

## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 368<sup>th</sup> Edition – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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### **Myles Canyon**

Photo courtesy Heather Jones [hpj50@me.com](http://hpj50.me.com) (In Carcross)

## **YUKON NUGGET**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

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

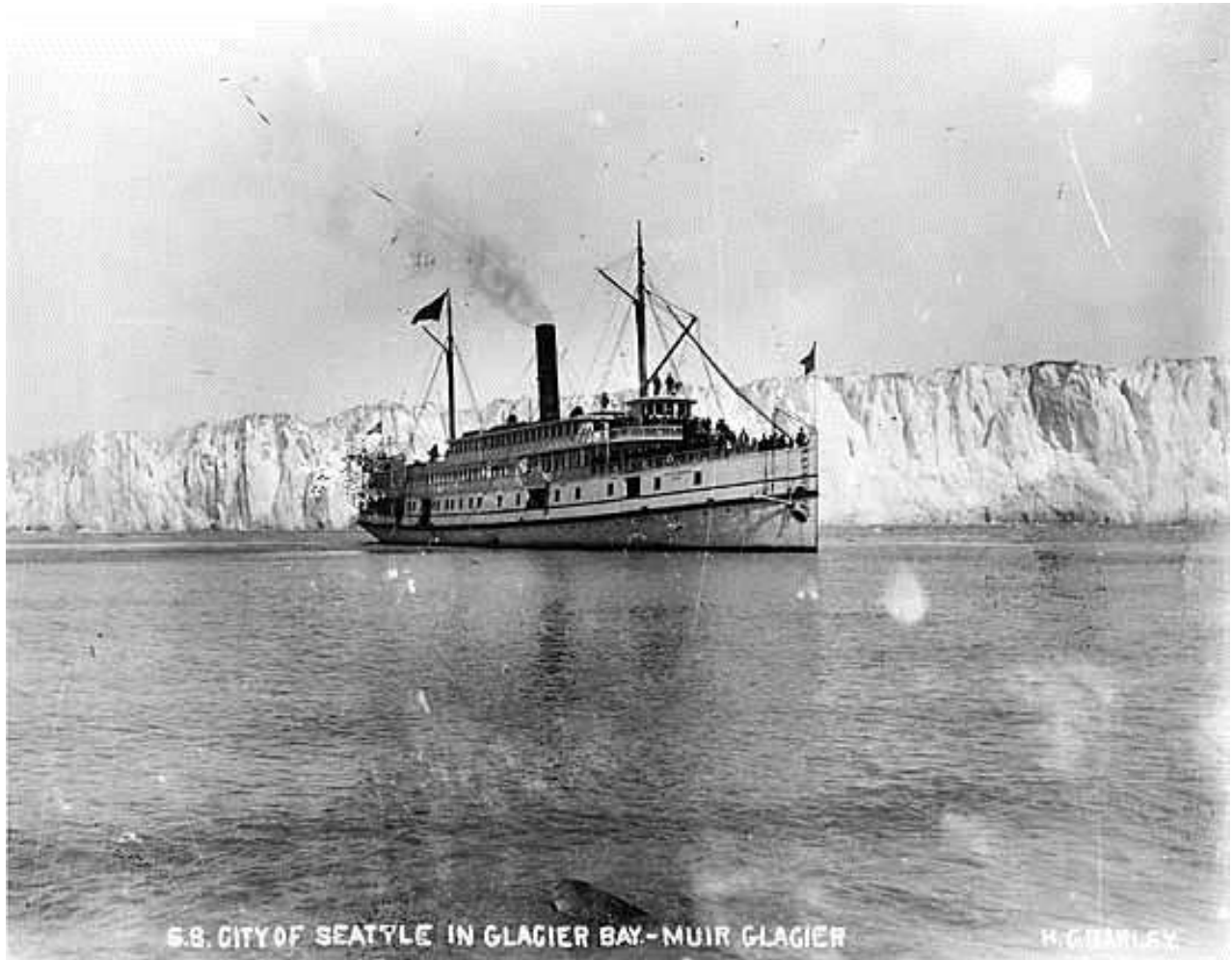
### **Glacier Bay**

Glacier Bay is aptly named because it is home to many northern glaciers. Icebergs, that calve off the glaciers, float elegantly but dangerously in the frigid crystal blue water.

Many Yukon boat owners have used the ports of Skagway and Haines to sail into and around Glacier Bay. They marvel at the breathtaking mountain backdrop where the snows, that are older than history, add to the glacier's ice cover before being dumped into the sea.

