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First Place - Team Alaska - Snow Sculpture – Rendezvous 2014
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YUKON NUGGET

A Klondike Sun article by Dan Davidson August 15, 2003

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

A Tribute to Dawson's Namesake George Mercer Dawson

There have been many plaques erected around Dawson City of the last 30 years, but it has taken until this June for there to finally be a plaque in honour of Dawson's namesake, George Mercer Dawson.

This oversight was finally corrected through a generous donation by the Hougen family of Whitehorse and the efforts of the Klondyke Centennial Society, which laid the groundwork for this memorial when it established the Joseph Ladue plaque in 2002.

According to Jon Magnusson of the KCS, Rolf Hougen came to him with a proposal to erect a \$10,000 bronze bust of Dawson.

As Hougen tells it, Magnusson had a counter proposal, a substantially cheaper memorial which would be a match for the Ladue plaque already erected on a large rock atop the

dyke, at the high end of the flowered walkway known locally as Norm's Hump (after the superintendent of public works who commissioned it).

"I agreed with them," Hougen said in a telephone interview some weeks later. "I thought it was a great idea." It also cost a bit less, probably around \$4,000 when all the bills are in, though that was not an issue.



Margaret Hougen in front of the Dawson plaque located on the dike along the Yukon River.

The monument reads that it is placed in memory of Berent Hougen, one of the legions of gold seekers who lived in Dawson in the early years of the 20th century, but Rolf Hougen says there's more to it than that.

"That's true, yes, but we've had an association with Dawson for 50 some years. We've often gone to Dawson City and I've always loved it there.

"It's the reason the Yukon exists, you might say. I've always had a special place for Dawson in my heart."

What of Berent Hougen?

"My father, as a young sailor, ended up in Dawson City. Not at the gold rush, but in 1906. He spent three years there before migrating on to Alaska."

Rolf Hougen himself recalls many of the colourful characters, such as Black Mike, who used to enchant visitors to the Klondike. He recalls being on the dredges himself when they were in operation.

George Mercer Dawson was a most unusual man. Stricken with Pott's disease when just a boy, he scarcely grew taller after that and was left with a humpback created by a deformed spine. For some time after the illness he was confined to a wheelchair, but he refused to accept that fate, and set himself a tough life. He studied geology at McGill University and in England and was, by age 24, a member of the North America Boundary Commission, traipsing the woods to help define the line between Canada and the USA along the 49th parallel.

In 1875 he joined the Geological Survey of Canada and in 1887 he led a seven month reconnaissance of the land around all the Yukon's major rivers, including in his studies the Stikine, Dease, Liard, Frances, Pelly and, of course, the Yukon.

Dawson's report on the Yukon, in particular, was much in demand during the 1890's and on into the Gold Rush years. In "The Little Giant", biographer Joyce Barkhouse writes that he was often called "Klondyke Dawson".

"Oddly enough, he was then sitting in his office in Ottawa, but it became known to the thousands of prospectors that his were the only maps available for the region. To possess a copy was thought to be the magic charm for 'hitting it rich'." (Barkhouse, foreword)

Dawson lived only to the age of 51, but by then his name was splattered all over western Canada.

When Joe Ladue was trying to establish the townsite that would become Dawson City, he needed a surveyor. That man was William Ogilvie, who had accompanied Dawson as his surveyor in 1887. His fee for doing Ladue's survey was simple; he asked that the town be named after his boss, George Dawson. If Barkhouse has it right, it would have been Dawson himself who added the little dot with its name to the official maps of the Territory a few weeks later.

Yukon MEC Dirt Search Contest

WE DID IT!!

What happens when you combine mountain bikers, a First Nation, dedicated youth trail builders, generous local businesses, a proud Territory, and supporters from across North America? \$12,000 and a surprise ending, apparently!!

Proving that we can achieve great things when we join together, the Yukon has won the western division of MEC's Dirt Search contest, receiving more votes than the serious

southern heavyweights we were up against. It was a close finish, and we can assure you that EVERY last one of your votes really made this seemingly "impossible" goal possible!

As if the \$10,000 MEC prize wasn't enough, CMBC received over 3 times the 2000 votes it needed to realize the full \$1 per vote (up to \$2000) pledge that Yukon Energy Corporation made early into the competition!

