

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 390th Edition – April 27th, 2014

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Muskrat - April 2014 - near Rat Lake on Carcross Road.
Photo courtesy Heather Jones hjones*northwestel.net (In Carcross)

Hi Sherron,

While commuting back to Whitehorse from Carcross on a regular work day last week (April 9), we came across this little muskrat above Rat Lake. Although s/he was little it was a big thrill to see him/her up close and out of the water! And although very cumbersome out of the water I discovered that they can move very quickly.....and aggressively towards a gal with big camera! I am still giggling at my natural instinct to squeal and dash in the other direction. Ahhhh but in sharing this image with a friend who is wise to the ways of muskrats he confirmed my reaction was a good one, apparently they mean business with those big teeth! My friend also said that this was likely a young one who had been recently chased away as "mom" prepares for the arrival of a new family. After it let me know our photo shoot was over, s/he wandered up the hillside, perhaps in search of another place to call home. In further sharing this image I am discovering that not many of us have seen these guys up close. Still smiling big for those few moments along the Carcross Road, another sure sign of Spring arriving in the Yukon!

Heather

Introduction: Whitehorse of yore, unrecognizable to modern Yukoners but an honest account of one young girl's perspective of Main Street circa 1950. Rather poignant.

Main Street - Whitehorse, Yukon

Three dirt blocks - everyone U turns - anywhere, wooden slat sidewalks.

The Yukon River flows cold and clear on the northern end.

The Keno and the Klondike, once magnificent paddle-wheelers are dry docked down from the White Pass Railway station.

Taylor and Drury's store - fresh produce - usually Wednesday.

Two small banks - an account in each so's not to offend either.

The Whitehorse Inn - Wigwam Harry, drunk and dirty sleeping on the front porch.

The Capitol Theatre - Nellie Dennison letting poor kids in free.

The Whitehorse Star - all the news we already knew - the ink stains on your fingers. They discovered Edith Josie.

The Kee Bird Stores - my Mom and Dad - cash was fine; your word for credit was fine too!

Natives in mukluks, young men in R.C.A.F. uniforms, and locals in darn near anything.

By Donna Cowling Needham (aka Donna McLean)

Originally dedicated to home town gang - Lois Sheardown, Marie Fisher, Darlene Howatt, Fran Rudkovitch and Patsy Kerry.

Donna died little more than a year ago. She had a way with words and someone felt her poem should get some recognition.

COURTESY WHITEHORSE STAR – YUKON HISTORY SECTION -

The Dalton Trail - March 20, 1898

From the Whitehorse Star, 1966

THE DALTON TRAIL

305 Miles from tidewater to the river

By William D. MacBride

Visitors to the Yukon and Alaska are always interested in the history of the areas through which they travel. One of these is the route traversed by the Haines Highway, which follows to some extent "The Dalton Trail" of gold rush days - 159 miles from tidewater at Haines, Alaska, to Haines Junction. Mile 1016 on the Alaska Highway in Yukon Territory.

From the Archives of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau, the Northwest Mounted Police, and photo albums and documents of Henry Dow Banks of Springfield, Mass. on a journey over the Dalton Trail in 1898, a brief history of Jack Dalton and his famous trail has emerged.

In 1898 the trail used early in the spring and late fall commenced from Haines Mission, and all freighting at that time could be done with wagons or carts to within three miles of the foot of Chilkat Summit.

The road passed through the Indian village of Klukwan and up the Chilkat river about three miles to its junction with the Klahena river and continues to Dalton Post. Both rivers had to be crossed and re-crossed about forty times and as the wagons travelled only when the rivers were breaking up in the spring and just before they started to freeze up in the fall, nearly every crossing made was dangerous to man and beast.

In the spring the edges of the rivers were solid masses of ice, and in the centre a swift running stream, necessitated the wagons dropping several feet or more from the ice to the river bottom, and constant quicksands were also prevalent.

The poor condition of the trail induced Mr. Dalton to cut out and build a good trail for pack horses, from Pyramid Harbour to the top of the first summit a distance of about 60 miles. It was a trail which could be used from the time snow melted until very late in the fall.

About ten miles from Pyramid Harbour, the trail cut off to the south and entered a range of mountains, keeping away from the Chilkat river until opposite Klukwan at the mouth of the Salmon river. The crossing there was deep but not swift except on very warm days when the water rose rapidly. Two men were drowned there in 1898.

The climb to Chilkat Summit, (not to be confused with the Chilkoot), was about 1700 feet of steep zig-zag trail, and was the only steep climb on the entire route. In general the road was free from rocks over firm sand, and easy on horses and cattle. All swamps or boggy places (and there were numerous) were corduroyed with small logs, and a good many substantial bridges built.

The laying out of the trail showed very good judgment. there were few steep grades and wherever possible a gradual incline was followed even at the expense of circling instead of climbing over a hill.

A toll of \$2 per head was levied on all cattlemen going through, although having to pay the toll, gave Jack Dalton great credit for his trail job.

Dalton employed an American surveyor and his staff during the month of July, 1898, to make a survey of the trail and map out the route. He also applied for a charter under the Oregon laws, which then applied to Alaska Territory.

Boulder Creek is where he and other Americans claimed the international boundary to be, and it was where they ended the survey of the road. This creek is between eight and ten miles below the Dalton Trail Post. (A road to Dalton Post leaves the present Haines Highway about Mile 106. Nothing is left there now except a number of log cabins and a grave-yard.)

There were a large number of people in and around Shorty Creek Mining District (a few miles west of Dezedash Camp, Mile 125 on present Haines Highway), but no policy near that point to intercept liquor being brought through British Columbia into the Yukon Territory. Police

detachment was therefore placed at Dalton House, at the Crossing of the Alsek river, and a barrack was erected there in August 1898.

On Oct. 4th, 1898, a census of the inhabitants in and around Dalton House revealed a population of three white men and over one hundred Stick Indians. There are several lakes in the vicinity of Dalton House such as Klukshu, Dezedash and the Kathleen lakes. Several families of Stick Indians were camped around these lakes.