Here, along the 60-mile stretch of narrow fjords at the northern end of the Inside Passage, there are six tidewater glaciers.

Glacier Bay was first surveyed in detail in 1794 by a team from the H.M.S. Discovery, captained by George Vancouver. At the time, the survey showed a mere indentation in the shoreline. The largest glacier, the Grand Pacific, was more than 4,000 feet thick in places, up to 20 miles wide, and extended more than 100 miles to the St. Elias mountain range.



View of 'City of Seattle' in Glacier Bay with Muir Glacier in the background. Date: 1899.  
Yukon Archives. H.C. Barley fonds, #5138.

By 1879, American naturalist John Muir discovered that the ice had retreated more than 30 miles, forming an actual bay. By 1916, the Grand Pacific Glacier – the main glacier credited with carving the bay – had melted back 60 miles to the head of what is now Tarr Inlet. The most rapid glacial retreat ever recorded had occurred by 1916, when it was discovered that the ice had retreated 65 miles.

And that's where the Yukon comes into play. In the mid-'60s, prospector and developer Leo Proctor, on behalf of the Yukon Research and Development Institute, flew over the area taking pictures of Tarr Inlet. He then boldly declared that the glacier had receded so far that Tarr inlet was now in Canadian territory and that a Canadian port could and should be built there.

He showed that building a road, from the port along the Tatshenshini valley to the Haines Road, would be easy. The economic implications for Canada, and the Yukon having its own seaport,

were enormous, said Proctor. Well, nothing much came of the idea, and while the head of Tarr Inlet is sometimes in Canadian territory depending on what the glaciers are doing, it is unlikely a port will be built anytime soon.

In 1992 Glacier Bay became part of an international World Heritage Site, along with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Kluane National Park. The park features snow-capped mountain ranges rising more than 15,000 feet, coastal beaches with protected coves, deep fjords, twelve tidewater glaciers, fresh-water lakes, and many plant species.

But for now, it does not feature a Canadian deep water coastal port.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

## **DON MURRAY**

How sad to lose another from the ‘old gang’ of my Whitehorse days (1956-1959). Don was part of a regular bunch of us invariably having coke, chips and gravy at the Taku, especially after a day of curling. I know I have some photos of him from those days, with other familiar people, so will try to dig them up. Unfortunately, many of my old Whitehorse photos are missing; not quite sure what happened, but shall see what I can find for you. Sympathies to his family, and in fact to all, as he was clearly a ‘star’ among the organizers.

Best wishes to all; may 2013 be kind  
Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker@live.ca](mailto:patlbarker@live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)

I have since read Don Murray’s obituary and absolutely recognized this item:  
“Don always took the time to make those around him feel special and at ease. He was blessed with an infectious laugh, a mischievous sense of humour, and always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye.” Yes! That is what I recall, along with some equally mischievous dimples that punctuated the wit!

Cheers,  
Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker@live.ca](mailto:patlbarker@live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)



A large group of us had travelled to Dawson City for an Interschool bonspiel in early 1959: in the colour shot of the foursome, are L-R: Gary Fulcher (lead); myself Pat Kaye (second); Pat Robertson (third); Kenny Taylor, (skip).

Photo courtesy Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker@live.ca](mailto:patlbarker@live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)



In the outdoor colour shot, again taken in Dawson City 1959 --that gorgeous blue sky of the Northern Winters!--from L-R back row: Barb Norrington, Mike Hogan; Omar Peel (hiding); Mickey McAllister; Judy Lelievre (scarf); myself; Larry Farden ; from L-R front row, John Drayton; Pat Robertson

Photo courtesy Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker\\*live.ca](http://patlbarker*live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)



The third colour shot was taken at day's end, back in Whitehorse 1959, and in the Taku, of course. No record on the back of this photo, so here goes: from the left, with half of Doug Steele, we see Don Murray centre, then Ken Taylor foreground. In the back L-R are Gary Fulcher; unknown chap; unknown girl whom I should remember! Bonnie Romfo; Judy Lelievre; and Jim Reilly.

Photo courtesy Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker\\*live.ca](http://patlbarker*live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)



Taken on pretty much my farewell day in summer 1959, are Stew White and Don(nie) Murray--  
outside the Taku just as the sign says  
Photo courtesy Pat (Kaye) Barker [patlbarker@live.ca](mailto:patlbarker@live.ca) (In Grimsby Ont)

So sorry to hear about Don. Although we never hung out together, he is part of some of my earliest memories - a really nice person.  
Joy Denton [joydenton@hotmail.com](mailto:joydenton@hotmail.com) (In Whitehorse/Indio)

## MOCTEL 367 – MocTel 10 years old in February.

The “Interesting Notes” support the belief ‘Once a Yukoner, always a Yukoner’, for time alone is incapable of creating these steadfast bonds between people and land. Whether a year or fifty or more lived there, a deep abiding sense of knowing home is Yukon overlooks time’s count.