Thanks to all of you, youth trail builders will be out in full force this summer in Carcross. We are so excited for them and this amazing opportunity. Together we're going to do great things, Yukon.



Whitehorse musher Hans Gatt drives his team off the Yukon River into the village of Kaltag during the 2014 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race last Saturday. **Hans Gatt finished the 1,000-mile race, in ninth place. Tagish musher Michelle Phillips placed 20th.**
BOB HALLINEN / Anchorage Daily News

Dawson City Golf Course Aims to Go Solar Powered

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

January 7, 2014

It's been a challenge, but the Dawson Golf Association (DGA) has managed to keep the town's golf course running in the black since the town acquired the facility from the

family of the late Bill Hakonson and concluded a deal with the non-profit association to run the place.

The town allocates a portion of its budget to help cover costs at the golf course, but that doesn't mean that the DGA doesn't need other funding, In November of last year the association discovered that it needed a bit more help after some money that had been promised in corporate sponsorships fell through due to what president Carrie Docken politely describes as the result of "recent developments in the exploration industry (changing) the landscape."

The amount in question was between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and was needed in order to match the funds required to obtain two Community Development Fund (CDF) grants for new equipment.

"This application," Docken explained in a letter to council," is for the purchase and installation of a solar-power battery system, with generator backup for a total of \$59,891.75. The single biggest operating cost of the golf course and clubhouse currently is the diesel generator the facilities are powered by. In 2013 the diesel costs were \$19,088 for the four-month season. The CDF grant will significantly reduce the ongoing operating costs and increase the viability and sustainability of the golf course."

The DGA has already had good fortune with CDF grants, using just over \$90,000 to replace a variety of aging equipment needed to operate the course, including "a greens mower, a deck mower, a fairway mower, a tee-box mower, a green surround mower and an all purpose tractor."

With the default of the corporate donations, the club was left short some of the money it needed to provide to qualify for the two grants. In each case the amount was approximately one half of the total of \$21, 573.

As the town has committed itself to maintaining the existence of the golf course, both for local recreation and as a visitor attraction, there was really no question as to whether the request would be granted, but there were some questions about the details.

City Manager Jeff Renaud explained to Councillor Johnson that the extra money was available due to "the unfortunate circumstance of several of our staff being on disability this year." The payroll savings meant "the money's there in the current year's budget, available and that's where (the senior financial officer and I) recommend that it would come from."

Councillor Kendrick did not object to the resolution (in fact he seconded it) but hoped that the matter of more reliable sponsorship pledges might be pursued in the future.

"It's our golf course and it's a great asset, and lots of people use it, but there are lots of people that don't use it, and have less access to it than other rec facilities that are closer to us in the core."

Referencing the annual grant to the golf course, which falls in the budget under “green space and park maintenance”, Mayor Potoroka (who moved the resolution) added his thoughts.

“I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again; I’ll say it tonight. A \$30,000 subsidy for... our golf course really is small spuds when you look at the hundreds of thousands of dollars that we spend on some of our other recreation facilities. I would like to think that we could always see more sponsorships, not only for the golf course but for other places, but I think it really behooves us all to get informed as to what the situation is on the ground over there before we make that sort of request of them.”

The final resolution gave the DGA the relief it needed.

“That the City of Dawson provides financial assistance to the Dawson City Golf Association in the amount of \$21,573 in order to satisfy a funding shortfall related to the CDF funding agreement for upgrades of equipment at the municipal golf course.”



Looking down the fairway at the fall colours
Photos supplied by Carrie Docken



Top of World - Walking and riding.
Photos supplied by Carrie Docken



Top of World– Inside the clubhouse.
Photos supplied by Carrie Docken

A Klondike Korner: Introducing Dawson City Community Radio: CFYT-fm

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)
January 8, 2014

CFYT-fm (106.9) wrapped up its year with an annual general meeting in November.

Volunteer radio has a long history in Dawson City, with the current organization reaching back to 1984. At that time the Dawson City Community Radio Society (DCCRS) picked up the mantle left by the Royal Canadian Signals corps, which broadcast CFYT (standing for Canadian Forces Yukon Territory) out of a hotel room in 1948.

The station has moved around a few times since the 1980s, when it was located in a little cabin across the street from the Robert Service School. That building, now in a different location, now houses the Dawson City Music Festival, but that's another story.

