

**MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 328<sup>th</sup> Edition – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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**Teslin River, from the Bridge at Johnson’s Crossing.**

Teslin River facing south. January 26. Temp plus 2C.

Photo courtesy Grant Lundy [waterquality.klondiker.com](http://waterquality.klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)



500 yds. upstream from the S.S. Klondike, yes on the **Yukon River, in Whitehorse**, across from the “Loop” walkway along Robert Service Way. The man made “Eagles Nest” is 500 yds. to the right. January 26. Temp plus 2C.

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**Nares Lake and Nares Mountain Jan 1, 2011**  
Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard [emillard@northwestel.net](mailto:emillard@northwestel.net) (In Carcross)



**Bennett from the footbridge Jan 1, 2011**  
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**Bennett from the footbridge Jan 1, 2011**

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## **The Riverboats Burn**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

The Yukon lost a little bit of its soul. That's the way a noted Yukon historian described the reaction on that Friday back in 1974, when the Whitehorse and the Casca were reduced to ashes.

Two grand old veterans of the riverboat days stood side by side where they were built in the shipyards overlooking the Yukon River. They had stood there since the early '50s, when their days as the workhorses of the Yukon came to an end. The Whitehorse was built here in 1901.

For years, local historians had called for action to ensure the safety of the wooden boats. A committee headed by Rolf Hougen was able to get government support to repaint the boats, put new decking in place and install a fence to keep out intruders. But trespassers were still able to dig under the fence and use the cabins on the boats as a temporary shelter.

At 10pm on Friday, June 21, 1974, smoke was seen billowing from one of the boats. The fire department raced the three blocks to the scene. But the dry wooden ships were now engulfed in flames. Smoke rose 100 feet into the air within minutes. The heat in the area was intense.

The fire-fighters sprayed thousands of gallons onto the burning pyre, but they knew it was far too late to save these priceless relics of a glorious past. Within hours, the Whitehorse and the Casca were reduced to a pile of crumpled steel. Barely a trace of the wooden slats and beams were left.

Hundreds of city residents stood by watching the devastation. Many held back tears. Many more could not.

What caused the tragedy? Well, shortly after the fire call went out, the police helped three young men from Ontario off the Casca where they had been living for a week. They were taken into custody and questioned before being released. No charges were laid.



Burning riverboats, June 21, 1974  
Sternwheelers Casca and Whitehorse  
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen

The deaths of the Whitehorse and Casca meant that only three of those wonderful sternwheelers were still standing in decent shape in the Yukon. The Klondike in Whitehorse, the Keno in Dawson and the Tutshi in Carcross. In 1991, the Tutshi, which had been partially restored but had no sprinkler system on board, was set ablaze in Carcross. Its fate mirrored that of the Whitehorse and the Casca. Now only two boats from the remarkable fleet of 25 remain. Their value cannot be calculated in dollars.

## **YUKON QUEST**

Will be interesting to read what will happen to Yukon Quest this year, with some open water on the Yukon River. (See open water photo on page one of this edition.)

Yukon Quest starts Saturday February 5, 2011 from Whitehorse.

For more information see: <http://www.yukonquest.com/>

– Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones*shaw.ca) (In Yuma)

## **MOCTEL 327**

Oh Sherron. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Les McLaughlin. I didn't know him well, but he was one of The Senior Boys that we somewhat younger girls admired:

he played on the basketball team, that sort of thing, while we pranced about on the sidelines as cheerleaders. He was definitely a major contributor to MT, and we all will miss him very much for that, as well as mourning the loss of a part of our youth.

Pat (Kaye) Barker [PatLBarker@sympatico.ca](mailto:PatLBarker@sympatico.ca)

Hi Sherron, thanks for the news, albeit sad this time, Les was a great friend to the Yukon, he even put a fund in place in memory of my good friend Mary-Ellen Whyard who also died of cancer many years earlier. I wonder if that fund is still going strong today ?

And all the best for the year with January already half over and keep up the great work remembering the Yukon, its activities and its residents, kind.

Regards, Maroesja van Oeveren [maroesjabigm@hotmail.com](mailto:maroesjabigm@hotmail.com) (In Amersfoort, The Netherlands)

Jeri & I were saddened to hear Les McLaughlin passed away on January 8th. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences to his children and all the family. We will remember him not only as a good friend but for his great dedication to preserving the stories of events of Yukoners and their history over many years. He was one fine gentleman.

