for all ages are available. Feel free to bring your own games; pokeman cards, heroclix, etc. All ages are welcome, however very young children should have a caregiver present.

If anyone would like to help with the Kids Activities, please give Heather Rossfeld a call. This could be great for a teen who's looking for a project or volunteer service.

March 19th meeting with the Blaine School Superintendent on buses in BBV

On Wednesday, February 19th, 2008 at 7:00 pm there will be a meeting at the BBV Clubhouse with Ron Spanjer, Blaine School District Superintendent, concerning School Buses coming into BBV. So, this is a great opportunity for you to come and give your input!



St. Patty's Day Dinner

March 15th -- 6 PM
at the BBV Clubhouse
Members \$13 Non Members \$15
Reservations call Jenny at 371-7682

GOLF COMMITTEE

Our weather has been downright balmy of late (if you consider the high-50's balmy) and as the golf course begins to dry out, staff has been spotted mowing, blowing and working on projects about the course. Can spring and the official start of the 2008 BBV golf season be far away?



Many familiar and several new faces have been spotted out testing the course with each passing day. We hope more of the BBV community joins in on the fun this year. Plan to participate in our fun, social golf activities, like the ever-popular Friday Night Couples and the annual fund raising tournament and dinner/auction events. For the avid golfer, there are organized Men's Golf Club and Friday Ladies Golf Club programs. A full slate of course and club tournaments will round out the coming golf season. Don't forget, too, that your BBV golf course is a great asset for all to enjoy, so start planning your family, friends and company golf tournaments and outings now.

The Golf Committee will hold its first meeting of the 2008 season on Thursday, April 10 at 2:00 PM in the Golf Shop. All committee members should plan to attend this meeting. Officers will be elected and golf course needs for the coming year and beyond will be discussed. The Committee meets, thereafter, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, same time, same place.

See you on the tee at BBV! – The Golf Committee

Check Out Our New Web Site!

For those who have missed it. Birch Bay Village has a new website with all the BBV Documents, ACC forms, BBV events, and the bulletin! Best of all, with new features such as forums for member communication, minutes, and agendas. So, come check us out and sign up for forum access. Make sure to read the welcome post on what is required for access.

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MOVING SALE: Solid Oak Round Table with 3 extension leaves & 6 chairs. Excellent condition \$200.; Also beige three piece living room set, large sofa, love seat and chair. Perfect condition. \$500 OBO. Call 939-3391 or 920-4407 and leave message. Items are in BBV and can be seen in the early evening.

BBV HOME FOR RENT: 8034 Skeena Way. Views of Gulf, San Juan Islands, Birch Bay & Orcas! 1600 sq/ft, 2 story home with warm cedar paneling and tongue-in-groove ceilings. 3 BDS, 1.75BA, W/D, and dishwasher, electric fireplace. Yard maintenance included. \$1500/month, For more info call 220-2714.

BBV HOME FOR RENT: 8129 Skeena Way. 3BD, 2BA with laundry area. W/D, stove/oven, refrigerator included. Generous storage areas. New paint, vinyl and carpet in this sweet 1050sq/ft chalet. No smoking, No pets, please. Lease Preferred. For more info call 220-2714.





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SECURITY REPORT

MONTH	DAY	YEAR	VIOLATION	SPEED	AREA	AMOUNT
1	3	8	Illegal Parking on Road		Kayak	Warning
1	6	8	Barking Dog		Kispiox	Warning
1	7	8	Broke Gate		BBV Front Gate	50
1	10	8	Ran Stop Sign		Skeena Way	50
1	23	8	Dog Not Contained/Leashed		Skeena	Warning
1	27	8	Excessive Noise From Heater		Tsawwassen	Warning
2	2	8	Speeding	25	Quinault	50
2	1	8	Barking Dog		Skeena	Warning
2	5	8	Ran Stop Sign		Nootka Lp/Cowichan	50
2	6	8	Illegal Parking		Salish Road	Warning
2	6	8	Ran Stop Sign		Nootka Lp/Cowichan	50
2	7	8	Illegal Parking		Salish Road	Warning
2	10	8	Loud Music		Salish Lane	100
2	11	8	Parked on Road		Nakat Way	Warning
2	13	8	Remove Unlicensed Vehicle		Kispiox	Warning
2	19	8	Discharge of Fireworks		Skeena Way	50

Security Committee - The Security Committee will meet for Court on March 12th. The Security Committee would like to remind drivers to be aware of "hidden driveways" in Birch Bay Village. Be alert and drive slower around curves and hills someone could be pulling out of their driveway!

Blockwatch Report - One car prowl to report on January 26th in the block of Quinault Road. A broken key was found in the ignition, but nothing was reported missing. Please remember to lock you cars! We're still looking for blockwatch volunteers. Call the office (371-7744) if you are interested. Sheriff deputy, Cliff Langley has been added to our network list. He reports that the Birch Bay area has an ongoing problem with car prowls, so please lock your car doors.

Attention Boat Owners

Please remember that boats and trailers must go through the visitor side when entering Birch Bay Village. This is so Security can check for current BBV decal's and keep the gate up for entry.

Pressure Washing on the Marina Docks



Maintenance will be pressure washing all the Marina Docks in March and April. Please remove any personal belongings from the docks or they will be removed by staff and placed in storage.

Car Safety Tip:

Keep your car doors and windows locked, no matter how short the distance or how "safe" the neighborhood.



March 2008

Security Gate: **371-7644**

Birch Bay Village Community Club Office Phone: **(360) 371-7744**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Teen Club	3 Exercise Group 9-10:15 AM Tap Dance 10:30 - 11:30 AM Board Of Directors Special Mtg 6 PM	4 Early Bird Coffee 8-10 AM Art Group 12:30 - 3:30 PM ACC Meeting 7 PM	5 Exercise 9 - 10:15 AM Practice Bridge 11 AM Dup Bridge 1 - 4 PM	6 Early Bird Coffee 8-10 AM Bridge Luncheon 11:30	7 Exercise Group 9-10:15 AM	8
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