CFYT relocated to the Bonanza Centre (Dawson's old Rec. Centre) and it was intended that the station would move into space on the second floor of the Art and Margaret Fry Rec. Centre when that building was completed. But the second floor never was completed (another long story) and the radio station ceased operations for several years, a period coinciding with the town's temporary bankruptcy and trusteeship around 2004.

When it started up again in 2006, it was temporarily located upstairs in the abandoned federal building on Fifth Avenue, next door to where its cabin had been.

As board member Jen Laliberte observed at the recent AGM, once a station loses its certification, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission makes it really difficult to get it back. The re-born board struggled hard and accomplished CRTC approval in 2009.

Since then it has moved into compact quarters on Queen Street and has managed to fill the airwaves with local content from Thursday to Sunday evening. During the last year a 20 hour a week station manager paid for by a grant from the Canadian Radio Fund has enabled the station to have something on the air every day of the week. Board president Georgia Hammond credited Jonathan Howe's presence with increasing the station's profile and effectiveness in fund raising.

The station manages more than just DJs spinning CDs (or MP3s). It sells rolling ad space on channel 11 of the City of Dawson's cable TV system and provides the video link for the town's council meetings on channel 12.

With the addition of mobile equipment, it broadcasts from the annual Gold Show, covered the Dawson City Invitational Volleyball Tournament at the Robert Service School last November, televises political forums during election campaigns and, last summer, assisted the staff at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre in creating Radio Zho once a week.

Howe has pushed to create a bit of radio drama a few times a year and has been encouraging a bit of talk radio in addition to the musical fare provided by many of the DJs.

"It's important for us to be on-air as much as possible," he told the membership at the meeting, "so people would realize that the radio was a functioning entity and try to engage with us. I think that has happened."

With two dozen different program slots active each week and no shortage of people willing to sit on its board, CFYT-fm looks to be in good shape heading into the immediate future.



CFYT-fm broadcasts out of this small station on Queen Street.
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The Discovery Channel’s “Klondike” mini-series drew a big crowd for the watch event

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January 20, 2014

The Oddfellows Hall has a capacity of 135 people and it was full for the watch party organized for the first night of the Discovery Channel’s Klondike mini-series.

The Klondike Visitors Association’s Justine Hobbs actually came up with the idea early last November. She tried to pitch a world premiere to the folks at the Discovery Channel, but they decided to rebuild their set (filming in Alberta finished last spring) in Times Square and have a launch party there. This was, after all, their first original scripted drama, and New York is a much bigger venue than Dawson City.

The way Hobbs sees it she eventually managed to convince the Discovery people that (a) a Dawson City event would be good PR and (b) that it was their idea.

So what happened was that the first night's broadcast, the opening two hours of the show, were live streamed into the Oddfellows Hall on the big screen used for the International Short Film Festival, and web cameras in the room broadcast the Dawson audience and their reactions to the Klondike Social Saloon Live web page.

"That's great," said Hobbs, the marketing and events assistant at the KVA. "Any exposure for Dawson City is good exposure."

All week a couple of webcams have been broadcasting street scenes from Dawson to this website. Locals have organized a few flash mobs as special events. On Monday night the Watch Party screen opened up and viewers could watch the Dawson reaction online. Several thousand did, and there was a lot of Twitter commentary running in the frame beside the viewer.

"I think that the people of Dawson City had a good time," Hobbs said after the show. There were predictable groans when the NWMP didn't show up until well over a year into the Gold Rush and when the local First Nations folk were identified as Tlingit rather than Hän. When actor Nicholas Campbell hefted a large metal can full of gold nuggets off a bar with one hand early in the show's first hour without showing the slightest bit of effort, the audience knew that veracity was not going to be the evening's strong point.

People began arriving for the show around 5 o'clock, prepared to visit the bar, munch popcorn and socialize until 6. About 5:30 the buffet table of appetizers was declared open and the crowd fortified itself for the show that was about to begin.

There were groans when Soapy Smith (who never came to Dawson) turned up and a few more when Father Judge (who got here by way of Fortymile) was seen among the stamperders coming north from Dyea.

"The groaners were expected I think," said Hobbs, for whom one of the biggest was the Aurora in the dark night sky during a scene set sometime in the middle of August.

The dance hall girls and Belinda Mulroney were portrayed as being much better looking than any of them appear in historical photographs, but Hobbs had a chuckle over that. "If we can make Dawson City as sexy as it actually is, that's great."