Bill and Jeri

Sherron, thank you for the reply from Jim Thorsen on the ident for the 1967 photo. (Cpl Murray Harlton, RCAF) - Your Moctel at work!

All the best to you and Bill

Bill and Jeri Weigand [bweigand@shaw.ca](mailto:bweigand@shaw.ca) (In Steveston BC)

## MOCTEL 376

You were looking for identities of people in the photos.



Photo courtesy Bill & Jeri Weigand

This is Cpl. Murray Harlton who was in the RCAF in Whitehorse and is presently living in Red Deer Ab.

Jim Thoreson [jimthoreson@shaw.ca](mailto:jimthoreson@shaw.ca) (In Red Deer AB)

## **LES McLAUGHLIN FUND**

The LES McLaughlin Fund has been established in the Yukon Foundation. The family indicated their wishes which would see the proceeds each year distributed to persons pursuing studies in history or communications.

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Regards Rolf

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## **RADIO STATION CFWH (Canadian Forces Whitehorse)**

I thought you may be interested in a little history of CFWH (Canadian Forces Whitehorse) in the 1950's. The following is in my soon-to-be-published (I hope!) book, "The Yukon between the Gold Rush and the Highways".

My sister Roberta Cairns (nee Stevenson) was a volunteer at the station in 1956. Terry Delaney, whom we had known for some time, was a Staff Car driver for the Army and part of his job was to take the volunteers to the station. That is what got him interested in radio. Terry went on to become a very well known CBC Yukon broadcaster when the CBC took over the station. Les McLaughlin, who was still in his teens, had the shift after Roberta. As you know he too became a long time CBC employee. Another person Roberta remembers is Rod Faulkner (who played the bagpipes) who, she thinks, was attached to the CBC which was taking over the station about that time. Roberta

credits Doug Johns, who was in the Air Force and trained many of the volunteers, for keeping the totally volunteer station on the air.

Joann Robertson [joannr6\\*shaw.ca](mailto:joannr6*shaw.ca) (In Vancouver)

## **ASSUMPTIONS**

A few weeks ago, I agreed to dog and cat sit for Gillian Campbell and Ed Thompson from the 23rd to the 28th while they went on a gig in Yukon. In preparation, I was going over once a week, getting to know the walking routine and all the other details one needs when caring for 3 dogs and 3 cats.

Helen Munro mentioned that it was an odd time for them to be going, given that Rendezvous is in February but maybe dates got changed to accommodate some hockey event that is coming up.

Anyway, as I was leaving Thursday, I told Gillian I would be there at 8:30 am on Sunday. She smiled and asked, "When do you think we are leaving?" I replied, "Sunday the 23rd." "Oh no, dear, its February 23rd to 28th - Rendezvous!" We had a good laugh. I gave her back her key, for the month until I'll need it again.

Such problems arise from my being involved with all these Yukoners with recent, even current, Yukon experience. I was a kid when we left in 1956. Fortunately, most of their assumptions create only hilarious situations like this.

Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer [mainerml\\*shaw.ca](mailto:mainerml*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

## **RUSTY REID**



### **RUSTY'S FLAMING RED HAIR – January 22nd 2011**

How do you like my 'flaming red hair'? That's why they called me 'Rusty'. When I let my hair grow in and it was white, I just didn't feel like me so with the help of my hair dresser my hair is "Rusty" colour. I was a bit shocked at first and washed it twice and am getting used to it now. I wanted my hairdresser to give my hair a bit more colour in 3 different appointments spread out. I have until May before it got like this. However, she misunderstood and made my hair the colour 'Rusty' to match my name.

Here is the story of why I am doing this. There is a lady that has been working on a project for many years called 'FIFTY OVER FIFTY'. A few years ago she asked me if she could paint my portrait. I was the first one to have my portrait painted. I went out to her house near McCrae several times while she worked on the painting. We talk while she is painting and she gets the feel for the person's personality. When she finally finished doing mine, she asked me to suggest the name of another long time Yukoner over 50 that she could ask to do the next time. I suggested 'Florence Wright' my neighbour down at Army Beach, Marsh Lake. She was pleased that I had suggested her. When her portrait was finished she named the next person.

Step two: Last year a different lady phoned me & made an appointment to come to my house to interview me so she could make a few notes for the words that would be on the plaque underneath my portrait. She has her own style of what she wanted. It was to be a very brief history with just a few highlights of my life. She mixed this in with words describing my personality. She emailed it to me for any corrections. There were just tiny ones. She described me as having 'blue eyes and flaming red hair. I told her my hair was white now, but she said the portrait painting was many years ago and then it took a while to get around to this interview. She said my hair was redder back then.