The trail from the first summit led on over a good hard road covered with reindeer moss to Rainy Hollow, about eleven miles from the Summit. At this place there is a slope of over one hundred acres covered with a grass similar to Wild Timothy.

At Glacier Camp, twenty miles further on there were 26 glaciers in full view. The next stop was Bear Camp, 25 miles from Glacier.

The trail was fairly good, crossing over a large area called "Mosquito Flats," so named because of the ferocity of the insects infesting that section. Bear Creek today is a small shallow stream emptying into the Alsek River used by the coast salmon coming up to spawn in the lakes. The trail crossed this creek to a point two miles further on, the first crossing of the Alsek river.

It continued through timber up a rather steep hill to where the British Columbia line (60th parallel) separates the Yukon Territory; thence on over a good trail to the second crossing of the Alsek, where Dalton House was situated, fifteen miles from Bear Camp.

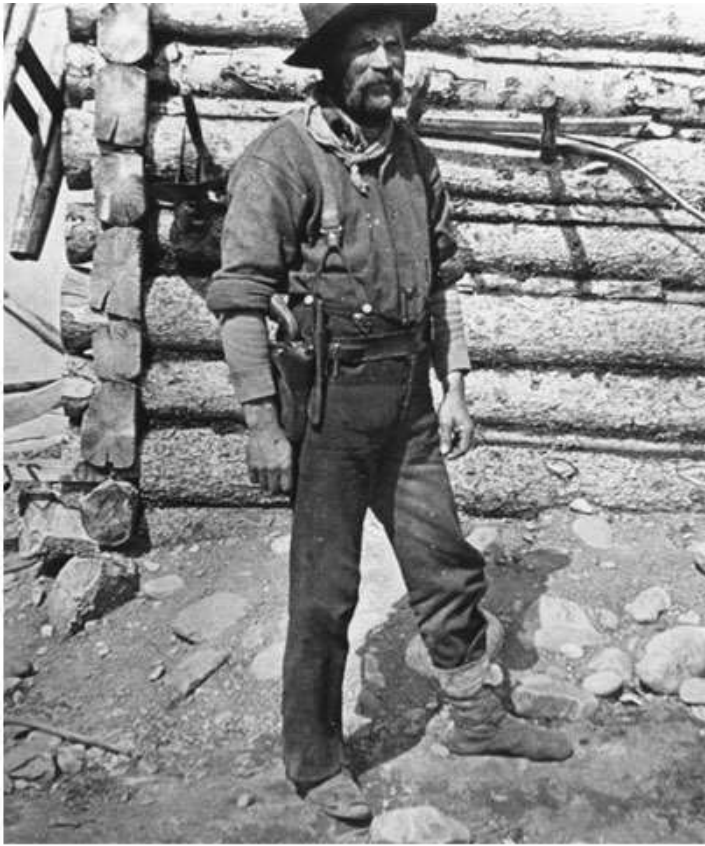
Leaving Dalton House, the trail continued along a very steep hill for one mile from the detachment, then over a very good road to Klukshu Lake, a distance of twenty miles. Here another trail branched off to the left in the direction of Shorty Creek. (This trail is now followed by the Haines Highway along the west side of Dezedash Lake.)

The next camp was Pennock's Post about thirty miles distant, then Camp Storey, eighteen miles. Pennock's Post, Champagne Landing and Camp Storey were points where Lieut. Adair's party built cabins for prospecting purposes.

The old trail continued to Hutshi Lake, head of the Nordenskiold Lake. (The Alaska Highway crosses the old trail near the settlement of Champagne, Milepost 974). It then followed the Nordenskiold River to near Five Finger rapids and Rink Rapids of the Yukon River, a point 235 miles from Dawson City.

The total length of the original Dalton Trail from Haines to the Yukon River was approximately 305 miles. The trail was used by a number of cattle drives. The cattle were shipped from Seattle, Washington or Vancouver, B.C. by ocean steamer, approximately 1000 miles, then driven over the Dalton trail to the Yukon river, and taken by scows down to Dawson City.

It was also patronized by pack trains, and by individuals on horse back. Dalton kept a number of horses at each end of the trail. An old Dawson newspaper stated that: "The Barringtons of Stikine river fame had a small steamer called the "Willie Irving", which operated from Dawson upstream to Rink Rapids, connecting there with transportation over the Dalton to Pyramid Harbour on Lynn Canal, 17 days Dawson to Seattle."



Above: A rare photo of Jack Dalton, taken in March, 1898 at Dalton Post.

Below: Part of the Dalton Trail, 1898. The trail passed over all kinds of terrain, from "good hard road covered with reindeer moss" to mosquito infested swamps. The overall opinion was that Jack Dalton showed good judgment in laying a trail that was easy on horses and cattle. MacBride Museum photos

Dalton charged \$150.00 for the trip from Rink to Haines including horse and maintenance, but the majority of the travellers elected to use the route to Skagway, Alaska.

After completion of the White Pass railroad from Skagway to Whitehorse in 1900, the Dalton Trail gradually faded away. The area it traversed became again an untravelled wilderness, except for some continuing mining operations, until the construction of the Haines Highway by the U.S. Army in 1943, at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000.00.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF JACK DALTON'S CAREER

1855 - Jack Dalton was born in the Cherokee Strip, probably in the present state of Kansas.

1874 - He worked as a logger at Burns, Oregon.

1882 - Spent some time as a cowboy on the Hadley Ranch in Baker, Oregon. Left to avoid prosecution for "shooting scrapes".

1883 - Went to San Francisco and shipped out as a seaman on a sealing vessel which wintered at Herschel Island, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

1885 - He was hired at Sitka by Fredrick Schwatka to accompany the New York Times expedition to Mt. St. Elias.

1890 - Accompanied the Frank Leslie Exploring Expedition from San Francisco to Chilkat country.

1891 - Was engaged for a private exploration of the Chilkat Pass by E.J. Glace, a writer for Century Magazine.

1892 - It is believed that he operated a small trading vessel in the Juneau area.