I was born in Dawson City, and I refer to myself as a Yukoner, for my heart continues to skip a beat when I see photos of this town, its surrounding hills, and its people, yet I have been Outside for some time.

Madeleine (Millen) Wakefield [mwakefield@shaw.ca](mailto:mwakefield@shaw.ca) (In Calgary)

Thank you for this MocTel, Sherron. Once again a very interesting read.

I sincerely hope Gus Barrett’s poems are being put into a book or have already been printed. They are beautiful and make me yearn for the Yukon.

Trudie [tagishtrudie@shaw.ca](mailto:tagishtrudie@shaw.ca)

Congratulations, 10 years is a long commitment to put into anything. You’ve done a wonderful service for Yukoners.

Rob Hopkins [radiorob@openbroadcaster.com](mailto:radiorob@openbroadcaster.com) (In Yukon)

## RCMP DOCUMENT

Hi Sherron

**We found the article on the patrol of Howard Cronkite very interesting.**

**Howard Cronkite was my uncle** he was married to my mother’s sister. He and **my father served in RNWMP at the same time in the Yukon.**

My father was posted to Whitehorse and then to Ross River.

Thanks again for the MT it is great.

Bill and Colleen Chapman

CHAPMAN, Bill & Colleen (CASSIDY) [cwchapman@tbwifi.ca](mailto:cwchapman@tbwifi.ca) (Born in Dawson 1937, high school in Mayo) Devon AB

Sorry for the confusion this is Bill writing. Howard Cronkite was my uncle.

**My father’s name was Charles Hathaway Chapman** but he was called Chappie. Never knew anyone to call him anything but that. I do not know much about Uncle Howard’s family so do not know a Miss Cronkite.

Dad had many very interesting stories about his time in the RNWMP. Too bad he never did write anything down.

Yes they were very dedicated men in the RNWMP as are the men and women of the RCMP today. I would like to see a copy of the report it should be very interesting.

Thanks again. Bill

Bill Chapman [cwchapman\\*tbwifi.ca](mailto:cwchapman*tbwifi.ca) (In Devon AB)

## **REMEMBERING CHAPPIE, THE DAY THE STERNWHEELERS BURNED IN WHITEHORSE AND THE SERVICE FOR DON MURRAY.**

*Since I enjoy connecting the dots, I wrote to Gillian to ask if this would be the same Chappie that was her landlord in the 1970's – Sherron*

I think it must be him. never knew anyone else called that name, nice chap we lived in his basement suite...for the Summer when I was in THE Frantic Follies.....and he is the one that called me up in the morning.. to tell me the Boats were on Fire..we all went down there... to the Ship Yard and everyone that I saw..was crying.....a sad Day...Hugs Gillian xo

P.S

WE were all at the VANCOUVER Club today.. for the “Celebration Of Life for Don Murray”. 72... he was born in White Horse.....he had a car accident.....sad day... the place was packed...they had a piper also the Border Officers' were the Honor Guard.. Very touching Ceremony..... It was also standing room only.

Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate\\*shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

## **RNWMP Patrol Story in Moccasin Telegraph**

Hello Sherron,

You must be a mind reader; I am at this moment copying this report to place in my Yukon files. To me it is a treasure that gives us a true reflection on the hazardous nature of a policeman's life in the frozen world of the Far North of Canada.

When we read stories of the dedication and experiences of the 'Mounties' in action they have probably been censored for obvious reasons.

Reading this report in the Moccasin Telegraph I felt as if I was travelling with Howard Cronkhite, it brought to our attention the depth of importance of food supplies, care of your dog team and equipment. The 'Mounties' are one of the most highly trained forces in the world but only experience can prepare you for the fight against the forces of nature. This report can quite easily be

attached to historic contributions from such Yukon pioneers as Charles Constantine and Sam Steele.

It was interesting to see that the records of RNWMP Patrols from 1904 to 1920 were destroyed by fire. Therefore in my opinion endorsing the importance of this report.

Thank you so much Sherron for your kind consideration, it is appreciated very much. I met several members of the force in my research days and am proud to have had that opportunity.

Weather as usual miserable but dry at the moment, the family are well but the grandchildren are not too keen on going back to schools tomorrow.

