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## 2012 Christie Screech

Welcome to the first edition of the Christie Screech. Let me share with you how this all began. Each year, I have had the pleasure to connect with everyone and find out what they were up to and share family stories in my annual effort to update the Christie Clan email contact list. It was through these wonderful conversations that the idea of the Christie Screech was born.

It became apparent that the next generation of Christies is a brilliant group. They are not only extremely adventurous, ambitious, and highly educated like many of their parents and grandparents, they are also exceptional humanitarians, community volunteers and highly competitive in their respective fields and sports of choice. In fact, they are quite remarkable; the downside is they hardly know each other.

When I approached some of my cousins with the idea of a newsletter it was clear that my fellow Christie relations not only shared my vision of such a project but through their enthusiasm and creativity we came up with something even grander. We are Christies after all so this comes as no surprise. The Christie Screech celebrates who we are, where we came from and more importantly we hope will maintain our commitment to strong family relationships today and for future generations of Christies.

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## HENSCHEL HERALD

### Rob Adams Sues Gym for Faulty Equipment *Returns with 2 litre Instead of 6 Pack He Ordered.*



*More evidence that the whole family is going to the birds.*

#### The Mature Henschels: Older, nuttier, but still alive and kicking.

Russ and Ann celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in February up at Harrison Hot Springs with the family. Mom was a bit of a handful, but still managed to get all dolled up and out on the dance floor for the anniversary waltz! Sadly this was her last big trip, and you know how much she loved to travel!!

In February she moved to the Long

term care facility at Eagle Ridge Manor. She shares a room with another confused, but funny lady, Bernice.

Russell goes to visit and help with lunch every day he is in town and sometimes makes the trip twice to help with dinner. Mom is not very verbal anymore, but once in a blue moon will come out and say 2 or 3 words that actually make sense!! She is always smiling and all the staff and

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## Tina Wood Seeking NDP nomination in Premier Clark's Riding *Urges all family members to renew their NDP memberships*

*For the first time in several decades, Auntie Jint/Gorgeous Grannie has all four of her off-spring in the Lower Mainland, and almost all of her grandchildren!*

**H**elen Margaret has settled happily in Kitsilano, having extensively renovated her beautiful house on 14th and Trafalgar and has returned to In-Patient Care nursing at St Paul's Hospital and very recently became a proud grandmother to her darling dog, Heidi's, five pups; a scene of note which recently unfolded found Jinty, Helen, Lois, Tina and new Aunt Christie, bottle feeding the puppies.

Christie is mid in her third year of studies at UBC and is aiming for a career in Nursing, a bit of a chip off the ole block. Christie, an excellent athlete, actively trains for and competes in triathlons, plays field hockey and continues to work with youth at the Dunbar Community Centre, where she mentors countless young people, both as volunteers and those participating in the programs.

Stefan graduated from the Robert Land Academy in Ontario in the Spring, his convocation proudly



*Stefan's graduation: Gorgeous Auntie Janet, Christie, Stefan and Helen Margaret.*

overseen by Gorgeous Grannie, Helen and cousin Freda, his Ontario Auntie! A delightful surprise celebration of his graduation achievement was held at Point Grey Golf Club in the summer, and was a very touching event. Currently Stefan is studying his first year of university at Corpus Christi College at UBC in General Arts with an aim of pursuing a career in Law.

Lois made the huge move back from many years living in Victoria, sadly leaving her beautiful garden,

and with the help of cousins Mike and Deb Christie, found a darling, pastoral home in Port Coquitlam, with tons of yard space and excellent exposure to start a new garden and where her beloved cats can roam. She was transferred back to Vancouver to continue her work as a Social Worker for the Deaf, where her multi-lingual signing capabilities are in high demand. She has just returned from a three-week Deaf cruise in the Mediterranean, crossing the Atlantic and cruising through the Caribbean.

Sandy lives in downtown Vancouver and continues to work as a Stock Promoter and has also developed a green thumb, as he tends to his roses and the other gardens at his housing complex.

Tina made a big move from her family home on West King Edward and bought an old multi-suite beaut of a house near the beach in Lower Kits, which she has spent the past year extensively renovating. She also embarked on a new career in Real Estate, with former Canadian Tennis darling, Grant Connell, leaving the heady world of Media and Fund Raising behind – happily.

Jillian completed her Undergraduate degree at McGill in Montreal and



*The Wood Clan Christmas 2011:*

*Jillian, Sophia, Tina, Alexander, Janet, Stefan, Helen and Christie.*



*Oliver kids: Alexander, Sophia & Jillian.*

took two years working for the Asian Pacific Foundation, and is currently in her last semester of her Masters Degree at SFU, in Communications and Social Media, and will defend her thesis on how Social Media affects voting trends in the under-35 demographic, later this summer. She and fiancé Chris spend most of their weekends on their boat or doting over their cat.

Alexander is in the final stretch of his undergraduate degree at Concordia University in Montreal, Majoring in Anthropology and Sociology with a Minor in Film and has his ambitions set on pursuing a Masters degree in Urban Planning, and blessedly, will return to Vancouver in the Spring. He continues to engage in the music scene as a keyboardist.

Sophia is honour rolling her way through grade 11 at Crofton House School where she keenly participates in the Model United Nations program which took her to New York City and Washington DC to participate in international delegations. She continues to love soccer and plays on both the Crofton House Senior team as well as the U-18 Vancouver Metro Select team as striker and mid-fielder, and is developing a keen interest in the culinary arts.

Bella the Rose, Jack Russell Terrorist, is, as ever, the beloved Oliver family mascot, and holds hearth and home together.