1893 - Was tried and acquitted for the shooting of Jack McGinnis, a cannery worker.

1894 - Leased a parcel of land and a warehouse at Haines Mission for the purpose of conducting a trading business with the Indians.

1896 - Established a trading route from Pyramid Harbour to the Yukon River near Rink Rapids, which included Pleasant Camp and Dalton Post.

1897 - Was hired by Goodall, Perkins & Co. to drive their cattle to the interior.

1898 - Guided parties over his Dalton trail.

1899 - Mining activity commenced at Porcupine Creek and continued until a flood in 1906 destroyed the flumes.

1903 - He built the Lindsay Hotel at Porcupine. Gold output on Porcupine Creek reached about \$150,000 per year.

1905 - Made a financial settlement with Guggenheim interests in the Cordova Bay region for the construction of a copper ore loading terminal on his land. The amount paid was rumored to be upwards of \$10,000.

1919 - Sold his Haines Hotel property to Steve Sheldon.

1921 - Went to the diamond diggings in British Guyana to investigate the interest of a group of Yakima, Washington business men.

1922 - Took up residence in Yakima, Washington.

1944 - Jack Dalton reached the end of the trail in San Francisco at the age of 89.



Whitehorse Street – 1901



Whitehorse - June 9 1901
J Doody photo found online



Dawson Main Street 1899
Hegg photo found online



Dawson City and Klondike River about 1898
Photo found online.

Mr. & Mrs. Yukon 2014 - Dwayne and Nellie Backstrom
Please allow us the privilege of introducing
Mr. and Mrs. Yukon for 2014.



Dwayne Backstrom was born in Nipawin, Saskatchewan, and raised on a farm in the Choiceland, Saskatchewan area. His father immigrated from Sweden and his mother from Ireland. His education from grades one to eight began in a one-room country school with one teacher

responsible for eight grades and as many as thirty-five students. After he graduated from Choiceland High School he worked in Uranium City, Saskatchewan, as a mill operator. Dwayne attended SAIT in Calgary prior to being employed by Transport Canada. Transport Canada provided further training in Ottawa then transferred him to Snag Airport in June 1960 as an Aeradio Operator.

Nellie (Eikland) Backstrom was born at Pan Creek, Yukon, approximately 30 miles southwest of Beaver Creek. Her father came from Norway. Nellie's mother was First Nations of Upper Tanana origin and was born near the Yukon-Alaska border north of Beaver Creek. Nellie has four siblings. Nellie's childhood was spent in Pan Creek, Snag, Sourdough, Haines Junction and Beaver Creek. She attended grade school at Beaver Creek and Haines Junction. Nellie chose to be at home with the children prior to attending the Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Center at Whitehorse in the 1970s. There she acquired a certificate in secretarial training. She was employed with the federal government for fifteen years as a secretary and clerk in Alberta and Yukon. While living and working in the Beaver Creek area Nellie met and married Dwayne Backstrom. They were married in Beaver Creek in 1962. They have two daughters, Tara an elementary school educator and Kelli a social worker. Dwayne and Nellie have four granddaughters.



Mr. & Mrs. Yukon 2014 - Dwayne and Nellie Backstrom
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

Resident volunteers across the Yukon have always played a very important segment of community activities. Without volunteers many functions would not be possible. Arctic Winter Games,

Canada Winter Games, and the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous are examples. Most Yukon communities are fortunate to have many willing volunteers. During Dwayne and Nellie's stay in various communities they volunteered on school boards, student school projects, community executive positions (president, secretary, treasurer), making curling/hockey ice and maintaining their respective venues, community planning boards and lobbying with government on behalf of the community. They also assisted in planning the north highway winter carnival that included Beaver Creek, Burwash, Destruction Bay and Haines Junction.

When the Snag Airport closed in 1966 Dwayne's work moved to Destruction Bay, Whitehorse, Edmonton and back to Whitehorse were they retired. Dwayne worked with Transport Canada as a Flight Service Specialist, and Government of Yukon Aviation Branch for a total of 34 years. After retirement they moved to South McClintock, Marsh Lake, where they reside to this day. They enjoy living and travelling in the Yukon, as well as visiting family and friends in other parts of the United States and Canada.

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So proud of our Mom, Sylvia Cook, she received the Jean Gleason Memorial Award at the Yukon Indian Hockey Tournament in Whitehorse.

Thanks

Barb Cook cookhart2001@yahoo.ca (In Calgary)

2015 tournament to be dedicated to Gleason

The 2015 Yukon Native Hockey Tournament will be dedicated to the late Sandi Gleason.
By [Marcel Vander Wier](#) on April 1, 2014

HONOURED – Sylvia Cook is surrounded by members of the Gleason family as she receives the 'Jean Gleason Memorial Hockey Mom' award during the opening ceremony of the Yukon Native Hockey Tournament. Next year's tournament will be held in honour of Jean's late daughter, Sandi Gleason, who died Christmas Eve.

The 2015 Yukon Native Hockey Tournament will be dedicated to the late Sandi Gleason.

Tournament officials announced the move during Friday night's opening ceremonies.

"The Yukon Indian Hockey Association (YIHA) acknowledges the tremendous loss that we had in this past year of our friend, our mentor, our relation ... in the passing of Sandi Gleason," tournament president Jeanie Dendys told the crowd gathered at Takhini Arena.

"Out of respect for Sandi's family and out of honour for our culture, we are not doing a memorial this year. However, next year we are pleased and so very humbled to announce the special recognition to her for her dedication and very long service to the YIHA," Dendys said.

“The 38th annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament will be dedicated in memory of our friend Sandi Gleason. This is the first time in the history of the tournament this is being done, and we feel that it is very fitting.”



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

The announcement was met with applause by those in attendance. Gleason, a longtime board member with the YIHA, died Dec. 24, 2013. At last year's tournament, she had received the inaugural 'Jean Gleason Memorial Hockey Mom' award, a trophy aimed at honouring the sacrifice and contribution hockey mothers make to the game.

