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"The time when the blue camas bloom"

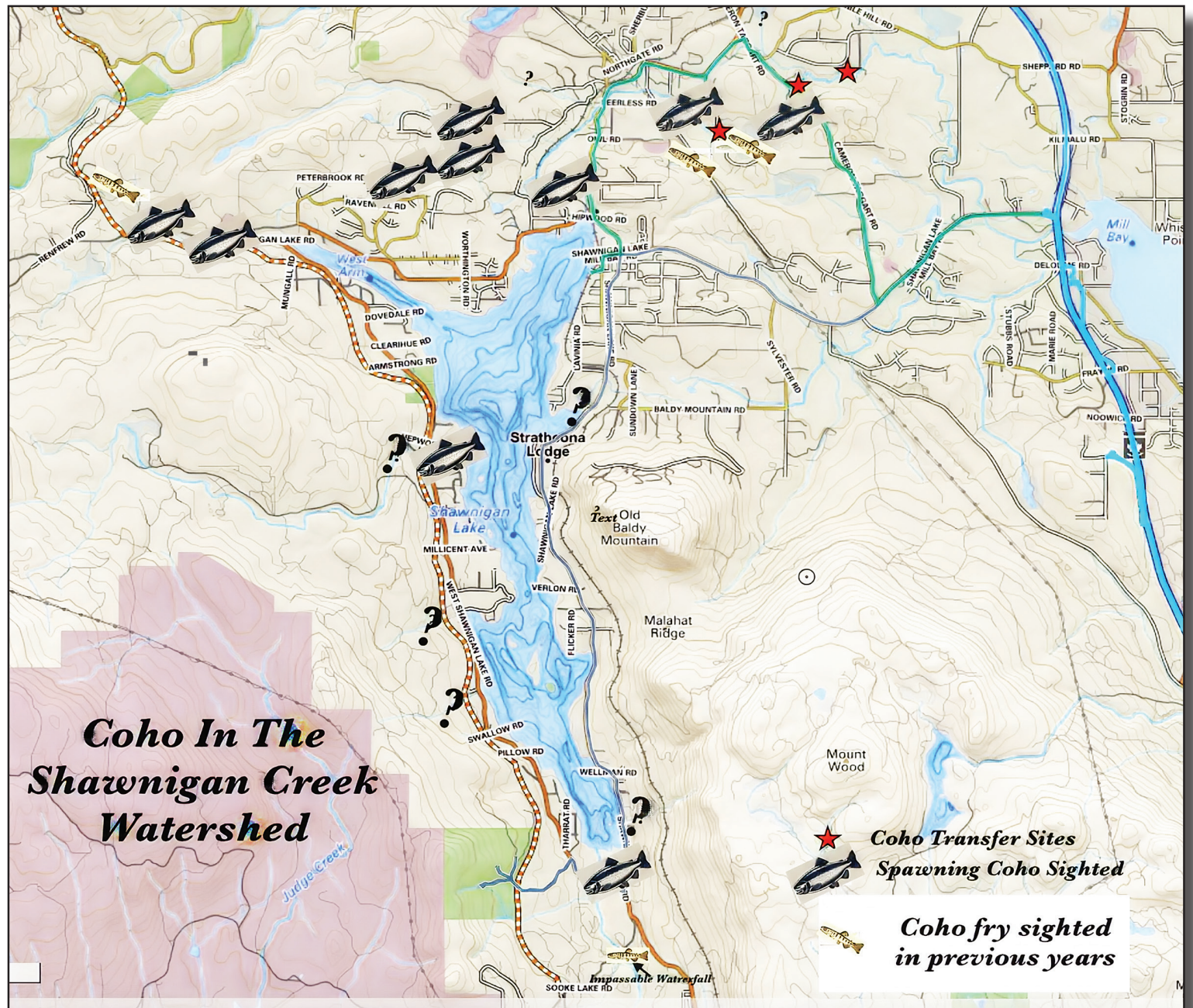
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Mapping The Distribution of Coho Fry

Bernhard Juurlink
Shawnigan Basin Society

Last fall, the Mill Bay & District Conservation Society had the most successful year yet and moved 8,485 Coho of which 7,752 were adults and 773 were Jacks (2-year-old males). Jacks have 50% the success rate in fertilization of eggs compared to the mature males. Jacks are one of Nature's ways of ensuring genetic variability in offspring.