*by Tina Oliver*

*Screech... continued from front page*

What makes us uniquely Christie? We have been fortunate in our upbringing to belong to such a huge family and in its wake, a tremendous force to be reckoned with. The Royal Eight raised us to be a unit; as a result the Dirty Thirty is the sum of many parts that make us one. One giant family! The next generation will be even more fantastic than the previous ones. The very most important thing in the world is family. We are truly blessed to be part of something this strong. It is a gift that now as adults with children of our own we can truly appreciate. Growing up we had the privilege to move seamlessly into each other's homes.

We vacationed together, we played together, we had sleepovers we shared the happiness of weddings, the grief of loved ones gone, and the joy of newborns and the promise of new graduates. We learned to laugh, fight, cry, and celebrate together, and to have fun and enjoy the company of each other. Our actions speak to the strength of human spirit, a spirit that is rich, warm and loving. We are guided by thoughts of love and family, pride and loyalty; this is what makes us "Christie."

While Facebook has kept many family units linked, we hope the Screech will take this one giant step further. It is as unique as we are and will provide all of us with a huge opportunity to stay connected. It is here that we can laugh, share, brag, reminisce, challenge one another and do all things Christie. Remember, the very most important thing in the world is your family. It was over two decades ago that my mother and her research team gave us the Christie Family History. Bob in return gave us Auntie Culture and the Royal Eight. *The Screech* is our gift to the next generation and to our parents. Let's celebrate our riches and good fortune. On behalf of the Christie Screech production team I would like to wish everyone a holiday season full of joy and togetherness. Now let's Screech!

*- Patty*



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## PJ, Bill and Rob Audition for Redneck Reality Series

### *Characters cut as they're not Realistic Enough*

The Forbe's of Lasqueti  
Sung to the tune of, "*Redneck Yacht Club*" by Craig Morgan,

There are strange things done under  
the Lasqueti sun, by the Forbes'  
both young and old;  
The driftwood trails have their tales,  
of our their adventures there so  
bold.  
The island sights of many highlights  
And for the most part they were  
free;  
To play on the beach beyond their  
parent's reach, on the rocky  
shores of Lasqueti.

Pat Forbes lives there and takes great  
care to tend her yard & odd flower;  
She glowers each day when relatives  
stay, the consumption of her  
solar power.  
She wears a smile you can see from a  
mile, when she meets you at the  
ferry;  
We'll never be thin, as she offers her  
tin of cookies and "fly cemetery."

Bill we have found wanders around;  
he reached the age of 60 this year.  
He was sick with dread but he  
stupidly said, "We're old now  
Georgia dear."  
What an old coot, with 8 grand kids  
to boot, as he dons his devilish  
grin;  
What will be next, can he learn to  
text, the chances of that are slim.



Kevin and Gran



*Redneck Hunting party: Rob, PJ and Bill*

Bill sets his net, for his best season  
yet, a fairy tale yet still to claim;  
With another boat, to keep afloat,  
he passes to reluctant Trevor the  
reins.  
Trev mans the ship, taking each trip  
in search of crab, halibut and  
cod;  
Maiah, Nadon and Taylor, miss their  
dad sailor, and await his return  
from abroad.

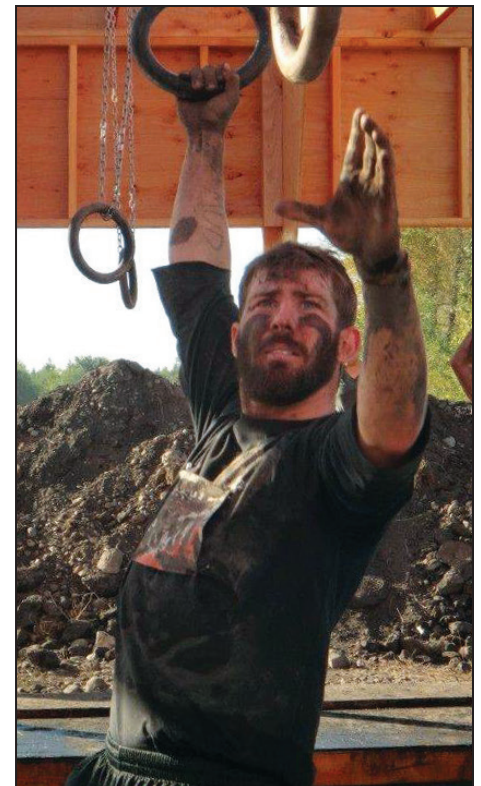
Alicia is busy her life in a tizzy, a  
business owner we are so proud;  
Post Net is her ground and she  
marches around, barking orders  
out clear and loud.  
Mother of three, Kaitlin, Will and



Bill and Georgia in Hawaii

Jesse, all with places to go;  
Keeping up is tough going to hockey  
and stuff, driving both to and fro.

PJ's kids are a treat, Kaiya and re-  
Pete, in Keremeos with their  
backyard rink;  
Forester by day, at night PJ will say,



Bruce... Tuff Mudder



by god, I've earned that drink.  
 Rob, PJ and Bill hiked the 100 mile  
 house hill to shoot a bull moose  
 for dinner;  
 Robbie just frowned as Bill drank  
 the crown while PJ's shot came  
 out the winner.

On a Lasqueti day, great grand kids  
 play, they set out to earn their  
 lunch;  
 It was hard they found, piling wood  
 from the ground, but it was done  
 by the motley bunch.  
 Taylor was missing, his summer  
 spent fishing, as they stacked a  
 cord for Great Gran;  
 It was thanks they could show, for  
 their trip in the snow that Gran  
 gave Bill's whole clan.

With John and Jean on the scene,  
 Deep Bay is now getting crowded;  
 Proud grandparents too, a grandson  
 in blue, the outlook for them is  
 unclouded.