This year's award went to 78-year-old Sylvia Cook, who gratefully accepted the trophy in the presence of the Gleason family.

Dendys called the hockey mom award one of the tournament's most-cherished honours.

Peter Jakesta and Rhoda Quock of the Iskut Wolverines won the second of the major awards, taking home the Harry Allen 'Samay Thia' Memorial Leadership Award.

This trophy is given to the coach or coaches who demonstrate leadership qualities by providing guidance, inspiration and sportsmanship, encouraging their players to strive for excellence on and off the ice.

Dendys went on to announce a new four-year deal with Kilrich Industries and Northern Windows and Doors for continued major sponsorship.

She also said consideration is being levied towards extending next year's tournament by one more day to allow more teams to compete.

Yukoners recognized for heritage work

Michael Gates © msgates*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

April 23, 2014

Art and Ione Christensen received the 2013 Annual Heritage Award on Thursday April 17th at a ceremony at the Yukon Archives in Whitehorse.

Sponsored by the Yukon Historical and Museums Association (YHMA), the award is presented to an individual, group, organization, society, business or corporation for an outstanding contribution to Yukon heritage. To be eligible, the recipient must have performed a single action, deed or service that is of such significance, or uniqueness of magnitude that it ranks far above routine or regular actions, deeds or service to the cause of Yukon heritage.

The Christensens received the award for conceiving the idea of a book on the history of Whitehorse, and then, over the following two and a half years, taking it to completion. *Whitehorse: an Illustrated History* was released to the public November of 2013. The book celebrates growth of the city on the banks of the Yukon River, and the diversity of the people who helped build it. All the royalties from the sale of the book will go into a special heritage fund to be administered by the City of Whitehorse.

Art conceived the idea and became one of the board members of the society that propelled the project through the fund-raising, research, writing and editing. Ione guided and managed the project, first forming the Whitehorse History Book Society and assembling a diverse board to ensure that the book would tell a complete and balanced story.

Ione was tireless in her fund raising, approaching business and individuals and completing funding applications. She assembled a remarkable team of writers and both she and Art contributed their own recollections and personal photos to the cause. She spoke to a wide variety of organizations about the project, promoting it ceaselessly; she even produced a semi-monthly column in the newspaper entitled "Did You Know?" to remind the community of the project.

Before presenting the award, Mayor Dan Curtis addressed the enthusiastic audience, telling them that it was about time that the City of Whitehorse had such an awesome book to share with visitors. He has presented copies of the Whitehorse history book to officials visiting from around the world and across Canada. He personally acknowledged Ione Christensen for her service as mayor, commissioner, and as senator for the Yukon, but added that it took many hours and the effort of many others to bring this book to completion.

Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon and Mayor Curtis then presented The Christensens with the award in the form of a beautifully framed historical map of the Yukon.



Mayor Dan Curtis, Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon, Art Christensen, Ione Christensen

Photo courtesy Michael Gates msgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

The Lifetime Heritage Achievement Award is awarded annually to an individual, group, organization, society, business or corporation for meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Yukon's heritage over a period of many years. This year, it was awarded to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Department in Dawson City, in recognition of their years of work preserving and interpreting the unique and rich history of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

Accepting the award on behalf of the First Nation was heritage assistant **Erika Scheffen**, of Dawson City. "Receiving a lifetime award sounds like our life's work is complete..." said Scheffen, but she assured the audience that there was much more to come.

A dozen years ago, noted Scheffen, their heritage department consisted of one person and has since grown to 50 staff. During that time, they have organized projects to record their history, language and the wisdom of their elders. They have published a number of books celebrating their heritage, and sponsored many events including the Moosehide Gathering and First Hunt. The Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre is a model of public programming with year-round displays, workshops and events.



L to R: Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon, historian David Neufeld, **Erika Scheffen** (representing the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Department)
Photo courtesy Michael Gates msgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Mary Bradshaw was presented with the 2013 Volunteer Award by Minister Nixon for her efforts in organizing and hosting the 2013 conference of the Canadian Museums Association in Whitehorse. The event attracted 250 delegates to the Yukon from all over Canada and abroad.



L to R: Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon, **Mary Bradshaw**, Marc Johnston (President of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association).
Photo courtesy Michael Gates msgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

The final award was the 2013 Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award, given to the Kwänlin Dün First Nation of Whitehorse, for the restoration of two Whitehorse area cemeteries. This award was presented by Barbara Hogan, manager of the Yukon government's historic sites unit, to **Jesse Dawson**, who accepted it on behalf of the Kwänlin Dün First Nation.



Jesse Dawson receiving Heritage Conservation Award on behalf of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation
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Vancouver Yukoners Banquet – April 12, 2014



Anne Newson, Mike Rawlinson, Maribeth Mainer, Judy Leahy
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Betty Miller, Irene “Mickey” (Mills) Oesch, Palma Berger
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Dr. Bill Charlton, Goodie Sparling, Kristine (Sparling) Charlton, Debra Ryan
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Edward Thompson, Marilyn (Leigh) Hirschhorn
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Edward Thompson, Kim Solonik (Miss Sourdough Rendezvous 2014, and Corrine Leoppky
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Edward Thompson, Tippy Mah & Debra Ryan (Air North)
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Gillian Campbell and Robbie (Butterworth) McManus (Myrna's daughter)
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Edna (Dawson) Laesk & Jim Perry

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Millie (McMurphy) Jones

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Tippy Mah & Gillian Campbell