A lot of the locals dressed in various types of Klondike inspired garb for the evening, and the best male and female costumes were judged after the show. There were also door prizes.

Employees with Parks Canada and the Klondike Institute of Arts and Culture assisted in making the evening work smoothly.



Watch party 1.

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Watch Party 2.

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Watch Party 3.

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Uffish Thoughts: Finding the Klondike's howlers is part of the fun

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January 21, 2014

Part way through the first two-hour chunk of the Discovery Channel's "Klondike" mini-series, Bill Haskell's partner, Byron, is murdered out on their hillside claim. Bill wheels the body into town and asks around as to where he can seek justice for his murdered partner.

He's informed that there is no law in Dawson, won't be until the Mounties arrive. This rather ignores the fact that the Mounties had been in the territory since the rush at Forty Mile (which is DOWN stream from Dawson, not UP stream, as someone says in the show) and were well established in the Klondike by the time Haskell and the other stampedeers arrived.

In terms of the show, this explains why there were no Mounties checking the stampedeers' supplies at the top of the Chilkoot Trail.

Later in the series (which hasn't all run yet as I write this) there will be a hanging – US frontier style – on what appears to be a main street. Now we all know, after the discovery of the Nantuck brothers' graves on the site of the new wastewater treatment plant a couple of years back, that two of the four brothers were hanged at the first public hanging in the Yukon in the Fort Herchmer compound in 1899.

The six hour “Klondike” event has been adapted rather loosely from former Berton House Writer in Residence Charlotte Gray's *Gold Diggers: Striking it Rich in the Klondike*. One must say “loosely” because a meticulous historian like Gray would not want to held responsible for some of the howling inaccuracies that have crept into the final shooting script for this epic, which was actually filmed a few hours from Calgary.

Chris Turner, another Berton House alumnus, wrote about the recreated town site in the winter issue of *Walrus* magazine and pronounced it impressive, while not having much use for the way the Gray's history had been transformed into a sort of Deadwood North. If you scan the first chapter of *Gold Diggers* you will find that Bill Haskell (as played by Jon Snow – err... Richard Madden) travelled with his friend Joe Meeker, and not with the imaginary Byron Epstein. They actually bypassed Dawson (which hadn't been built yet) when they sailed north in 1896, the year before the time given in the show, and went on to Fortymile, the site of the first major gold rush in the Yukon. That's where they met Father Judge, a bald, bespectacled Jesuit priest who was never anywhere near Skagway or Lake Bennett.

While I'm thinking of displaced persons, I should mention Soapy Smith, who arrived in Dyea and Skagway in 1897 and stayed there until Frank Reid shot him about a year later. He was never in Dawson.

Haskell (who would have been in his late 20s at this point) and his actual partner went on to Circle City, which was the place first enhanced by the title “Paris of the North”. We recycle a lot in the North.

Of course, if you're going to have a murder victim in a story “based on the facts” it's best to have it be someone who never existed, and the Epstein character made it possible to have that little scene showing the anti-Semitism and racism in Dawson, which was real enough. Bill's actual partner died by drowning when the two of them were headed Outside after two years in the territory.

In the true tradition of American westerns there are several points in the show where the travellers look up to see armed Indians lining the hills, menacing looking fellows who suddenly vanish when our heroes look away.

Further south in the Yukon these might well have been members of the Tlingit First Nation, but the show has them occupying the land all the way up to Dawson, much to the surprise of the Hän people who were here at the time. These imaginary Tlingit are led by a mixed race chief who speaks perfect English when he confronts Bill and Jack London later in the show.

Jack London? Well, for all that he's scribbling down phrases like "burning daylight" this can't be the actual Jack, since he hadn't yet reached the Klondike during the time frame the show is using.

Speaking of time frames, there's a lovely shot of the Aurora Borealis against the dark night sky, except that the scene is supposed to take place sometime in July or early August and, well ... Land of the Midnight Sun and all that.

As for lovely, if you've seen pictures of Belinda Mulroney you'd know that she was a plain lady who wore glasses, a far cry from the svelte young woman with the cleavage revealing blouses and dangerous looking six shooter portrayed in the show, not to mention that her big success as a hotelier was out on the creeks, not in town.