They travel around – often Ontario  
 bound to enjoy time with the  
 new little Weighill;  
 And when in Deep Bay Jean will  
 garden all day, growing plants  
 intended to heal.

Cameron's a new dad, who isn't half  
 bad, little Pietro is a charm;  
 Diapers and bath time, stories and  
 barf slime are doing him no harm.  
 Both health inspectors and diaper  
 collectors, Dorianna and  
 Cameron are happy;  
 Aurora's their home; Dori didn't far  
 roam, to make Cameron all sweet  
 and sappy.

Aggie's no fool; VIU is the tool that  
 finances the field school trips;  
 Ghana's a riot on a dysentery diet,  
 litres of purified water she sips.  
 Taking pictures by day, Gran will  
 pay, for the calendar she will later  
 create;



*Top: Pietro, Below: Patty & Steve*



*Top: Bill and Georgia's Grand Children.  
 Below: Forbes Gang celebrating Milestone Birthdays*

## STARTING POINT

### QE Diamond Jubilee medal for Pat Forbes

Patricia Forbes was recently presented with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal for her many years of service to the Lasqueti Community.

From her arrival on Lasqueti Island in the 1940s to teach at the old Maple Grove School, to today where she still represents Lasqueti Island on the French Creek Harbour Authority, the ferry committee and the ramp committee, Forbes has been a powerful contributor to the community.

"I first started working with Mrs. Forbes in the early 1970s when the newly formed Island Trust requested volunteers to form an Advisory Planning Commission to advise the Trustees," said Lasqueti resident Merrick Anderson.

"She served as secretary to my chairmanship for the next 15 years or so, and minutes from the meetings were always accurate and in my mailbox the next day."

"No matter how much time she devoted to the community, she also served her family, and serves on the board of directors of the family business, The Lasqueti Fish Co.

Despite all this, she still managed to gift the new babies born on Lasqueti with hand-knit booties, plus many other community building activities."

"It gave me great pleasure in my role as regional director to be able to facilitate a tangible way to honour Mrs. Forbes life time of community service."

— NEWS staff/Submitted by Merrick Anderson





*Aggie in Ghana*



*Top: Rob's Family on Safari in Kenya.*

*Below: Jean, John and Aggie*

Of Elephants grand, huge expanses  
of land, make great gifts for the  
Royal Eight.

Coral and Rob sure did a good job,  
raising an adventurous crew;  
Kelly studies all night, and in  
the morning light, runs half  
marathons with her mom too;  
Heather most of the time, keeps  
artists in line, in charge of social  
housing;  
While Elliot's living' large, off the  
electrical charge, when the fam's  
not on Lasqueti carousing.

The whole gang had fun in the  
African sun, when they all went  
there for a tryst;  
Heather was in Sierra Leone, but the  
crew said no bones, we trekked  
Kenya to see the beasts!  
Each person was assigned an animal  
of their kind: Elliot - was a  
leopard on a log;  
Elephant Heather, Kelly - hyena and  
monkey, together; Coral a crane,  
and Rob, a smelly warthog!

Patty and Steve ace the test, an  
empty nest, as their sons have all  
moved elsewhere;  
Robert masters the seas riding the  
breeze, an officer with a ship's  
watch to bear;  
Bruce chose PE and nearly done his  
degree, will search for a career  
satisfying;

Kevin plays third, a UBC  
Thunderbird, it's a challenge  
there's no denying.

On Thanksgiving Day The Biro's  
were beating our way, piling  
brush and trees for the fire;  
Gran's yard was a mess we must  
confess, the Uncles' work left  
much to be desired.  
And every day in that quiet bay we  
worked and we laughed and we  
drank;  
It was great to be there in the  
Lasqueti fresh air, an appropriate

day to give thanks.

There are strange things done under  
the Lasqueti sun, by the Forbes'  
both young and old;  
Our heritage rich, our lives cross  
stitched, relatives our characters  
did mold.  
The Dirty Thirty are surefooted and  
sturdy, to continue traditions we  
decree;  
We'll do our best to bear the crest of  
the Wonderful Family Christie.

*by Patty Biro*



## Mac Christie Spotted at Embridge Pipeline Protest

### Why He's Joined the Environmental Movement...

It's been a busy year of moving for the #1 Child- Joanne's household, from Whistler to Burnaby to the Westside of Vancouver. John is having great success with NDL Industries and Joanne with Medical Aesthetics and volunteering at the children's schools.

Derek is enjoying his 2nd year at St. Georges School, grade 7 and is conquering Rep hockey for the Vancouver Thunderbirds (next NHL star) and rugby for Saints and Meralomas.

Danielle started her 1st year at Crofton house, grade 6 and is playing soccer, field hockey, drama/choir and writing for the "Crofton Chronicles".

Winter holidays will be spent with the "Jeffries family" followed by hitting the slopes and hanging out with old friends in Whistler.

Bonnie and Malcolm will be cruising to Australia and New Zealand this Christmas and meeting up with their grandson Dylan and family in Perth. Besides cruising and jet-setting, Bonnie and Mac are Derek and Danielle's biggest fans in the stands at hockey and school plays and band concerts.



*Gordon, Mac and Dylan on Safari.*

*Note: Mac is the one with binoculars not the one with a horn.*

#2 – Gordon and Namaste, with an epic summer adventure with Malcolm and Dylan to the magical counties of Kenya and Tanzania safari. The Serengeti and Masai Mara with hot air balloon flights, wild animals and of course GOLF on the equator. Buying trips to Thailand and Nepal for his clothing lines in Montreal.