The whole project will be shown at the Yukon Art Center sometime in May 2011. I thought I would start now and with the help of my hairdresser I am back to having Rusty coloured hair to match my name. It was a shock, but like I said, I am getting used to it and think I will keep it that way. I feel more like me.

Bye for now.

Rusty

Rusty Reid [rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com](mailto:rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com) (In Whitehorse)

## **ANYONE WISH TO SEND A MESSAGE TO: SYLVIA (BLOOMBERG) COOK**

Sylvia (Blomberg) Cook: Our Mom's 75th birthday is coming up on February 19th and I was wondering if anyone would like me to pass on a message to her. We are planning a party for her on Sat. Feb 19th in Whitehorse.

Please email me at [cookhart2001@yahoo.ca](mailto:cookhart2001@yahoo.ca) - thanks Barb Cook

### **Brief Note:**

Do enjoy the Telegraph even when I don't know the people. We were there from 1987 to 97. Yukon Electric and the Home Care program – the best 10 years of our lives. I should have included John's name – he died Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Marilyn Murray [murrayjm@shaw.ca](mailto:murrayjm@shaw.ca) (In Courtenay)

## **Uffish Thoughts: Reviving the Discovery Claim, part 2**

By Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

January 12, 2011

The new and improved site interpretation for the Discovery Claim wasn't quite ready for a grand opening last August when the participating organizations would like to have held it, so it was decided to wait until all the new signs could be in place and everything could be perfect. The new displays will be available all next summer, but the official opening is planned for Discovery Day 2011.

One of the perks of this hobby of mine is that I sometimes get a sneak peak at things so, on a really fine day last September 21, I joined Parks Canada's David Rohatensky and Paula Hassard, along with the Klondike Centennials Society's John Gould and Jon Magnusson, for a full tour of the new site.

We weren't the only people there. In the two hours we were on site at least half a dozen other people came and there were a couple of vehicles already there when we arrived. While people have been visiting this site almost since the time of the Gold Rush, there hasn't been much done to get beyond the stage of simply marking it with a plaque and mocking up some simple displays, which, as I mentioned last column, were pretty well shot by 2007. Interpretation of this site has been handled from Dredge #4, a bit closer to town, and there wasn't a lot to see here. This, thanks to the joint project by Parks and KCS, with some assistance from the City of Dawson and the Yukon government's Heritage Branch, will not longer be the case.

The completed Discovery Claim experience will be a self-guided tour. There will be a brochure/map showing all the spots along the route. It will be basically a paper version of the large kiosk display that will be at the beginning of the walk. Along the route there will be 11 nodes, or plaques, which will provide bilingual interpretations of the displays. These will include text and photographs and, in some cases, audio clips with commentary about the events.

"The first third of the trail is in many ways about the first meetings between the two cultures," said Paula Hassard.

One neat feature of the walk is the life sized two-dimensional metal silhouette style statues (rendered by Duncan's Limited from blow-ups of historical photos) showing people in working situations: a native hunter, happy miners rejoicing at a find, men digging, using pickaxes, etc. These were still looking a bit new when I saw them, but should be nicely weathered by next summer.

The beautifully landscaped trail (the work of Mike Crelli and the Klondike Active Trails group) takes one along a winding gravel path and over a small wooden bridge to Bonanza Creek, which ranges from being a raging torrent in the spring to a mild creek in the fall. On the far side one can see holes in the bank where eager gold seekers have tried to find their own motherlodes after some substantial nuggets were found near here just a few years ago.

In spite of the fact that the area is surrounded by mining activity and has been hand-mined and dredged itself, this peaceful little creek looks a lot like one imagines it might have been in 1896.

If one is so inclined there are a number of comfortable wooden benches scattered along the trail where one can take a breather, or sit in a sunbeam.

Carrying along past another bridge and more interpretive nodes you begin to move into a scaled down journey through the history of mining. There are windlass shafts and hillside drifts, a sluice, a rocker box, and worm-tail dredge tailings left over from the industrial period. A pint-sized cat has pushed up a pile of pay dirt, which looks ready to topple into a metal sluice on the other side a small hill. Bits of leftover mining equipment are scattered about the site.