Of the adult spawners, 80 were sent to the Goldstream fish hatchery and 38 to the Shawnigan Lake School fish hatchery. The remaining 7,634 adults and all Jacks were transported to Lower Shawnigan Creek at 3 sites indicated by red asterisks in the accompanying map: Campbell Park, Cameron-Taggart bridge and Shinrock bridge. From here the Coho swam upstream to spawn in Lower Shawnigan Creek and its tributaries and some swam into the lake and then up the streams entering the lake. Volunteers did surveys to see where the spawning Coho ended up. The sites where the Coho were sighted are indicated in the accompanying map. Besides various locations in Lower Shawnigan



Creek, spawning Coho were sighted in several of the branches of Hartl Creek, a major tributary of Lower Shawnigan Creek. Spawning Coho were also sighted along several locations of the West Arm Creek as well as at McGee Creek near

West Shawnigan Lake Road and in Upper Shawnigan Creek.

In the past, Coho fry have been recorded in the major stream in Taylor Park that empties into the West Arm Creek as well as in the Upper Shawnigan Creek in locations indicated in the map. However, we do not know how far up the West Arm Creek Coho have spawned, nor do we know how far up McGee Creek Coho have spawned. Nor do we know whether Coho spawn in the minor streams (note question

marks on map) that empty directly into the Shawnigan Lake.

The Shawnigan Basin Society is looking for volunteers to walk the streams to determine where Coho fry are developing. Coho fry can be identified by their distinctive parr marks that are narrow and straddle the lateral line. The lateral line is formed at the apex of the chevron-shaped body wall muscles. A fry is indicated in the adjacent photo taken at Shinrock bridge on June 12, 2024 when Louis Chancellor

and I were surveying for fry. If you see Coho fry, please let us know when and where the fry were observed. You can contact us at: admin@shawniganbasinsociety.org

Last year the Shawnigan Basin Society was successful in the grant application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Grants program and now have two fishing cameras. If you spot fry and wish to record them, please contact us and we will loan you a camera with underwater video recording capability.



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The South Cowichan Seed Library is busy and refilled regularly. Come by to start your seedlings!

Want to learn how to play the ukulele? A local music teacher is offering a series of four Ukulele Workshops for beginning and early intermediate players. Bring your ukulele if you have one and prepare for fun! 6-8pm on Monday, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23.

Family Storytime is at 10:30am on Wednesday mornings at the Mill Bay Centre playground, through May 14. Join us for stories, songs, and fun!

The Learning with Syeyutsus online lecture series happens every other Thursday, noon to 1pm.

15 May: Editor Jennifer Kramer and contributing author Douglas S. White will discuss Native Art of the Northwest Coast: A History of Changing Ideas, in the second of two sessions about the award winning collection.

29 May: Through his memoir The Way Home, David Neel shares his

story of rediscovering his Kwakiutl heritage after being separated from it for over two decades. Learn how a chance encounter with his great-great-grandfather’s art sparked his journey to reclaim his cultural roots and pursue his dream of becoming an artist.

Online Human Rights Book Club for Adults: the book for May is This Changes Everything by Naomi Klein. The book club meets online on Monday, May 26, 2;30-4pm. Call or drop by for help registering.

LEGO® Club happens every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and you supply the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event.

Intermediate Conversational Spanish meets 6:30 to 7:30pm on Tuesdays.