Gord's son Dylan, is in his 2nd year of Medicine at Keele University, in

the UK. Dylan is on the tennis and intermural soccer teams.

#3 –Michelle has been keeping herself busy with her two dogs and volunteer work. Michelle and Bonnie enjoyed a relaxing Mediterrean cruise this summer. Michelle has worked hard renovating her house and yard and is on a quest for the perfect career choice.

*by Joanne*



*Mac and Bonnie at Olympic Park*



*Danielle and Derek help Michelle celebrate her 40th*



## Man Seen Threatening Racoon with a Knife tied to a Pole

***“Well he wouldn’t come out of the tree so I could club him,” He confesses***

*I (Bob) asked Cheryl if she was writing a holiday letter I could plagiarize. Of course... it was written in August. (Of course it was...) She’s busy coordinating all the Salvation Army Christmas hampers and kettles for the Cowichan Valley, a job she took on last year, and the reason her Christmas letter is written in the middle of summer. Mark is on a mission in Bolivia!*

### The Buchanans

The Buchanans had a very exciting year. At the end of Feb. Mark, Cheryl and Nicola moved to the countryside of Wales for four months. They did a house exchange with a retiring pastor there. At the beginning of May, Sarah joined them and they all took a three-week trip to continental Europe, visiting parts of Italy and finishing in Paris.

When I checked in with my nieces and nephews, Sarah told me her favorite part of the summer was visiting Paris and having a birthday dinner for her dad on the banks of the Seine. (she took the photo) Her French is still “HORRIBLE” (her words) despite living in Quebec for more than a year now, so she’s looking at universities in France and Belgium for the rest of her studies. Currently she’s at Bishops in Sherbrook Quebec living with 4 other girls in a house they call the “Love Shack.” (Ya right. We’ll be keeping an eye on that story for sure.)

Adam was left behind while his family toured Europe. Someone had to work. It was his second summer fighting forest fires, and where our story gets exciting.

Adam reporting from the front lines:

“The pilot landed us by the lake, we unload all our gear, and the helicopter heads off back to the base. There were 6 of us - two initial attack crews, and our mission was to run fire hose the 4.5 KMs from the lake through the thick brush until we got

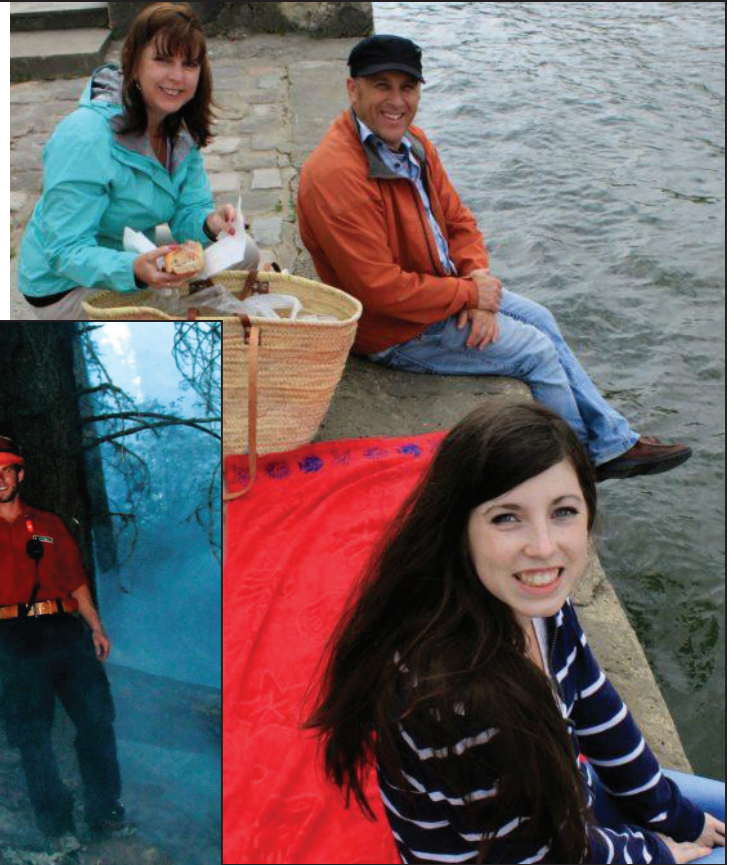


to the fire. I grabbed 6 lengths of hose, 4 on the back and one in each hand, as well as half a dozen water bottles that I shoved in my pockets. Strapped with gear totaling about 70lbs, I took off towards the fire.

Through the bush and over the hills I headed, the 4 and a half km to where it needed to go. It was a grueling trek. Everything in my body ached. My legs burned, my feet numb, but I kept on going.

I was about 100 yards from the end of the fire hose line when I heard the helicopter circling above. I stopped just shy of the end of the line to catch my breath when all the sudden the chopper swooped down and hovered above an opening in the forest canopy.

I watched from below as a door slid open and about 15 boxes of hose were thrown out to the ground



*Above: Cheryl Mark & Nicola in Wales.  
Left: Adam fighting forest fires.*

below, as well as 6 boxes of water and two flats of Gatorade. I almost cried right then and there as I realized I had dragged all that gear through the forest for nothing as we had more than enough hose for the rest of the fire! It did make things better that later that night we had pizza delivered to us on the fire line - in the same manner - thrown out the window of a helicopter. First class pizza delivery!”

Adam has so many awesome stories it was hard to choose.

In other news... As is tradition, a male child was born and subsequently named Robert. Ethan Robert Christie to be exact, born May 17th to Dave and Jen and four year old brother Brandon William. Dave recently graduated with his CMA and has taken over for Uncle Mac in the oil





*Above: Jeremy and Jacquie showing off their wild coifs.*

business. We're all counting on you now Dave...no pressure though ... but sort of.