YTG's Sally Robinson says that a number of miners were consulted in deciding what needed to be seen. In particular she credits Roland Berglund, Stuart Schmidt and Marty Knutson with being very helpful, as well as members of the Fry family. The late Art Fry was a long time miner who owned the claim for many years.

"Art's major goal was to have something in place to teach young people about mining," Robinson said, "and that's why the loop at the end deals with placer mining techniques. There's no other place in town that does that.

"I think what's being done there fills a big gap in town."

Back in 1996 a number of monster dredge buckets with commemorative plaques were set up on the KCS claim next door and these form a kind of bridge from one claim to the next. The plaques recall the Discovery, a tribute to the miners, Klondike French-Canadians, and Art and Margaret Fry.

The displays have all been made by Jim Williams Construction, and are wooden representations of the actual tools and structures. Experienced miner John Gould, who worked with just about every type of placer mining during his long career, says there are a few changes that need to be made to be totally accurate, but he was still pleased to see a long standing dream come true. Gould and Magnusson have been nudging this project along since Gold Rush centennials planning first began in the early 1990s.



Near Discovery Claim, miners celebrate a fresh find.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Jon Magnusson at the Discovery Claim on Bonanza Creek.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



John Gould (left) and David Rohatensky (right) discuss the display plaques and dredge buckets along the trail.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



A statue of a miner swings a hammer outside a hillside drift.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Dave Rohatensky, Paula Hassard, John Gould and Jon Magnusson pose beside a rocker box while “miners” dig on the hill behind them.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **Fulda has Contestants Climbing a Rock Wall**

By Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

January 18, 2011

The Fulda SUV convoy had arrived in Dawson City by supper time on Tuesday and, after checking into hotels (for the officials, crew and media) and setting up tents (for the contestants) they had dinner at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall and then headed out to Crocus Bluff to climb the rock face.

At -38° C, with only a single large pillar of light to work from and a breeze filling the banners on the power poles, it cannot be said that climbing the snow dusted cliff beside the highway (a popular summer pastime here) looked at all inviting.

A crew member swarmed up the cliff first to test the difficulty and then the contestants gave it their all, one by one, in a race against a timing clock. They shed their outer parkas for maneuverability, grabbed a pair of climbing hooks and, at the signal, began to try and discern which of the sharp shadows before and above them were actually places where they could anchor themselves and make the climb.

The ascent was difficult, and several climbers were glad of the tether rope ready to break their falls when they missed a step or lost their balance.

On Wednesday morning the athletes will attempt a run up the Dome Road and the afternoon will see a helicopter drop, with some time after that for shopping and sight-seeing before the evening's steak barbecue at the Westminster Hotel.

On Thursday they will be off to the Dempster to run a half-marathon at Eagle Plains, weather permitting.



Fulda SUVs line the road beside Crocus Bluff  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



It's a difficult stretch while wearing warm weather gear.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Whoops.jpg – One climber takes the first of several short falls.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



This climber is almost to the top.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Fulda folk watch at the base as a climber begins.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



A crew member holds the tether line that makes the climb safe.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



Another view of a climber beginning the difficult crawl up the slope.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## TRAVELLING IN YUKON



### After the Rain

Photo courtesy Heinrich Lohmann [heinrich@lohmann.ca](mailto:heinrich@lohmann.ca) (In Airdrie AB)

## OBIT

Bill Horbach passed away November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Copper Ridge in Whitehorse.

*In Loving Memory of*



**Bill Horback**

February 10, 1923 - November 20, 2010

*All is Well*

Death is nothing at all:  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
I am I, and you are you,  
whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by my familiar name,  
speak to me in the same easy way which you always did,  
put no difference in your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow;  
laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effect,  
without the shadow of a ghost on it.  
Life means all that it ever meant  
it is the same as it ever was;  
there is absolutely no broken continuity.  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am just waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near, just around the corner.  
All is well.

Henry Scott Holland



Storage Shed  
General Store  
Whitehorse, Yukon

**- Notes From Family and Friends about Bill -**

*From the family down South:*

To Brother Bill, Which ever way you are going, I will join you soon. 'Good Luck' Brat Andreau

To Uncle Bill

When we think of you we are full of admiration. Despite the hardship and loss in your life you were able to continue to be happy, kind, gentle and jovial. We will miss you!  
Brian, Silke, Saleah, Elann

My uncle/friend is now gone but like harvested past gardens I will feed his memory through life thereafter. Those fortunate to have him pass through their lives will never forget his compassion for life and sense of humour. "That scoundrel" is my favourite. Rest in peace, uncle, you'll be in our hearts forever. Gordon Trenchie