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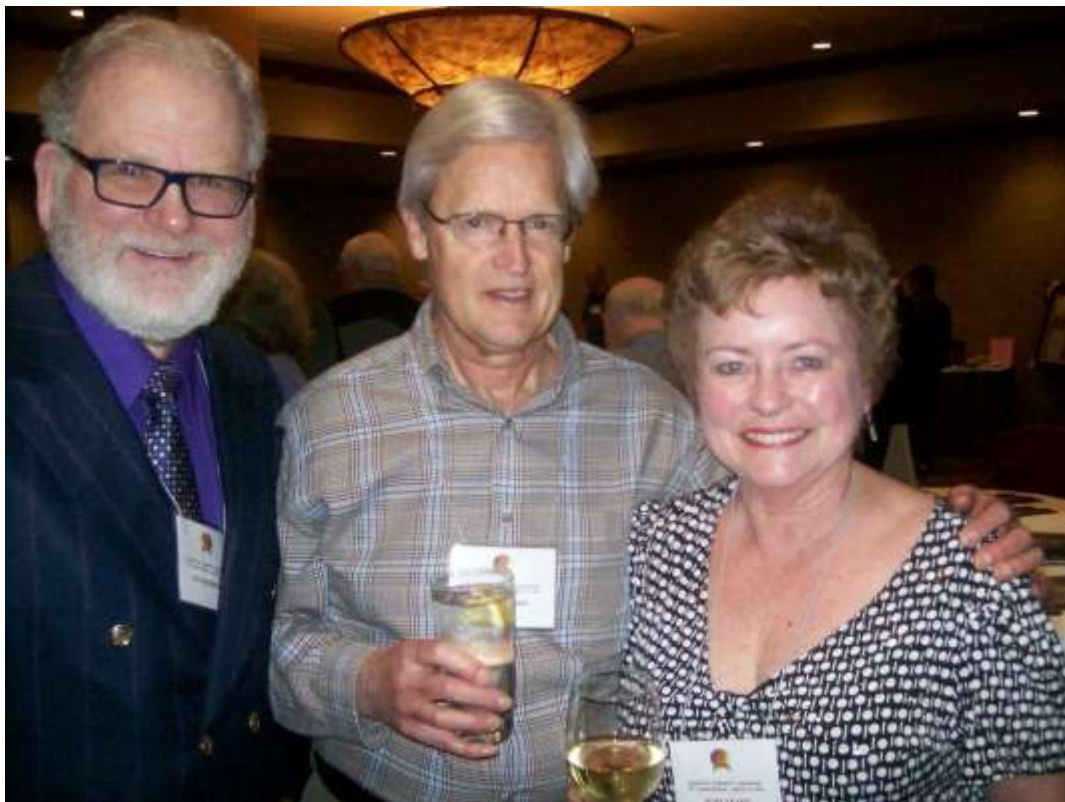
Jeri & Bill Weigand

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John & Wendy McKinnon

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Edward Thompson, David & Judy Leahy

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Edward Thompson, Sheila Firth, Molly (Barber) Brown, Myrna Butterworth
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Bob Hadley (Myrna Butterworth's brother), Molly (Barber) Brown
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Edward Thompson & Howard Gates

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Ken Jones, Doris Gates, Gillian Campbell

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Cary Gertzen (son of Kai and Inga Gertsen who ran Yukon Laundry along the River Bank in the 1950's) & Tina Parsons - Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



Harvey Troberg, Peter Murtagh, Toni (Parsons) Corpuz (Tina's youngest daughter), Ken Jones, Tina Parsons, Nancy Moulton
Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



Willard Phelps, Bill Scott, Bob Cameron, Tom Tait (C.P.A. agent in Dawson in 1952-53)
Photo courtesy Jim Perry 4perry@telus.net (In Abbotsford)



Bill Scott, Willard Phelps, Howard Gates, Millie Jones
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Willard Phelps, Gordon Steele (Executive Assistant to the Commissioner)
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Ken Taylor, Bob Cameron, Linda Rawlinson, Judy Leahy, Sharon Taylor, Lorraine Perry,
(near) Mike Rawlinson, Barry Sias
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Goodie (Erickson) Sparling, Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett, Sharon Redmond, Hazel Nixon
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Ken Jones, Vivian (Lelievre) Stuart, Arlene (Lelievre) Hayes
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Tina (Brasseur) Parsons, Goodie (Erickson) Sparling, Millie (McMurphy) Jones, Hazel Nixon -
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Judy (Lelievre) Woodward, Jeri Weigand
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Deb Ryan, Kris (Sparling) Charlton (Goody's daughter)
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Carol Makin, Doris (Grundman) Dettmers
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Hazel & Harry Nixon