Dennis Eve [denmeve@btinternet.com](mailto:denmeve@btinternet.com) (In England)

## **GUS BARRETT'S POEMS**

Just want to mention that I get tears in my eyes every time I read Gus's poems, they are beautiful and he needs lots of praise from all of us in order to keep them coming, thanks Gus.  
Love Maroesja

Maroesja van Oeveren [maroesjabigm@hotmail.com](mailto:maroesjabigm@hotmail.com) (Presently In Canary Islands)

## **YUKONERS LUNCHEON PHOTO - Reunites old friends who had lost contact.**

Sherron, I sure enjoyed the last MocTel. I noticed a photo with the name of Frank Plementos. I don't see his address on the Yukoner's list – the most recent one I have is 2011. I've been trying to find an address and/or phone number for Francis (Fran) Plementos. I'm wondering if Frank is related. Could you pass my query on to Frank please? Francis and I were very good friends in high school. The funny thing is that around 6 years ago my sister in law from Fort St John was at Liard Hot springs and started chatting with Francis. Wendy mentioned my name and Francis just about fell over with surprise as she had been trying to locate me but didn't have my married name. Francis gave Wendy her phone number and address to give to me but Wendy lost it. So if Frank should know Francis perhaps he could hook us up.

Cheers,

Donna Clayson (nee Storing) [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

The photo Donna was referring to is below.

I contacted several in the photo for their help with this mystery. - Sherron Jones



Left – F to B: Frank Plementos, Lyn & Lowell Bleiler, Bryan Bjork  
Right – F to B: Bev Mason-Wood, Gunn & Kirk Yardley

Sherron, Frank lives in behind the scale house near Parkville. I have a number for him but it does not work anymore. I will try to locate him for Donna and let her know .I know he has a sister but don't remember her name. Frank calls from time to time but must have changed his #.

I went to school with Frank in Haines Junction in the early 60,s

Cheers Kirk.

Kirk Yardley [lkyardley@shaw.ca](mailto:lkyardley@shaw.ca) (In Chemainus BC)

*Thank you Kirk – nice to hear from you. Missed the picnic this past August as Bill had broken a rib or two and didn't want to travel.*

*Donna Clayson also went to school in Haines Junction and was Donna Storing at that time. Her father was Doug Storing. So I think we are on the right track, just need to find contact information for Francis if you make contact with Frank.*

*Just checked Canada 411 and found F. Plementos in BC at (250) 591-1213 is this the number you tried ?*

*Harvey Burian is in Parksville and would likely be game to follow up on your lead.*

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

SHERRON--your # was good, talked to Frank and he says Francis now lives near Vernon as Dave & Fran Drummond. Phone # 250-260-6224 or his cell 250-878 4394. Frank had moved back to Nanaimo hence new # 250-591-1213. Hope this helps Donna.  
Cheers Kirk

*Absolutely amazing. Thank you very much Kirk.  
I expect Donna will phone Fran and they can catch up on their lives.  
Just checked online and see they live in Coldstream which is where we live when we are home.  
Will wait to hear back from Donna next. I am so tempted to phone them, but should leave that to Donna. I have heard the name, but I may be confused with other times.  
Thanks again.  
Please say hi to your mom and your family. Still so surprised my cousins daughter and your daughter are good friends. (Kelly Exton Girdlestone.  
Sherron*

Great to hear that Kirk has talked to Frank and got the phone number for Fran. It's great to make contact with old friends after a long time. Enjoy your re-acquaintance, Donna!

Harvey Burian (In Parksville)

Hello everyone. Wow, can't believe this social network and how it works or worked. I chatted with Fran and somewhat caught up on 50 yrs of memories. We need many more hours on the telephone and, once Fran gets her e-mail figured out, then many more hours on that. Thank you to all for helping me connect with someone I haven't talked to in decades. Thank you for the MocTel in helping readers connect with long lost acquaintances. This is so exciting. Just a huge THANK YOU to everyone!

Cheers,  
Donna Clayson (nee Storing) [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

## **MocTel 367 - TEN YEARS!., IS IT ONLY TEN YEARS ?**

Ten years!!! Is it ONLY ten years? MocTel has been a part of our lives and somehow it seems like it has been with us for much more than ten years.

I really enjoyed reading the old Mountie report from 1925 and remembering the kind of weather and temperatures he talked about. They really don't often get low temperatures like that anymore – and I don't suppose anyone would want them back either. I believe Dawson City has hit a couple of really cold days during the past month – did I understand that it was –49C recently? If so, that's reaching down to –56 F. (the old scale I'm so much more familiar with) ...and that's a cold, reminiscent of the bad old days.