Oh – and those pistols. They're all over the place. The North-West Mounted Police would never have allowed it.

Then there's Father Judge's storefront chapel in downtown Dawson. The actual site for St. Mary's and the hospital he went on to build was in the town's North End, under the shadow of the Moosehide Slide.

Ah well. Historical inaccuracies aside, it's a bit of fun, and picking up on the flaws is part of that. I simply wish they wouldn't try to pretend that it was anything else.

A Klondike Korner: The Dawson City Music Festival Focuses on Quality over Quantity

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January 22, 2014

While two of the Whitehorse based music festivals, Frostbite and the Kluane Bluegrass, are taking the year off to think about their futures, the Dawson City Music Festival, founded the same year as Frostbite, soldiers on, apparently untroubled by the kinds of board and producer issues that often beset volunteer organizations after three and a half decades.

DCMF has managed what is sometimes known as the "succession issue" with apparent ease. Most of the people who founded the festival back in 1979 have moved on to other things. Though they may still volunteer and pitch in, they no longer run the show and there has been the sort of generational shift that a good many non-profit societies would give their eye teeth to see happen so smoothly.

Last year's president moved out of town to take a new job Outside during the year and other people simply shifted gears to fill in and continue to make the festival work.

The annual general meeting, which can be a room full of people trying to avoid being coerced into taking responsibility, was instead attended by a healthy crowd of about 20, and enough people were interested in running for office that there had to be an election. No coaxing was required.

The festival has an established pattern of activity that seems to work very well. The biggest change last summer was in the location of the beer garden area, and it was generally agreed that the grassy outfield at Minto Park was preferable to the dirt infield.

If the festival did not sell out all its tickets last summer, this was not a cause for concern.

During its last strategic planning exercise, the DCMF board had decided to concentrate on getting better rather than continuing to get bigger.

The focus on quality over size allowed them to reduce costs a bit by bringing in the same number of acts but with fewer performers, and if some people who normally came to Dawson on the third weekend in July chose to attend the festival in Atlin instead on the week before, DCMF was not bothered by this.

The general feeling at the AGM was that those who did not come here were some of the rowdier element that sometimes gives the festival a bad name locally, even though the bad behavior takes place outside the festival grounds.

Aside from producing the Friday to Sunday festival, the group has added a Thursday night event at the Palace Grand, single artist concerts with names like Buffy Sainte Marie, Ron Sexsmith and Wanda Jackson.

Attempting to add to the social scene on a year round basis, the society partners with Jazz on the Wing each fall to bring a concert to town. Last year it was Kellylee Evans and her band. Earlier in the year, Calypso Rose helped to brighten up January, and Martha Wainwright's visit was a welcome sound in early November.

Each winter the DCMF partners with the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture to place a songwriter-in-residence at Macaulay House. DCMF Producer Jenna Roebuck, now working on her third year in that job, confirms that this year's winter's resident will be alt-country artist Nicholas Serrio, who will arrive on February 1.

Over the next year the DCMF membership will be deciding how to proceed with its latest strategic plan, a document drawn up by former volunteer and producer Dominic Lloyd, who now works out of Winnipeg as the Manager of Programs & Arts Development at the Winnipeg Arts Council.



DCMF Office. Dawson recycles. The DCMF works out of this building on 3rd Avenue, which was once the HQ of CFYT-fm and used to be located on 5th Avenue.

Of Ice Bridges and Melting Arenas

By Dan Davidson

January 28, 2014

It's taken some time this year, more than usual, but an official ice bridge across the Yukon River has been constructed. This version is slightly south of the informal trail created a couple of months ago by West Dawson residents, but it follows the same general path for most of the way. From the ferry landing you drive south next to the west bank about one kilometre to approximately opposite the RCMP Detachment. From there, a straight and very wide crossing has been levelled and refrozen, leading to the lower dike road on the east bank. This road leads to an off ramp that dumps traffic on to Front Street opposite the small park that is situated between Front and Craig Streets.

After a goodly stretch of freezing cold weather over the holiday period, the latter part of January has brought weather so mild that last weekend's hockey tournament had to end before the final playoff games when the ice in the arena got too soft to play on. What that kind of weather is doing to the new ice bridge is an open question, but certain spots have been marked off with barriers at both ends of the stretch.