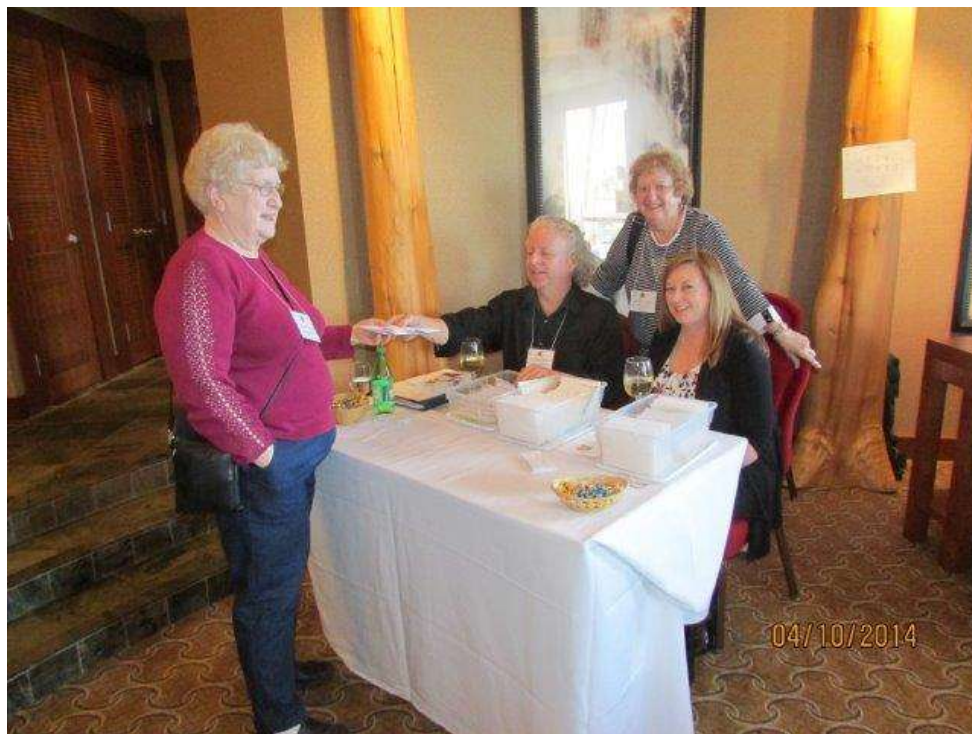
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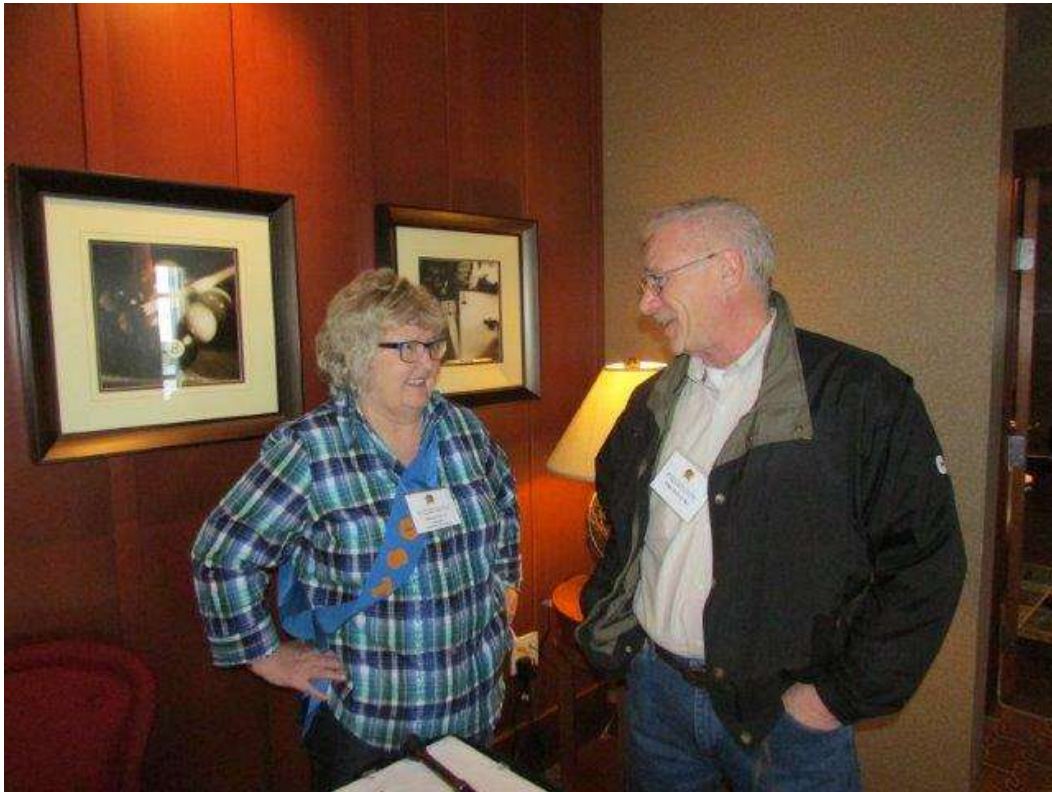
Jeri & Bill Weigand, Hazel & Harry Nixon, Kathy Dugas, Bill & Niki Buchan, Eleanor Gordon
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Marg & Rolf Hougen
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Arlene Hayes, Doug (son of Vivien) & Arlene Stuart, Vivien (Lelievre) Stuart
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Helen (Munro) Fitch, Mike McGeachy
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Heather McGeachy, Bonnie (DeWolfe) & Chuck Barber
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Bev Zielke (Campbell), Sheila Firth
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Barry Sias, Peter Murtagh, Gordon Steele, Lynn Spring
David & Carol (Gordon-Cooper) Mackin
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Colleen & Ron Butler
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Lorraine Perry, Judy Leahy, Heather & Mike McGeachy, Blanche & Gus Barrett, The Nixons with
Ken Jones.
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Maribeth Mainer, Nancy Moulton, Mary McDonald, Bev Zielke (Campbell)
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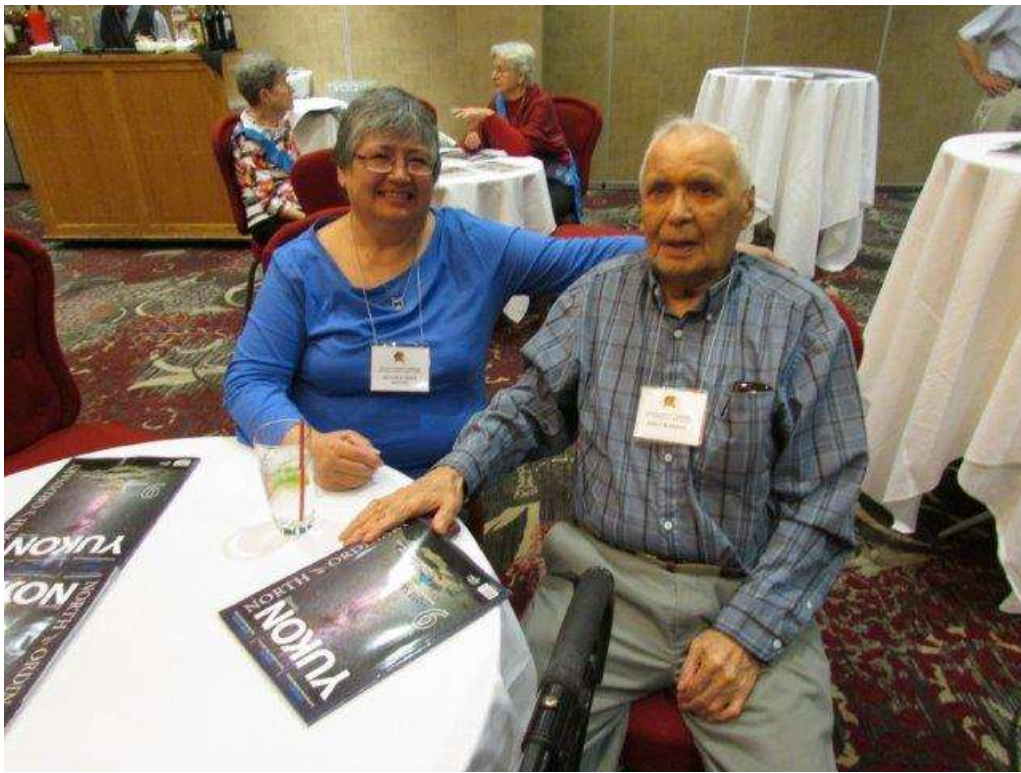
Lynn Spring, Harry & Hazel Nixon and grandson Michael
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Pat VanBibber Sr. and Alex VanBibber (98 years young)
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One of the Silent Auction tables.
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Bonnie (DeWolfe) Barber, Percy DeWolfe Jr.
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Lorraine Perry, Judy (Lelievre) Woodward, Carolyn Campbell
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Jim Perry, John Carswell, Bob Cameron, Willard Phelps
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Dawson girls visiting.