The months of January-February 1955 were memorably cold in Mayo. Not record lows – but close. This was my first winter in the Yukon and I loved it – as only a silly 16-year old wanna-be-macho male could love such extremes. Cold was just another challenge to be met head on. I occasionally share some of my 'cold' stories but I don't think that friends and relatives who weren't there...can ever believe these tales to be anything more than wild exaggeration. That winter was a long cold one and I cannot claim that I experienced the –80F, shown in that famous Gordon McIntyre picture, but at one point Mayo dropped to –76F. ..hey, that's close enough!

It was 60-70 below zero for most of February and keeping the woodpile stocked was becoming a real challenge. I used an old chainsaw to buck up some nice, dry 8 foot poles, into stove lengths. Keeping the saw running wasn't the problem. It was almost impossible to keep oil flowing along the arbor for lubricating the chain and there was a very real risk of burning out the chain itself. So we would cut for a few minutes, until things began to seize up and then bring the chainsaw back into the house and set it right on top of the stove for a few minutes. The trick was to know when to pull the saw off the stove – or risk a cheery gasoline fire. It seemed everyone had to do this sort of thing...and I never knew of a fire as a result.

If that's not scary enough, I recall several instances when my dad would bring in from our garage (which was every bit as cold as the great outdoors) an open tin can of gasoline and set it on the stove to heat it enough so that would begin to vaporize and then take this nice warm gas out to pour directly down the carburettor in order to start this old truck. There were some wonderful explosions backfiring out of the carburettor when the vehicle did finally start...but I shudder now when I think of warming a tin of open gasoline on a stovetop!

At a certain temperature gasoline just doesn't ignite – I can remember one very cold day, dropping a lighted match into a can of gas ...and the match went out!

We had to haul our water from the Mayo River, a couple of miles out of town. So it was a weekly chore to throw the 45-gallon drum onto the back of our Fargo pickup and head out to Mayo River Bridge. We used Blazo cans with a wire handle, to fill to barrel from the swift-moving river and in winter months any spillage froze on our clothing almost instantly. In the really cold spells, we had to repeatedly chop open a hole to draw our water and I remember the buckets of water looking the colour of skim milk as soon as we poured them into the barrel...the water was beginning to freeze even before it hit the bottom of the barrel.

Hardships like these are almost unimaginable today, but there was a sort of 'siege mentality' at that time. We were all in the same situation. Few people had running water – there was no such thing as central heating. There was, of course, no such thing as television and radio listening was always after dark and then subject to serious fading. Before CBC Northern Service began in 1958, it was impossible to listen to a Canadian station and the radio of choice might originate somewhere in California. Moscow Radio was loud and clear, which was no accident during the Cold War. It

must sound primitive by today's standards but such was the way of life for all of us, if you lived in Mayo in 1955.

And I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Ted North [ttnorth@telus.net](mailto:ttnorth@telus.net) (In Nanaimo)

## DAISY NORDLING

Here are some photos from November. Daisy still has lots of friends in Dawson!  
Daisy Nordling recently celebrated her 90th birthday in Vancouver. A party at Kitsilano Rec Centre was held in the afternoon of Nov.23rd for her senior friends and family members. Later there was a drop-in open house at Daisy's local coffee shop, Arbutus Coffee, which she visits daily. Many friends from all walks of life dropped in to visit, eat cake and present Daisy with gifts and a tiara!

Debbie Winston [juba@northwestel.net](mailto:juba@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)







Daisy Nordling – 90 years young

Photos are Daisy with two granddaughters at Kits Rec Centre, blowing out candles, breakfast at the Sylvia hotel with her friend Lily and her two sons Ralph and Alan, and with her grandchildren Monica and Axel Nordling.

### **Remember Bud Fisher?**

**Bud Fisher was a great Yukon Ambassador.**



**Bud Fisher**

As many know, the late Bud Fisher had worked for the Yukon's department of travel and publicity and was very effective as a symbol of colourful Yukon history — a very special ambassador to be sure.

Bud Fisher arrived in the Yukon in 1929 from Pennsylvania, US.

He passed away at the age of 92 in 1992.