Ice bridge.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Dawsonites urge the Yukon government to change its mind on the Peel Watershed

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January 29, 1014

Close to 100 people turned out for the noon hour Protect the Peel protest march in Dawson City on Wednesday, January 29, the numbers no doubt enhanced by the fact that it was a sunny day with a temperature of around -10° C and only a hint of a breeze.

While the atmosphere was friendly and festive, the signs left no doubt of the mixed crowd's displeasure with Yukon Party government's recently announced decision regarding the future of the Peel Watershed. That decision rejected and flipped the recommendations made by the Peel Planning Commission, which were released to the public in 2011.

Among the many slogans on the signs:

- Respect the Peel.
- Even if they don't listen ... We are still going to beat the drum.
- Water is the veins of the earth. Protect the Peel.
- Honour the Treaties
- Respect the UFA (Umbrella Final Agreement)

- The Law of the Yukon is binding YG. Time to Concede
- Honk for the Peel

And many cars did honk as the group assembled on Front Street beside the Old CIBC Building. The initial 14 people soon swelled to at least 60, if not more, and the group was gathered into a circle in the middle of the street to receive a blessing and prayer from elder Percy Henry.

The scene called to mind last winter's Idle No More protest gatherings, except that it was nearly thirty degrees warmer.

The group set off south on Front Street led by former chiefs Percy Henry and Peggy Kormendy. They marched east on Princess Street, north on Second Avenue, east on Queen to Third, south back to Princess and west again to Front Street. Busily banging drums and chanting slogans all the way, they proceeded north to Dawson's Town/Fire Hall and then back to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in office building, where they assembled in another circle before breaking up.



Peel Circle – Deacon and elder Percy Henry begins the march with a prayer
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Percy Henry (holding the sign at left) and Peggy Kormendy (with the walker at right) led the parade on Front Street.

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Peel March

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2014 Snow Sculpture Challenge during Sourdough Rendezvous in Whitehorse

Attached are photos of the snow sculptures carved for the Sourdough Rendezvous snow sculpture challenge, they were very beautiful; unfortunately, a few days after I took these photos most were either damaged or destroyed by vandals. At least the teens were caught in the act and a couple were saved. They didn't damage the People's Choice and 1st Place finisher - Team Alaska.

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Entrance to Snow Sculptures

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Whitehorse International Snow Sculpture Challenge
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Team Alaska 1
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Team Alaska 2

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Team Alaska 3

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Team Alaska 4

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Team Alaska 5

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Team Argentina

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Team Austria

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Team Colorado

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Team Colorado 2

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Team Colorado 3

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Team Japan

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Team Michigan

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Team Republic of China

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Team Russia

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Team Switzerland

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Team Yukon

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Team Yukon

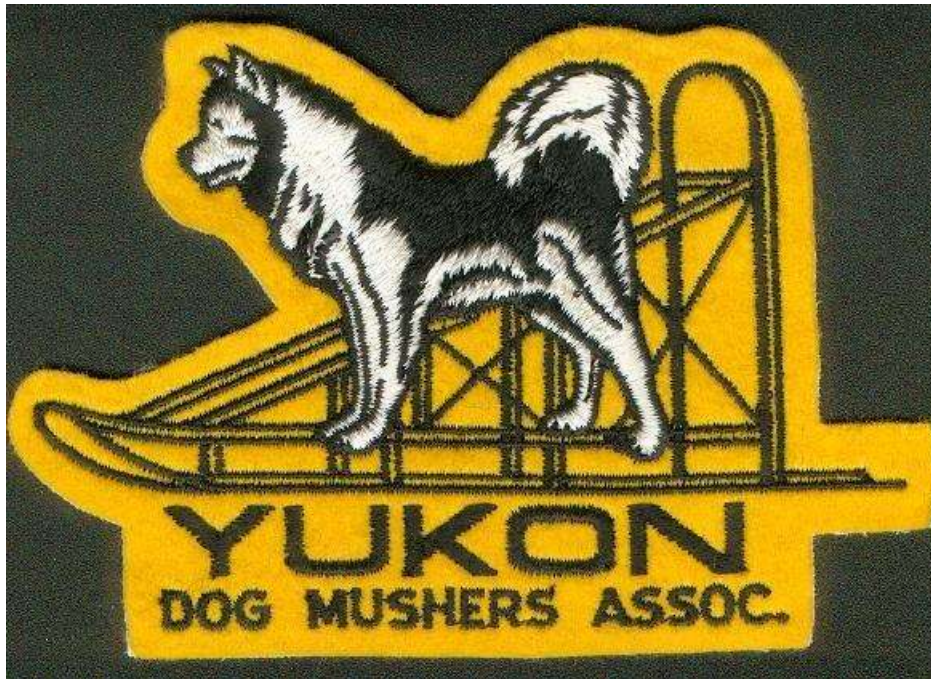
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Steven Frost and his daughter Margaret, taken March 18, 2014.
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Sherron, talked to Steven Frost today (March 18, 2014). He's in Whitehorse this week (he lives in Old Crow). The photo is Steven and his daughter Margaret, taken March 18, 2014. We chatted about dog mushing during the Sourdough Rendezvous in the 1970s and I showed him my patch we all wore from the Yukon Dog Musher's Association. I'll send you a scanned copy of it. He smiled when I showed it to him, so many memories from those days. We chatted about the mushers from bygone days as well when we all ran sprint. I chuckled when he mentioned Bob Erlam, publisher of the Whitehorse Star during those years. I'm thrilled I was able to catch up to him.