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Fred Morgan, Toni Parsons Corpuz (Tina's youngest daughter), Harvey Troberg, (Tina's friend whom she has known since age 14 in Dawson!), Tina Parsons, Percy DeWolfe, Jim McCausland, Joan (Callison) Rodschat, Heather (Berg) McKeachy
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Carol (Gordon-Cooper) Mackin, Doris (Grundman) Dettmers, Dennis Blaker, Linda Thomson
Rear – Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer, Marilyn (Leigh) Hirschhorn
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Dinner is served.
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Helen (Munro) Fitch, Josephine (Jack) Muff
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Carolyn Campbell, Willard Phelps, Ann Newsom
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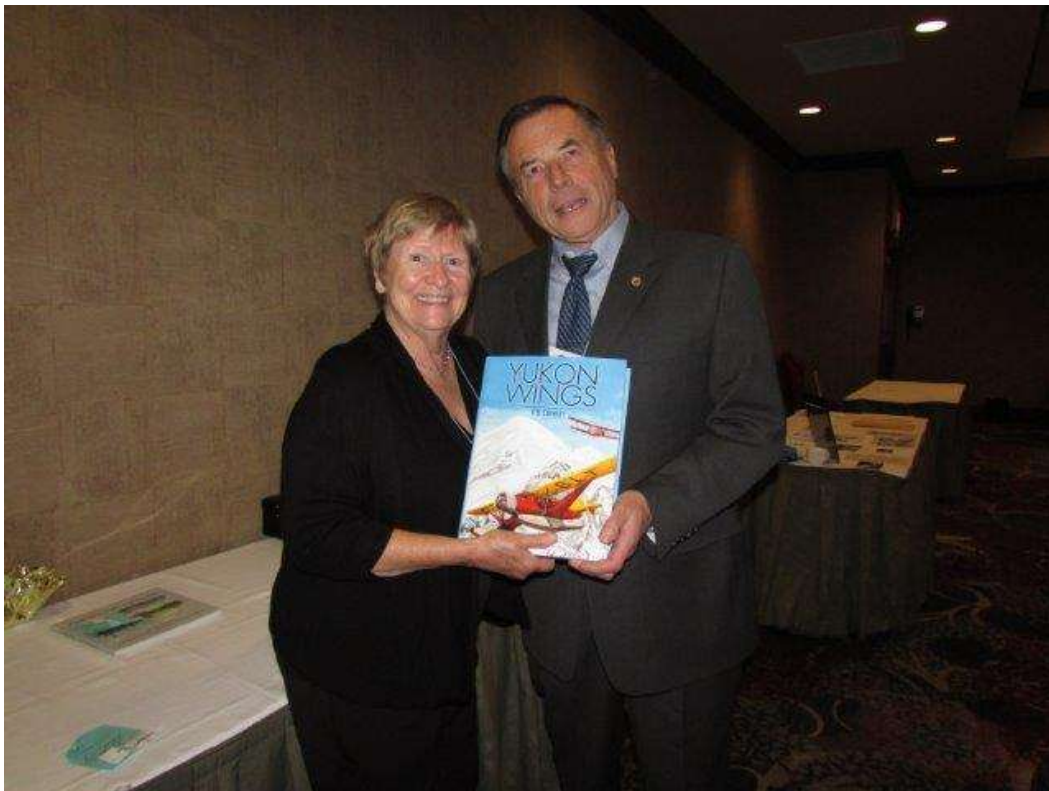
Dawn (Bethune) Jamieson, Bob Campbell
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Adrianna Hamm and her mother Dini Smoler. (Sylvia Burkhard is Dini's mother)
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Corrine Leoppky, Goody (Erickson) Sparling
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Carolyn Campbell, Bob Cameron (with Bob's book, "Yukon Wings")
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Michael Abbot, Grandson Harry & Hazel Nixon, Dr. Bill Buchan, Justice Randall (Bud) Wong, Harry Nixon - Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Bev Wong (taught in Whitehorse Elementary in the 60's, Marg Hougen, Niki Buchan
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Nixons, Hougens, Weigands, Buchans
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Hazel & Harry Nixon, Marg & Rolf Hougen
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Valerie (Osborn) Duckworth, Mickey [Irene] (Mills) Oesch, Harriett (Osborn) Butterworth - Photo courtesy Harvey Burian [hburian*telus.net](mailto:hburian@telus.net) (In Parksville)