### **Randy's Brood**

Rob and his family are adjusting to life in North Bay Ontario. Something is going on with Jeremy and Jacquie's hair but it seems to be working for

them. I asked Rob how things were going with the Canadian Air Force.

"So far I haven't learned too many fun military secrets. I have learned that there are many fun secrets out there, just none that I'm allowed to hear about yet. I'm still waiting to send some jets out to intercept a UFO, but I haven't had a chance to. Though a couple of weeks ago we did get a report from three different aircraft of a UFO sighting in Sault St. Marie area!

There is one other thing, I'm going to be purposely vague about, but let's just say if you want to build a super secure place to do super secret things, you might want to do a background check on the people you contract to build them, because just sometimes the people you hire might turn out to be foreign military spies who install a bunch of their own spy equipment all over your super secure place. Not that this kind of thing ever happens! Nooooooooooooo..."



*Brandon showing off his new brother Ethan Robert.*

So I'm feeling a whole lot better about National Security knowing Rob is taking care of all this. I was under the impression that Sean was finishing his music degree at UBC and working at Starbucks in Kerrisdale, but he submitted this account of recent events:

"During my bi-annual trip back-packing through Europe I met the woman of my dreams in Minsk. Her name was Lekochka. She was a ping-pong world champion with hair the colour of the ocean blue. Unfortunately she left me after a terrible accident where a bloodthirsty goat let run wild in the city gnawed off both my arms and beat me senseless with them. I will never forget my precious Lekochka and will win her back somehow."

More on Sean's love life in the next edition of the WJC News.

Last weekend Beth and Daryl paid a visit so a bunch of us had dinner at 706. Beth has settled into Psychology at UVic and working at the SUB. It sounds like there will be many more years of university in their future, but they're both enjoying it.

Randy joined Toastmasters to improve his public speaking skills and ended up making it to the Provincial



*Dave receiving his Accreditation as a CMA.*

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Finals in the Humourous Speech contest. Much to his surprise he discovered he could project his voice to the back of the room without amplification... must be a genetic thing.



*Brandon Checking out the swing he helped Grandpa Build*

Randy also did the Old Boys trip to Lasqueti this summer with Dad, Mac, Russell and Daryl. No fish, and few shrimp, but they did net an Octopus which looked pretty freaky! Randy and Julie are busy running their business and launching the web 2.0 version of Christie propaganda... our own family website. Thank You Randy for helping keep the Christie Clan connected. I can't wait to see what you've come up with.

I took Mom & Dad to a barn dance/turkey dinner/drag show a few weeks back That was good, once we figured out which gender neutral washroom was really the ladies. Dad and I drank beer, and they were both a hit with all my friends... as is tradition.

This year I'm missing "Christmas Eve" for the first time since about 1972. Ross and I are off to New Zealand to celebrate a friend's 50th birthday. We've both had very busy years work wise, so we're looking forward to a sunny warm month away from it all. Leaving Dec 14th! So don't miss me too much. I do hope your holidays are jolly and gay. Merry Christmas to all!

*By Bob and Friends*

## THE JEFFRIES TIMES

# Prominent Beverage Executive Fails the Pepsi Challenge

As a foreign correspondent and keeping with Jeffries' tradition I think it is only fair to pay tribute to our past in my rendition of the Jeffries' Clan year in review. Taking political correctness into consideration I will refrain from earlier versions of the Jeffries' role in the Christie Clan albeit disenfranchised comes to mind. The Jeffries have much to celebrate: whilst the limitation on words does not allow me to elaborate ('outlaws' were given less words... human rights complaint to follow) names such as Sharpe, Mandela, Jackson, Oprah, and of course Obama speak to our cause.

Rick, Carrie and son Brady live just south of the line in Birch Bay Village. Rick has continued working in the commercial fishing industry since his start many years ago working on the Lasqueti boats. Over the last few years he has developed his own company, brokering fish. Carrie is working for WorkSafe. Son Brady has not lost sight of his Canadian heritage and is backstopping the Bellingham Atom hockey team. Highlight of the year was travelling to Vancouver to face cousin Derek's team. Great game highlighted by Derek potting a couple goals against Brady but after that the Bellingham boys laid down a serious smack down on the Vancouver squad.

Gayle, artist turned entrepreneur is living in Crescent Beach working diligently designing homes. Eldest daughter Rylee is attending Western States Chiropractic College school in Portland. Younger daughter Carly recently graduated from UBC and is working for an accounting firm. Carly is still contemplating post-graduate studies.

Dan, June and family reside in Burnaby. June is seeking the provincial nomination for the Burnaby Deer Lake riding for



*Gayle's daughters, Rylee & Carley*

the upcoming election. Dan has remained in the beverage business expanding on his first job of running a lemonade stand at the PNE to managing the Coca-Cola operations in Western Canada.

Oldest son Caleb has recently graduated from SFU, like both of his parents, and started a career in the beverage business competing with his father (father is considering buying this second rate beverage company with the sole intention of firing his son). Caleb and fiancée Hilary will be wed in August. Daughter Hannah is in her fourth year at SFU, working at Save-On Foods, volunteering a couple days per week at the Crisis Centre, and pursuing her passion of baking via participating in a Bakers Market on Saturdays. Youngest son Ben is busy playing hockey, soccer, and attending STM High School.

*by Dan Jeffries*



## We're not getting better, just older

### Susan and Colin Fraser

They have now moved to Nanaimo in a penthouse condo overlooking Nanaimo Bay and Protection Island. They spend their time there and their cottage on Ruxton Island. Susan still commutes to the mainland and stays at Mom's house Monday – Thursday as she still works as a massage therapist. Susan's son Michael works for the Portland Hotel Society in Downtown Vancouver.