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Yukon Dog Musher's Assoc. Crest from 1970

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Sherron, attached is the arm patch all members wore during the 1970s. So many fine memories of those years and we all had so much fun. The members were competitive but not like it is now with the Yukon Quest which is a different race entirely. I wonder how many MocTel readers remember those that ran sprint? I'd love to hear some memories. I remember one time that the mushers ran on the rail track. Bob Erlam wrote a hilarious story about it in the newspaper. I'll see if I can find it for you. It's about a race in Carcross I believe and one team went onto the White Pass rail and others followed. Then one team (mine with husband as musher) "got all knitted up like an afghan shawl" (Bob Erlam's words). It was really quite funny.

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**GILLIAN CAMPBELL IN WHITEHORSE FOR
SOURDOUGH RENDEZVOUS 2014**



Edward Thompson (Gillian's husband), Richard Campbell (Gillian's son), & Gillian Campbell posing at Air North counter.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



Greeting at the airport is Lee Stevens, Donna Clayson, Edward, Karina Watson (Lee's fiancé), and Gillian Campbell.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



Sarah Drury Clark, Gillian, Sibell Hackney
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



Dana Campbell, Mascot, Richard Campbell, Edward Thompson
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



Ribbon Cutting on Main Street in front of the historic White Pass Depot.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



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Photo op on Main Street.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



Edward, Gillian and young family on Main Street during Sourdough Rendezvous 2014.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell.



I took this picture this morning ... first day of Spring... the sun was just coming through the trees and there was the slightest snow falling... it looked like gold flakes. I had to take a picture.

Betty Sutton BettySutt@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)

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KOKEN, Kurt Georg Emil Johannes

July 27, 1928 - February 19, 2014

Kurt Georg Emil Johannes Koken passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at St. Charles Manor in Victoria B.C. Kurt was born on July 27, 1928 near Leer, Germany. Kurt's family and friends would like to thank St. Charles Manor for the wonderful care he received during his last years. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Society of BC.

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Raymond (Mark) Campbell (1950 - 2014)

Born May 23, 1950 in Vancouver B.C., Mark passed away suddenly in Thailand on March 2, 2014. Mark loved the outdoors, spending many happy years in his youth with his father hunting and shooting. He lived for golf, boating and having beer and bbq's with all his buddies in Whitehorse, Thailand and with his family at home. Mark worked for the past 15 years in the Yukon and wintered in Thailand and Mill Bay. We are devastated at his loss, and he will be remembered for his cheerful personality and huge grin.

Mark is predeceased by his father (Raymond) in 2002 and his mother (Ivy) in 2003. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Marilou and Willie Dodd and family in Vancouver. At Mark's request there will be no service. He will be cremated and the ashes will join his mother and father.

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Donna Marie Rivest (nee: Holbrook)

April 20, 1934 - March 12, 2014

Donna passed away peacefully after a very dignified and courageous battle with lung cancer. She was gracious and sassy to the end!!

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 1pm at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre, 1171 Front St. Whitehorse, Yukon

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to: The Yukon Cancer Care Fund or a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to express their sincerest thanks to all the Doctors, Nurses, caregivers and many friends for their kindness and compassion to Donna and her family during this time.