Jim Perry, John Dines, Fay (Callison) Ash
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Mr & Mrs Yukon 2014
Dwayne & Nellie Backstrom
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Myrna (Hadley) Butterworth and brother Bob Hadley
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Myrna (Hadley) Butterworth, Bob & Irene Hadley
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Ann & Stuart Isbister with step-sister Roberta (Butterworth) MacManus
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Marion (Wabisca) & Mike Telep, Joe McDiarmid
Marion is Alex Van Bibber's grand daughter
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Bob Hadley and niece Roberta (Butterworth) McManus, Percy De Wolfe Jr.
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Message from Gillian:

I would like to thank “Rolf Hougen and associates, also “White Pass”....and also “High Country Inn” & The “Ramada Inn”

....for their generous contribution, making it possible for my Band and I to attend, 2014 Sourdough Rendezvous.

Thank you Gillian Cambell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Miss Diamond Tooth Gertie
1975 photo of Gillian in Dawson
Photo courtesy Mike and Kathy Gates

Mike was searching through our massive collection of photo slides the other day and came across this photo I took of you at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, way back in 1975!!!!!! It is not the sharpest of photos, but he copied it into the computer for you to have a copy...and here it is....oh those memories!!!

Kathy & Mike Gates (In Whitehorse)

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Lionel Stokes

December 17, 1939 - April 17, 2014

Lionel completed his life's journey on April 17.

He was born December 17, 1939 – the youngest of ten children born to Joseph and Minnie Stokes of High Prairie, Alberta. It was here Lionel first took an interest in curling, competing in the 1959 Alberta high school championships that developed into a lifelong passion for the sport. Lionel continued curling after moving north, winning the Yukon championship numerous times. At the 1975 Brier in Fredericton, NB Lionel and his mates finished the competition tied for second place – no playoffs in those days! Their record two years later at the 1977 Brier in Montreal, PQ was not quite as outstanding however Lionel was named All-Star Second. Lionel was also honoured to be a fifth for the Chuck Haines rink at the 1981 and 1991 Briers. In 1982 Lionel & his wife Debra represented the Territories at the Seagram Mixed curling championships in Timmons, Ont. Lifelong friendships were forged along the way as Lionel's calm and gentle demeanour endeared him to everyone he met.

Lionel brought a sense of loyalty, strong values, sound ethics and integrity to his long career in business. Lionel and the Edgewater were synonymous. He started pouring draft in the pub in 1969 and by 1982 was sole owner of the hotel. Most days he could be seen either at the front desk, in the lounge or the Cellar Dining Room. Lionel was respected and cherished by all those who worked for him during his 40 years at the "Edge." Suffice it to say that after Lionel sold the business in 2009, the "Edge" was never the same.

Loving and wise, he quietly led his family, teaching them and many others by example. Lionel is survived by his wife Debra, sons Brent (Kathy and Joseph), Brad (Heidi, Kyla and Luke) and daughter Sue (Chris, Brendan and Brody). Also mourning his loss are his brothers Donald (Kathleen) of Rancho Santa Fe, California, Jim (Anna) of High Prairie AB, Wally (Betty) of

Grande Prairie AB, Jack of Kinuso AB, and sisters Dora Szusko of Edmonton AB, and June (Nori) Nishio of Nanaimo, BC as well as extended family in the UK and Australia.

Our deepest thanks to Dr. Owen Avrill, Dr. Allison O'Hearn, Dr. Danusia Kanachowski, the entire medical ward and home care team involved for the attentive and compassionate care shown Lionel and his family.

All the special people in Lionel's life are too numerous to mention - and you know who you are - know that he leaves you with a smile and a glass of wine that is more than half full – so enjoy the memories and have “just the one”.

In accordance with Lionel's wishes there will be a private family burial. In lieu of flowers Lionel's family invite you to consider a donation in his memory to a charity of your choice.

Anyone wishing to offer a condolence or share a memory are invited to do so at www.heritagenorth.ca on the obituary page. Also cards can be mailed to Heritage North Funeral Home 412 Cook Street, Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 2R1 and they will be forwarded to the family.



Father Jean-Marie Mouchet
1917 - 2013

A vigil, celebration and prayers for Father Jean-Marie Mouchet will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Steele Street and 4th Avenue.

Funeral service will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 1:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

A gathering and reception at Mount McIntyre Centre will follow the service. All are welcome to attend.

Yukon skier Jean-Marie Mouchet dies at age 96

CBC News Posted: Dec 03, 2013 1:17 PM CT | Last Updated: Dec 04, 2013 9:58 AM CT

Father Jean-Marie Mouchet is being remembered as an inspiration, who helped shape a generation of leaders.

The 96 year old catholic priest died in Whitehorse Monday night.

Throughout his life, he was a dedicated cross country skier and coach.

Mouchet was an Oblate priest. He was born in France in 1917 and moved to Yukon in the 1950s.



Father Jean-Marie Mouchet, pictured here during the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse in 2007, was a dedicated cross country skier and coach. (Courtesy Canada Games Council)

He started a program called the Territorial Experimental Ski Training, or TEST, to develop character in children through skiing. The program went on to send the first aboriginal Canadian skiers to the Olympics.

“If you looked at a lot of the people that have come through his program and just take a look at what they are doing with their lives, you’ll see people who have accomplished a lot of great things,” says Gary Baillie, a graduate of the program himself. “They have become leaders themselves.” Baillie now coaches Kwanlin Dun skiers in Whitehorse.

Philippe Mouchet was with his granduncle when he died this week.

“Healthy, focused and dedicated, true, honest,” is how Philippe describes him. “It really felt like his last ski race or his last run through the woods... he finally let go and surrendered.”

Mouchet continued to ski right up until the end of his life.

Philippe says Mouchet fell earlier this year and ended up in hospital with a concussion.

"At his age it was pretty hard to recover from that, but you know up until last night his mind was quite there," Philippe said. "He passed away knowing what was happening and fully aware of his last journey."

In 1993 Mouchet received the Order of Canada in recognition of his half-century of dedication to the people of the North.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Jealousy comes from counting others blessing instead of your own.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

HOT PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

2 (15 oz.) cans chunk pineapple
1 c. shredded sharp cheese
1/2 c. sugar
3 tbsp. flour
Crushed Ritz cheese crackers
1/4 c. melted butter

Drain pineapple. Place in 2-quart casserole. Mix sugar, cheese, and flour. Sprinkle over pineapple and top with crushed cheese crackers. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake for 20 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven. Great with ham! Serves 6-8.

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