### Mike and Deb Christie

They still reside in Burnaby and are in the Real Estate Business with their Children Jeffrey and Jennifer. Jeffrey and his wife Jacque live in Mom's basement suite and help look after Mom's dog TomTom. Jennifer got engaged last Christmas morning in Vietnam and her wedding will take place in July 2013. Julianne and her husband Marko honeymooned in Thailand and moved into their new condo in Port Moody. Julianne just got promoted to Aritzia's head office.

### Danny and Elaine Christie

Danny has entered his 50's and deciding when his retirement will take place. He feels it's pretty hard



*Top Row Left, Kevin Houghton, Jaqueline Christie, Maria Christie, Lorraine Christie, Julianne Bajic, Craig Houghton, (Kristi Houghton's boyfriend). Bottom Row left, Michael Riel, Marco Bajic, Kristi Houghton, Jennifer Christie, Kasandra Christie.*

to be driven around all day in those big red flashy trucks making all that money. Dan & Elaine live in South Surrey and their daughter Jacqueline will be graduating from Grade 12 in June 2013. They travel "several" times a year with friends and family.

### Craig and Wende Christie

Still living in Prince George, Craig still travels all year working in different towns usually on Husky Stations. Wende works at the Husky

Station in Prince George that they own. Kasandra has just bought her first house and is looking forward to renovating. Kasandra is employed at Fortis B.C. Maria is graduating from Grade 12 in June 2013... Look out Christie Scholarship!!!!

### Colleen and Ken Houghton

Ken is working in construction now building bridges in Delta and Colleen is a Caregiver for seniors. Kristi has finished her schooling in Kelowna and now works as a Care Aide at Belvedere Senior Home and Astoria Senior Home. This is very handy as Kristi spends a lot of time with her Grandma Christie. Kristi has decided to go back to school to become a RN, she is saving her hard earned money to afford the 4 years of schooling ahead. Kevin will be graduating in June 2013 and is enrolled in the Ace-it program at Terry Fox in the Carpentry Division. Kevin races dirt bike and works at Save on Foods. Craig is in grade 9 at Terry Fox and plays Rep hockey and made the Bantam A1 team this year. Craig also races dirt bikes and it's great to see the brother's race against each other.

*by Colleen Houghton*



*Celebrating Lorraine's 80th: l-r Craig, Colleen, Lorraine, Danny, Susan & Michael*



the rest of the residents love her! The girls get over to see her at least once a week and Jamie more often as she is just a stones throw away.

Russell is busy with his Seniors Center playing snooker and getting out with his friends and family for a game of golf, weather and health permitting. He has managed to avoid the ER this year, and continues to put off the hip redo he will eventually need. He continues to travel with his favorite sister Isobel and Rune, going to Cabo twice and on an Alaskan cruise this year, and of course the trip to Lasquiti with the other old codgers.

He has a new roommate... Vanessa and her little pooch Lola. This is the original "Odd Couple". We don't know how it works, but it does!!

### **The Adams Family**

Still working, no big lottery win and 4 kids still on the payroll!!!

Rob turned the big 60 this year without batting an eye, he is still working with Manulife Securities in White Rock and continues to go to the gym 6-7 days a week. Still missing the 6 pack...what is he really doing??

Susan is in her 32nd year at RCH in the recovery room, in her spare time she buys lottery tickets, skates on a synchronized skating team, plays Div 5 field hockey, [lowest of the low], plays slow pitch in the summer and tries to beat Christy at golf.

Susan and Rob go to Phoenix a couple times a year to escape the rain and general miserable winters here. Next big trip.....France and Spain : Sept 2013.

Eric [25], is currently unemployed. He lived out for 6 years and then returned home in January... his mission: to find a job he actually likes!! He has worked for the last 9 months off and on doing mostly fencing and shed building. He is hoping to find a job in a machine shop so he can finish his machinest ticket and get permanent employment with paychecks on a regular basis. His



*Lauren and Vanessa with Gramps*

girlfriend Liz, is a graduating psych nurse and will be looking for a job early next year.

Adrienne [23] graduated from BCIT with a diploma in Marketing Management. She returned to BCIT this Sept to carry on and get her Degree, she is excited about being accepted to the international student program and will be flying to Austria in February to attend a semester at a business school in Steyr. She has been keeping fit by going to the gym and this year completing her 1st half marathon!

David [22] attended UVIC through the summer and fall semesters and has now graduated with Bachelor of Commerce!! Throughout his 5 years at school he played soccer with the UVIC team and went to National 3 times, winning the title last year as they hosted the tournament. We all went to cheer him on and had a fabulous time. He will move home in December and now tells us he has decided on a new career path... Firefighter!!

Julia [19] is in her 2nd year of Med School at the National University of Ireland, in Galway. They are busy examining cadavers and getting to know their way around the human body. She is finding this 1st real med school year significantly more

involved than last year. She is living in a rental house with 3 others not far from the school and hospital. She has been going to the gym and attending hot yoga classes for relaxation. Only 4 ½ more years to go!

After 4 months last year of being actual empty nesters, we could have 3 out of 4 back home by December!!! WTF?? HDTH?

### **The Herndier Clan**

No weddings, no babies, no Freedom 55 - perhaps Freedom 60!!

We thought it was supposed to get easier when our children grew up, but now we had to put Daryl's mom in a care home (she has Alzheimer's) and also Mom is now in a care home. We spend time visiting on the weekends.

Despite this, we are all doing fabulous!!