Donna Marie Rivest Mother, Wife, Daughter, Sister, Grandma & Friend

Donna was born in Dawson City, Yukon on April 20th, 1934 to Alice and Harold (Bud) Holbrook and was the youngest of three girls. Her childhood was spent roaming dredges, frolicking along the Yukon River and falling off tin roofs with her partner in crime Dorene Jeffery (Caley).

During high school, Donna worked for her Uncle Helmer at the Dawson Daily News. Upon graduation she moved to Whitehorse where she worked for YTG and the Canadian Army as an office administrator. In 1953 she accepted a position as payroll clerk within the Canadian Army and relocated to Fort Nelson, where she met, ran away with, AND married the “Man of her Dreams”!

Donna and Paul were married January 12th of 1955, and within the following five years had four boys! Their first home was Trutch, B.C. for about 6 months, before moving to Coal River (now called Fireside).

In 1961 they moved to Watson Lake, followed by Pleasant Camp (48 miles) a year later in '62. The three and a half years spent at 48 mile were fondly remembered as some of the best years of their lives and they formed many life long friendships. When camp was downsized, they reluctantly moved briefly to Dawson Creek, and later on to Fort Nelson. While in Fort Nelson, Donna worked for Canada Post, CNT (in the office), and the Fort Nelson News. She became a full-time business lady when they purchased the Laundromat in 1973. Around the same time they built their first home! Donna loved that house and was not very happy about the move to Whitehorse. Shortly after moving to Whitehorse, Donna worked for the Royal Bank as a teller until her retirement in 1993.

Donna was active and adventurous all her life enjoying trips to Mexico, Arizona, multiple cruises with her favourite ladies and countless road-trips with family and friends around the Yukon. She was an avid curler in the highway days, switching to floor curling in her senior years. Golf, berry picking, making jam, canning and carpet bowling kept her busy when her grandchildren didn't!!

She was a charismatic, social butterfly who had an incredible memory for faces, places, and names. She always had time to stop and say hello to someone, and sought the good in everyone she met. She was genuine and kind, yet sassy and smart. Nothing was sacred and a good time for everyone was always the priority. She was a kindred spirit who will be missed by all who knew her.

Donna is survived by her husband of 59 years, her sons: Bruce (Shirley), Gerry (Cheryl) Rick, and Leon, grandchildren Jordon, Chantelle, Travis, Brian, Jennifer, Aaron Keobke and Sarah Graham, great grandchildren: Audrey & MacKenzie, sisters: Marianne Holbrook & Blanche Barrett (Gus) and many extended family members.

~~ Jeremiah 31:13 I will turn their mourning into gladness;

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. –Charles Swindoll

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Lemon Blueberry Bread

1/3 cup melted butter
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons grated lemon zest
1/2 cup chopped walnuts optional
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

GLAZE

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon butter melted
1 cup confectioners sugar

In a mixing bowl, beat together butter, 1 cup sugar, juice and eggs. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; stir into egg mixture alternately with milk. Fold in lemon zest, nuts, and blueberries. Pour batter into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 60 to 70 minutes. GLAZE Combine all ingredients mix well. Drizzle over bread.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Vancouver Yukoners' Association 86th Annual Reunion
Banquet – Saturday, April 12, 2014

River Rock Casino/Resort Whistler Ballroom
8811 River Rd. Richmond BC
Free Parking in Casino Parkade
Hotel Reservations 604-247-8900 or toll free 1-866-748-3718
Ask for Yukoners Rate

FOR GROUP SEATING RESERVATIONS FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON WEB PAGE AT
www.vancouver-yukoners.com

Hospitality Room open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon. Pick up tickets then Banquet Reception No Host Bar 5 pm – 6 pm – Welcome followed by Dinner 6:15 pm

For tickets contact Vivian Stuart at lornellis@shaw.ca
#217 – 3255 Cook St, Victoria BC V8X 1A4 250-383-1349

Tickets are \$58.00 payable in advance. Tickets will be available for pickup on Friday and Saturday

VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 24, 2014
11:30 am-2:00 pm

Croatian Cultural Centre Room C
3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
Parking plentiful and free
Transit accessible – Handicap accessible
Bring a friend
Lunch \$10
RSVP Corinne.loepky@telus.net
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