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open:

10am - 8pm, Monday and Tuesday

10am - 5pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

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Shawnigan Focus Weather — March 2025

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network and Weather Underground
Reported by Grant Treloar

	April Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Butler Road		Discovery School		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
		2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Average High	13.5	16.2	14.3	16.2	14.5	16.2	14.6	16.9	14.5	16.4	14.5
Average Low	3.8	4.2	3.5	1.9	1.3	4.1	3.2	4.1	3.5	3.6	2.9
Extreme High	30.0	25.0	21.2	24.6	20.3	24.1	19.8	25.0	20.4	24.7	20.4
Extreme Low	-5.6	1.0	0.1	-1.2	-1.6	0.5	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.6
Precipitation	71.9	40.0	66.7	31.5	60.8	32.2	42.8	28.1	49.2	33.0	54.9
Days w precip	16	8	10	10	12	11	14	8	10	9	12
Year Precip	541.1	549.4	673.8	444.6	570.9	418.1	520.6	388.6	522.1	450.2	571.9
Precip since Oct 1	1075.8	1280.0	1359.5	1129.1	1200.2	1003.1	1156.9	953.1	1032.3	1091.3	1187.2

2025 Rank since 1914: 8th warmest, 19th driest

Lake Readings	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27
Temperature	10°	11°	12°	14°
Temperature 2024	9°	10°	13°	12°
Surface Elevation	116.71m	116.55m	116.44m	116.38m
Elevation 2024	116.45m	116.42m	116.41m	116.45m

Comments:

After a typical start to April: 10 days of showers, sun, cloud (*repeat*), the rain faucet turned off.

For the rest of the month there were many partly cloudy (10) and sunny (11) days. There were only 9 days of measureable precipitation.

Warmest day was on the 25th with high temperatures hovering around 25°. There were still a number of days when overnight clear skies allowed close to freezing temperatures -- coldest overnight was Arpil 12/13 when there was noticeable frost on many roofs.

There were 5 days when the temperature reached 20° or greater.

Monthly averages were well above normal for temperature and only half of the normal rainfall. There were two long stretches of 8 days and 7 days with no rain.

The lake levels are now dropping a bit each week, and it’s also warming quickly.

The days continue to lengthen this month; sunset on the first of May was 8:33 PM and will be 9:08 PM by the 31st.

Local High-School Students Learn about Willow

Elizabeth Aitken
CVRD Parks Volunteer Coordinator

As new spring shoots are popping up all over, look for sprouting willow stakes along the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail corridor this spring! Dozens of native willow and red osier dogwood live stakes were installed with care by local high school students in late winter, 2025, coordinated by the CVRD Parks and Trails Volunteer Program with guidance from the project’s environmental consultants.



Two school planting sessions were held along the section of trail between Old Mill Park and Shawnigan Wharf Park, one in late January with a group from St. John’s Academy, and one in early March with the Quw’utsun Secondary School Environmental Stewardship Class. Overall, over 50 students participated, learning the science and methodology behind live staking and getting hands-on experience installing over 80 plants.

Local Cowichan Tribes Knowledge Keeper and native plant nursery owner, Kenneth Elliott, provided the live stakes and worked with students, sharing generously from his wealth of knowledge and experience. Local Nature Educator and subject matter expert, Genevieve Singleton, also worked with students providing valuable guidance and helping to impart principles of caring for the land.

Completed in 2024, the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail corridor continues to grow in popularity with walkers, runners, and cyclists. The corridor provides a safe and convenient community pathway between Old Mill Park and Masons Beach Park



in Shawnigan Lake. The recent volunteer project contributes to ecological resiliency and the restoration of important wildlife habitats along the trail.

For more information about the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail, please visit the Parks & Trails webpage at www.cvr.ca.

Ocean-Going Ship at Crofton (1982)

Robert Amos
Artist & Author

Pat Salmon of Shawnigan Lake had been a neighbour of E. J. Hughes and his wife Fern for a number of years. After Fern's death in 1973, Mrs. Salmon found time to become the artist's biographer and chauffeur, helping him out in many ways until his death in 2007.

Salmon was a mother of seven children, a poet and dedicated member of the Catholic church, but she still found time to record in her diary the times she spent with Hughes.