Daryl is still working at Air Canada (35years), and enjoys his yearly trek to Lasqueti with the old guys. We love our trips to Phoenix for golfing, summer camp trips, fishing on the river, and our winter vacations somewhere tropical.

Christy is still working at Paragon Realty doing all the accounting for the company. She plays golf every





*Lauren and Vanessa in Vegas*

Tuesday night in a Ladies league (won the longest drive and closest to the pin – watch out Auntie Janet, she's ready for Point Grey). She also loves doing yoga, and enjoys all the vacation with Daryl, but her favourite spot of all, is still Lasqueti Island.

Vanessa recently broke up with her boyfriend, and her and her dog Lola are living with Grandpa Russ – (they are roommates and enjoy each other's company drinking beer and wine.) She recently graduated with a Bachelor of Criminology, and is now enrolled in the honors program where she is writing a thesis which will be published soon. We are very proud of her. She still works at the Guildford Station Pub, and at a Half way house in New Westminster. She would like to take a break after she graduates, and do some travelling to Europe.

Lauren graduated from UBC with a bachelor of Human Kinetics, and has her foot in the door with Fraser Health. She works casually at Burnaby General and Peach Arch Hospital in the Cardiac Rehab dept, and is waiting for a more permanent position. She also works full time at Milestones Southpoint restaurant.



*Daryl didn't catch many prawns this fall, however, he did manage to pull in some lovely octopi. Rumour has it he also came home with crabs.*

She spent her 24th birthday in Las Vegas and had a wonderful time. She also likes to visit her Grandmas, and help make pickled bean, and mustard pickles with her Grandpa. She has been with her boyfriend Ryan Reynolds for 7 years. ( he's a great guy) - so maybe a wedding in the future???

### **The Constables'**

Retirement planning, 2 kids still at home, dream or reality??

Jamie and Steve turned 50 this year and went off on a great adventure to Belize. They travelled through jungles, swam through caves and had a great time...until they came home and discovered they carried home some unwanted guests! They had been bitten by a mosquito carrying the eggs of a bot fly. Now these bot flies like to sit just beneath the skin and enjoy themselves for 3-4 weeks until they are ready to fly. Fortunately they had a good idea what they were and pulled the larvae out before they could mature. Disgusting!! Check out bot fly removal on u-tube if you want to know why you shouldn't go to Belize!! Surprisingly they still want to travel and plan a trip to Turkey next year!

Scott [22] attended a semester at Fingerlakes College in New York



a 3 years ago and has worked part time at a variety of jobs for the past few years. He has started school at Langara and is enrolled in a 1 year program for Sound Engineering. Anyone needing a DJ please contact Mr Scott!!

Sarah [22] has been working throughout her first years of part time studies at BCIT in Marketing Management with Tourism as her focus. She has returned to full time studies this September and will get her Diploma in June 2013. She continues to work at a Sushi Restaurant to fund her travels throughout the world. She has had the same boyfriend, Andy for the past 6 years, he attends UVIC and is currently working towards a degree in golf course management, with the hopes of becoming a teaching professional! Q school anyone?

*by Susan Adams*



## Seniors Behaviour Shocks Spectators at Sports Complex

**Former Parks Board Member Supports Geese Cull to Feed Homeless at Christmas**

*All is good with the Colbourne Christie Clan with 2012 marking major milestones for the Colbourne brood.*

Let's start with the youngest and what's new with the Colbourne Hodges family. The three youngest of the entire Christie Clan are hard at work following in Granny's hockey legacy. Anne Grade 5, Grace Grade 3 and Christina in Grade 1 have all taken up the sport... and coached by mom Barb seem to be old chips off Granny's block. With dented shins and great style, they will soon be joining Moira's Motley Crew!

Furthermore, they are also channeling their inner Scottishness with highland dancing finesse, with several trips to the medal podium. Anne is also excited to be participating in the Royal City Youth Ballet's production of the Nutcracker this holiday season. Barb is just finishing upgrading her skills to become a Medical Transcriptionist



*Coach Barb with (l-r) Anne, Christina and Grace*



*Freda and Cole*

and Mike heads back to BCIT in January to teach in the Business Program.

Next up the Stewart Colbourne family with Oliver now in second year of business at UBC Vancouver, having transferred after a successful first year at UBC Okanagan. He recently became a fully fledged "Brother" in the Fiji Frat, don't worry no food fights, and is enjoying residence life.



*Ellen (in white) at U18 National Field Hockey Championships.*



*Marco and Freda*

Ellen is in her final year of high school and enjoying the centre of attention as the "only" child. Following successful back surgery last year, Ellen has resumed her field hockey career by securing a spot on the Provincial Team and was recently nominated for the Junior Citizen of the Year in New Westminster.

Stew continues to "save lives" for a living as "Captain Colbourne" and has embraced his inner karma



*Meaghan's graduation (l-r) Jack, Meaghan, Moira and Bill.*





*Highland Dancing: (l-r) Christina, Anne and Grace.*

by taking up yoga with his bride Jackie. Jackie is working at KPMG and continues to be the best cook in Canada.

The Moro Colbourne family in Toronto saw Cole leave the nest for his first year at University of Western Ontario in kinesiology.