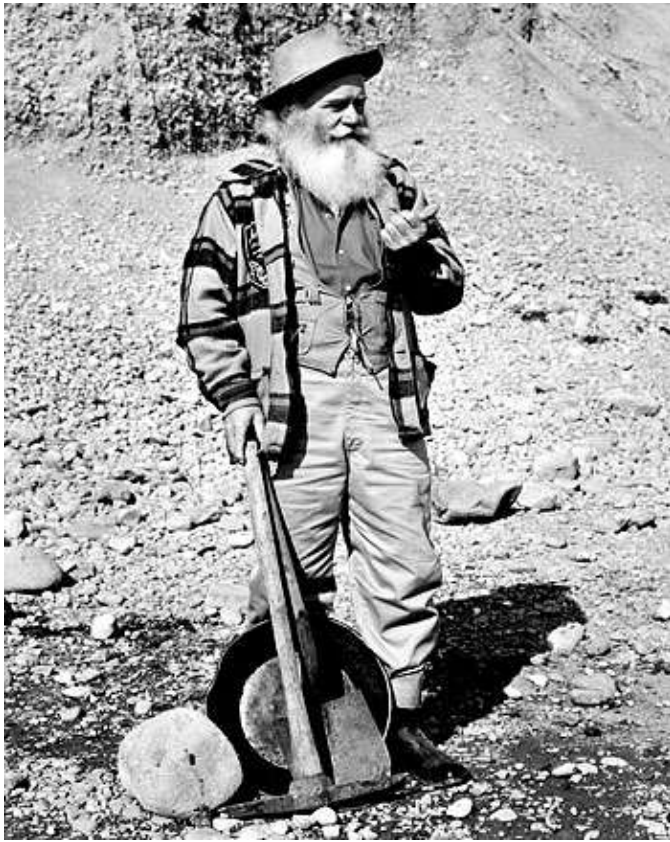
As part of his colourful life he became the Yukon ambassador who travelled North America, even to England.

He dressed and played the role of a Yukon prospector and told stories, about the way it was back in those days, which lured many tourists.

He did more for the Yukon than anyone to date.

Bud still has one son, Clifford E. Fisher (Kip), and I believe four sisters, several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren still in the Yukon — a very respected, hard working family.

The Yukon should be proud.



**Bud Fisher**

**The picture below is of HBC store manager V.A. Flexhaug presenting Bud with a HBC coat 1965.**



*S/M V. A. Flexhaug of Whitehorse presents  
Yukon "Bud" Fisher with H B C coat*

**Bud Fisher material is part mine, part Yukon News.  
The picture of Bud and the HBC Mgr is mine out of a HBC staff magazine.**

Alistair McGregor [mmac1952@telus.net](mailto:mmac1952@telus.net) (In Vernon BC)

## **DONATIONS FOR VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET**

If anyone would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, either goods or services, to contact Judy Leahy at [jaleahy@telus.net](mailto:jaleahy@telus.net) or 604-560-3871.

Judy Leahy  
Director  
Vancouver Yukoners Association

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Michael Cooper**

Thanks for the Moc Tels, as you can see. I'm still catching up as I have to go to the internet café in town, a 10 minute drive from the campground. Perhaps you could mention the passing on Jan. the 10<sup>th</sup> in Nanaimo, of one of my good and long-time friends who spent the last years of his life in Nanoose Bay, Michael Cooper, a geologist in Whitehorse in the 60's, together with Bill Good, I believe his partner's name was. Thank you for posting this information, he left behind two sons, Michael Jr. and Ian and 4 grandchildren.

Kind regards from sunny Tenerife, Maroesja van Oeveren

Just thought I'd mention that along with the information regarding Michael Cooper's passing, he and his future wife, Celine, a stewardess at the time, I believe, met at our parents' house on Koidern Road in Riverdale.

Kind regards, Maroesja

Maroesja van Oeveren [maroesjabigm@hotmail.com](mailto:maroesjabigm@hotmail.com) (Presently in Canary Islands)

### **Pioneer historian Iris Warner dies at 86**

Jan 14 2013

Michael Gates ©

Well-known Yukon historian Iris Warner passed away on Salt Spring Island on Friday January 11. She was a member of the first generation of Yukon history champions, along with such notable individuals as Alan Innes-Taylor, William MacBride and Flo Whyard.

Iris first came to the Yukon with her husband Al, an aviation mechanic, in 1959. They lived, at various times, in Atlin, Carcross, Inuvik and Dawson City, before settling in Whitehorse. It was in Dawson City that she first distinguished herself in the heritage field. She became actively involved with the Dawson Museum Society, which was recovering from the setback caused when their collection, which was displayed, ironically, in the old fire hall on Front Street, burned to the ground in 1960.

Iris embarked on a campaign to gather a new collection for the museum, with the assistance of such people as Fred Berger and Joe Langevin, and the museum reopened in the Old Territorial Administration Building in 1962. She also continued to curate for the museum until the family moved to Whitehorse. While with the museum society, she was involved in the acquisition of several historic buildings that were later turned over to Parks Canada.