My first memory of Bill is meeting him off a 1st Class train with buttons missing off his shirt. He was a big shambling bear of a man who always looked as if he needed a little bit of care and sorting. Sylvia, in England

*Likes:* billiards, photography, history, walking, trains, to joke, recite Robert Service poems, music & singing, search a word puzzles, the Yukon, Jeannie (very much!), England & Scotland, Whitehorse airport.  
*Dislikes:* beans, arrogance

**Special Thanks**

For the last seven days of Bill's life, eight of his close friends took turns sitting beside him throughout the day and night. It was one continuous and unbroken chain of love and support for Bill and a moving and loving experience for us all.  
Thank you.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

406 Steele Street, Whitehorse, Yukon

Thursday, November 25, 2010 at 2:00 pm

Father Jim Bleackley

**- Order of Service -**

Harp Music - *The River is Wide* - Bronn Journey

**Introductory Rites**

Gathering Song - *Amazing Grace* #713

**Opening Prayer**

**First Reading** - I Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18 - Truska Gorrell

*Psalm 23* - #488 in CBW111

**Gospel** - John 14: 1-6

**Homily**

**General Intercession**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn - *How Can I Keep From Singing* #721

**Lord's Prayer**

Communion Hymn - *Abide With Me* #873

**Eulogy** - Dennis Blaker

**Poem** - Jeannie MacCulloch

**Final Prayer**

Closing Song - *How Great Thou Art* #628

*Immediately following the service, all are invited to a reception downstairs in the CYO Hall.*

In lieu of flowers, the family wish donations to be made to the Yukon Hospital Foundation towards the purchase of an MRI machine. Cheques may be made out to:  
Yukon Hospital Foundation MRI Campaign  
#5 Hospital Road, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3H7  
or on line at yhf.ca

## **NEW ADDITIONS**

Would you please add us to the MocTel, and let me know if there is a fee.

Cheers  
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I'd like to receive the Moccasin Telegraph.  
My parents (Bob and Rusty) and I moved to Whitehorse in 1947. My dad bought the Whitehorse Star in 1963 and I worked there as a printer/pressman/everything from 1965 to 1989.  
What do I have to do to sign up with you? Who do I pay?  
Cheers.  
Paul Erlam [perlam\\*shaw.ca](mailto:perlam*shaw.ca) (In Whitehorse 1965-1989) Vancouver BC

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HILTON, Bryan & Sandra [willowjay\\*shaw.ca](mailto:willowjay*shaw.ca) (At Bear Creek 1950 - 1966) Ladysmith area

Please remove my name from the subscription list

Peter Martin  
MARTIN, Peter & Thelma [peter\\_martin\\*rogers.com](mailto:peter_martin*rogers.com) (Lived in Whitehorse 1948-55) Oshawa ON

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Listen better, judge less and forgive more." - Don Goewey*

## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

This is a recipe I should make more often than Christmas. These are crisp cookies that everyone loves. My aunt Ruth and uncle Ralph Rogers lived in Mayo in the 1930's working for the BYN.

Submitted by Dorothy J. Graham [dorothyg\\*dccnet.com](mailto:dorothyg*dccnet.com) (In Delta BC)

### **Swedish Overnight Cookies**

By Ruth Rogers

1/2 pound butter  
2 Tbls. Light Karo syrup (or corn syrup)  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 Tsp baking soda  
2-1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1/2 cup chopped nuts (pecan, walnut, hazel nuts etc.)

Cream butter, add sugar and syrup and beat until light, add dry ingredients; add chopped nuts and mix well.

Dump dough onto wax paper (or a cereal box liner\*) knead and form into one log pressing together firmly. Store overnight in fridge.

Slice thinly using a sharp carving knife.

Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees.

Cookies are crisp and taste great.

\*the bags inside cereal boxes are great and much stronger than wax paper; they can be used over and over for rolling pastry, cookies, etc. Just don't get them mixed up with baking parchment!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



**The Vancouver Yukoners' Association invites**  
Yukoners past and present to attend our 83rd Annual Banquet

Date: April 16, 2011

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Address: 8811 River Rd, Richmond BC – Free Parking

**Hotel reservations:**

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Ask for *Vancouver Yukoners'* rate

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Banquet Reception/Registration: Ballroom Foyer 5pm – 6pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Hospitality Suite: Open Friday evening and Saturday  
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(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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– Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw](mailto:sherronjones*shaw).

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