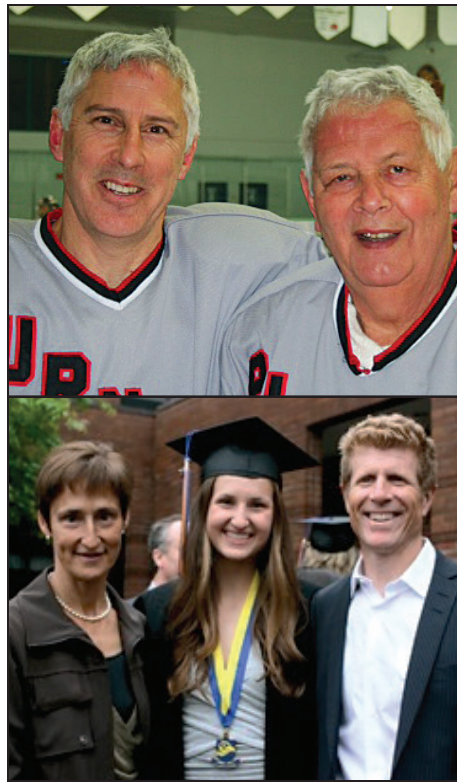
Mom Freda was in denial and tried to plot how she could move their too. Cole is enjoying university life in residence and has taken up Squash in order to challenge his Auntie Mag.

Marco has just started Grade 9 but is pleased with his status as the only grandchild still playing competitive ice hockey so Grandpa flies across the country to come and see his games in Toronto.

Freda celebrated her 50th birthday this past year, continues in her consulting career and is trying to improve her tennis game now that she is not spending so much time in arenas.

Joe is designing court houses in Ontario and we hope we never have to visit one! Their adopted son Stefan departed the East and his weekends at the Moro household to return to Vancouver and they miss him tons.

The Matthews Colbourne family also saw a bird fly the coop. With Meaghan off to her father's alma mater of U Vic. Enjoying residence



*Top: Stu and Bill at Hockey  
Below: Margaret, Meaghan & Bruce*

life and first year in Victoria she is taking sciences at U Vic.

Jack, like Marco and Ellen...is enjoying life as the only child. In Grade 11, Jack continues to be the charmer and also has become quite the field hockey star. Playing with his father on a local team as well as a select team, Jack is the goalie extraordinaire.

Doc Mag is taking on a new role in Child Protection at BC Children's Hospital in January and continues to be the "family" doctor on everything else.

Bruce continues to ensure his father in law's pension won't run out as he moves up the corporate ladder at Telus. He has recently taken up road cycling... in addition to squash, tennis, running, yoga, rowing, skiing, bee keeping, monopoly, bridge, mixed martial arts, knitting...

Bill and Moira are still working on their golf games when they are not visiting grandchildren in Toronto, Victoria and close at home.

*by Freda Colbourne*



**Celebrating 80**  
Janet Wood  
Lorraine Christie

**Celebrating 70**  
John Weighill

**Celebrating 60**  
Rob Adams  
Bill Forbes  
Georgia Forbes

**Celebrating 50**  
Patty Biro  
Sandra Shaw  
Jamie Constable  
Steve Constable  
Dan Jeffries  
Bruce Matthews

**Celebrating 40**  
meron Weighill

**Celebrating 30**

**Celebrating 20**  
Christie Arlotti-Wood

**Celebrating 10**  
Anne Hodges

**Born in 2012**  
Ethan Robert Christie  
Pietro John Weighill



## Doug Layfield Nominated as Poster Boy for Movember

What can I say about my “dear” siblings? Let’s start with the oldest. Doug and Jacquie became grandparents in February. Jacquie’s son Anthony had a little boy named Channing. They have also been travelling quite a bit, to Florida, Hawaii, Palm Springs and Las Vegas. I think my big brother is seeing what it will be like to retire, or he just wants to play golf in SUNNY weather.

Doug’s son Bradley will be turning 30 this year, so it was time he got a job. Actually he has two jobs. He works at Starbucks and at a video store. Not sure why some people in society can’t find work, but Bradley has two jobs.

Don and Brenda will be busy this coming year helping Brenda’s son plan his wedding. It’s a good thing the wedding is happening in the summer of 2013, because I am sure Brenda and Mom will be on another cruise in the summer of 2014. Anyone else wishing to join them will be welcome HINT HINT Auntie Bonnie and Michelle. Don is still busy at the

newspaper, but he still finds time to golf and hunt.

My sweet sister Carol is not doing well. She has a rare disease that some of you may have had, and lived to tell, but I am not sure she will. The disease is called Teenage Daughters. As the kind and caring older sister, who has lived through this disease, I have tried to counsel her, but to no avail. I believe she is going downhill quickly. Jettie the oldest is now a college student playing basketball for Douglas College, and we all know what happens at college; PARTIES with the men’s basketball team. Madison will be graduating in June, and is busy looking for a tall boy to take her to grad, and Emily the youngest has adopted the Cindy Lauper song “Girl’s Just Want to Have Fun” as her mantra, as she spends her weekends at parties and going on Party Buses.



*Amanda helping Christina to be supergirl*

As for me, my life seems to revolve around work and exercise. Christina has started a business on my property. She is part of the Body Exchange Organization that offers fitness for plus size women. So I have exercise class 3 days a week as well as learning how to run a 5 km race. I have a group run one day a week and then two runs for homework. My first run is the Santa Shuffle on December 1st. Amanda is in her final year of schooling and is busy doing her practicum at Abbotsford hospital. Conversations around my house can be quite interesting, when Amanda and Christina start talking. Christina knows all about the body through the mechanics of physio, and Amanda knows all the inside workings, so when they start talking I sit and smile and have no idea what they are talking about. I now know what my mom feels like when I try to explain the computer to her.

I must now say good-bye as I have reached my 500 word max. REALLY 500 words, obviously our esteemed editors have forgotten that we are Christies, and when have we ever been able to say something in 500 words!!!!

From Doug, Don, Sandra and Carol, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, New Year.

*by Sandra Shaw*



*Bradley with his Harem on his 31st Birthday*

*Back: Christina and Amanda; Front: Bradley with Jettie, Madison and Emily.*