Iris Warner (1979)

Photo courtesy Kathy Jones-Gates (In Whitehorse)

When she arrived in the Yukon, she quickly established herself in the newspaper business, and her writing on Yukon history frequently appeared as articles or items in special issues in the Yukon News, the Whitehorse Star and the Klondike Sun. Notable among these was a series of articles on the North West Mounted Police and a history of the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

During this period she was a regular contributor to magazines such as BC Outdoors, Alaska, and North. She published jointly, or on her own, several small books, including "*A Boater's Guide to the Upper Yukon*," "*Old Crow – Perimeter of Paradise*," and "*Herschel Island*."

While Iris was a member of the board of the MacBride Museum Society in the early 1970s, she was an advocate for establishing a territory-wide heritage organization. She was a founding member of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association in 1977. Iris was awarded the Yukon Heritage Award for 1979 by the Dawson City Museum.

She was working on a book about Yukon Roads at the time, which she hoped to have finished by the end of the year. "But I said that last year," she quipped. The unpublished manuscript remains

in the Yukon Archives. When Iris and Al retired to family property on Salt Spring Island in 1981, she left behind much of her body of work, which is also held in the Yukon Archives.

Diane Chisholm, former Territorial Archivist, remembered arriving in Whitehorse to start work in the newly established Yukon Archives. She knew little about the Yukon's past at that time, and Iris took her under her wing and introduced her to the amazing diversity of Yukon history. Chisholm remembers Iris as an eclectic reservoir of historical data, who took her on many adventures on the back roads of the Yukon and in the back room of the Archives.

Palma Berger of Dawson City remembers her as warm, welcoming and friendly – interested in many things, especially history. Her enthusiasm propelled her through her many research journeys and her diverse writing about Yukon history.

Her husband Al passed away in 1997. Iris Warner is survived by sons Marc and Alan, grandchildren Lorne and Sally (Tom) and great grandson Levi.

Sherron did you know this, that Al Kulan was buried in Vernon, BC  
Interesting that Al Kulan had a Vernon connection.

Alistair McGregor [mmac1952@telus.net](mailto:mmac1952@telus.net) (In Vernon BC)



Al Kulan & Jim Smith

**The Whitehorse Star, Wednesday, September 14, 1977**

**ROSS RIVER “IN SHOCK”**

By Star Staff

Ross River is “in shock” as a result of the point-blank gun slaying Monday night of prominent Yukon mining man Al Kulan.

“Literally, the whole town is in shock,” a Ross River resident who wishes to remain anonymous told the Star.

John “Jack” Rolls Sr., 57, was officially charged with first degree murder yesterday in Whitehorse as a result of the incident. After spending the night in the Ross River jail, the owner of the Timberline Trading Post was flown to Whitehorse for the court appearance. Rolls was remanded over until next Wednesday Sept. 21 for a show-cause hearing.

Kulan was sitting with associates at a table in the bar of the Welcome Inn around 9:30 p.m. Monday when a man came in the door. He simply walked over to Kulan, pointed a 357 Magnum pistol at his head and fired at point blank range.

“He just walked over to him and blew him away.” the Star was told.

“The bar just went completely quiet. Then Kulan slumped over and blood started pouring out.

The gunman walked up to the bar, set the pistol down and told the barmaid:  
“There. Now call the RCMP.”

He then picked up a drink he had bought earlier and began to finish it.

“Then everybody started sliding out (of the bar).”

Within minutes, Kulan and the gunman were the only two bodies in the room.  
Rolls was arrested shortly afterwards.

The gunman had apparently been seen in the bar earlier that evening - coming in the door then leaving quickly, on two or three occasions.

Several witnesses were severely shaken up by the incident. Many in the bar knew him and some of his closer friends are reported as being “very seriously upset”.

The town’s only bar has been closed until Friday.

Kulan was described by close friends as an extremely pleasant and easy-going man with a tremendous amount of endurance and drive and a thin sense of humour.

He was in the area searching for semi-precious stones, an interest he had taken up in the past few years since becoming a millionaire as a result of his co-discovery of the Anvil ore body, which is currently being mined by Cyprus Anvil Mining Corp.

Other than mining, Kulan is remembered for owning at one time the only Rolls Royce car in the territory, and for his "castle" built in the early sixties for \$130,000 in Ross River.

He and his family left their home of many years in Ross River earlier this year to take up residence in Vernon B.C.

Kulan 55, is survived by his wife Wynne, sons Barry 26 and Brian 17, and daughter Beverley, 14. His body will be cremated Friday at a private funeral ceremony in Vernon.

There will be a memorial service in Ross River next Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The family requests that donations be made to cancer research in lieu of flowers.

Kulan's death is the second sudden passing of a co-discoverer of the Anvil ore body, Dr. Aro E. Abo died earlier this year in a tractor accident at his farm.

## **NEW ADDITONS**

Hi Sherron.

What do I need to do to join Moccasin Telegraph.

We all appreciate your continued energy.

I used to get your blogs. I am sister to Heather, Archie and Danny Lang. I am 'Best friend' to Joy Denton.

Thank you

Mary Lang [marylang@shaw.ca](mailto:marylang@shaw.ca) (In Whitehorse)

I live in Calgary Sherron. I go up north at least annually.

I keep in touch with several classmates regularly. Carol Munroe and I worked together. Julie Trueman, Joy Denton, Cathy Dugas, Maureen O'Connor,.....

Fond memories.

I would like to know where Linda Fortin is. She may be in Calgary too.

I was pleased to read Paula White's comments.

Still trying to gather the time and resources to attend Yukoners this spring. Will have to do that soon as the deadline is looming.

Mary Lang

I would like to begin receiving the Moccasin Telegraph.

Thank you in advance,

Helmer Hermanson [hhermanson@klondiker.com](mailto:hhermanson@klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron and thanks for your prompt reply. I will give you a brief profile for both myself and my wife Helen. You and your husband are correct in that Helen (nee Tuton) is the mother of Craig Tuton and Ian Tuton. She came to the Yukon in 1953 from Scotland, with her first husband and the boys. She worked in the ladies wear business for a number of years, Town Toggery and then for NC Co. She and I subsequently opened our own store Chez Helene Fashions. She has been retired for about 25+ years.

I came to the Yukon 1955/56 working for Canadian Pacific Airlines and over a period of 10 years worked for them in Whitehorse and Grande Prairie finally settling in Yukon. I have 3 grown daughters Patricia, Susan, Jane. Helen and I have between us numerous grand children, great grandchildren and one great great.

After a brief stint in general aviation and charter air I joined the RCMP and served in Whitehorse for 22 years when I retired in 1994. Since then I have worked for YTG Parks a number of seasons. Have served on various YTG boards. Currently Pres. RCMP Veterans Assn, Yukon Division and member of Royal Canadian Legion & YOOP.

Helen and I enjoy spending a good portion of the winter in various southern climates and the remainder in Whitehorse. We previously lived at Judas Creek and at Tagish for 13 years before moving back to Whitehorse.

Now as to the financial part, where can I send a check to and is there any other registration required?

Again thanks for info and look forward to the newsletters.

Regards

Helmer Hermanson [hhermanson@klondiker.com](mailto:hhermanson@klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*What you risk reveals what you value.*

*Jeanette Winterson*

## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

### **Salmon Casserole**

1 tin corn

1 tin salmon  
8 soda crackers  
¾ c milk  
1 tsp salt  
1/8 tsp soda

Combine all ingredients except a few cracker crumbs. Place in buttered dish and sprinkle with crumbs and dot with butter. Bake in moderate oven 25 minutes.

Pat Creamer  
(The Star Cook Book – Dawson YT 1942 – for the benefit of the War Work)  
Courtesy Bonnie Vars [dvars@shaw.ca](mailto:dvars@shaw.ca) Calgary)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



# **Vancouver Yukoners' Association 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**



**April 13, 2013**

**River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom  
8811 River Rd, Richmond BC  
Free Parking in Casino Parkade**

**Hotel reservations**

**Telephone: 604-247-8900 or toll free 1-866-748-3718**

**Ask for *Vancouver Yukoners'* rate**

Book by Jan 31, 2013 to get the “early bird” rate  
Two Queen Room \$145.00 & 1 King Bed Room \$155.00  
One Bedroom Suite \$179.00 & 2 Bedroom Suite \$229.00

Special rates extend 3 days pre- and post-banquet based on availability  
**IMPORTANT – Rates and Availability will change after Feb 1, 2013**

**Banquet Reception: Ballroom Foyer No-Host Bar 5pm – 6pm  
Welcome followed by Dinner: 6:15 pm**

**Hospitality Room: Open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon**  
**Note: Pick up tickets in Hospitality Room**

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**Phone: 250-383-1349**

**\$58.00 per person with cheque payable in advance to  
*Vancouver Yukoners' Association***

(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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– Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca)

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