Wednesday, August 9, 1995:

I saw Ed and we went to Crofton Beach. Got my shoes muddy but it was well worth it. The tide was way out and soon the ferry The Mayne Island Queen came in and we had a chance to examine it with a view to seeing the details. We went to the beach and found the exact sketching spot for his latest painting [View of the Ferry from the Beach, Crofton BC (1995)] and then we walked further along and found the log in the foreground

of the painting which had, during the course of some storm, blown a couple hundred yards further down the beach but which was still the same way up, because that is the way it floats. It was such a beautiful day. I feel somehow I will always remember how I melded Hughes with Crofton beach that day.

Sunday, February 2, 1997:

I decided to go to Duncan and take photos of Ed's two latest watercolours. Then we went out to breakfast. Then we went to Crofton because he is doing a picture of the wharf at Crofton beach and needed some clarification of the criss-crossed pilings.

February 12, 2001:

Ed's 88th birthday!! It was my day to treat Ed to a meal and I went to Duncan to get him, but I was so worried over the snow that we went to Ladysmith which had only a very little snow, and the roads were totally clear. We had a nice breakfast at Ricky's. Ed saw one of his old girlfriends. She called out "hello, Hughes",

apparently an old joke they had between them, and it was fun as they hadn't seen each other for ages. Then we went to the drug store and window shopped. It was all very pleasant. We drove the long way home, through Saltair, Chemainus, Crofton etc. and it was nice. We looked at pictures for sale in the thrift shop, including some by Bateman. He said "this looks like Bateman," and sure enough it was, and he analysed what it was that made these pictures not art. Years ago he had analysed what element made a picture art and he objected to the pair of ducks in the foreground of a river scene. I could never have made that judgment, but I imagine that he is right.

It would be better if Ed had some other great painter, or even near great painter, to talk to. Even his technical talks with Jane Walton Cole do him good. I can talk a bit of painting with him but really am not knowledgeable enough. I can supply names of painters usually but know only a little of the putting of paint on canvas. I wish he were able to talk



writing to me or even reading, but no way. He spent most of the time in the restaurant booth telling me about the

autobiography he was immersed in of one of the Spice Girls, and he swallows the whole thing in one gullible gulp.

Funding For Life Adds Help To Hope - For Those In Need

Gail Owens
Funding for Life Society

There was a family right here on Vancouver Island a while ago, with a young Mother who suffered for ten years with undiagnosed Lyme disease. Her ever-changing symptoms, with the many co-infections Lyme has, took an emotional toll on everyone in her circle.

The family was divided... half of them thinking she was making it up. Doctors couldn't find anything. It was an incredibly

traumatic time for this family and all their friends around. During this time, she became Mother to two babies.

She now has two very difficult children to deal with, and she's beginning to believe she's mad. Maybe it all is in her head? An unbelievably difficult ten years for them all. All three were eventually diagnosed with Lyme.

In her quest to recover, she became aware of the many new and non-invasive technologies available to Lyme sufferers. She found a Naturopath who knew about Lyme Disease, and this was more than a blessing to them all. She now knew there was nothing wrong with her thinking. Just her body.

This story is one that has touched the hearts of us all in Funding for Life.

The current and seasonal epidemic of Lyme disease, fueled by a warming climate and thriving tick population, is a present Funding for Life focus. We have also discovered that those suffering with Lyme disease have usually spent all their money, in desperate efforts to find SOMETHING that would allow them to feel better.

Funding for Life is now able to address this real and urgent need for financial assistance to cover treatment not covered by Medicare and insurance. Many who suffer are unable to access procedures and products they need simply because they can't afford them.

The unfortunate fact is that government and corporate legislation and approvals are not keeping pace with innovations in the fast-growing field of alternative medicine.

Anyone who has benefited from acupuncture, homeopathy, biofeedback or other non-traditional treatments will understand and appreciate the need for treatments that, at present, are unfunded.

Last November, while canvassing for our wonderful Veterans, to thank them in some small way for their courageous fighting to keep our country free and wonderful, we discovered that some of them who have had PTSD for so many years now, are committing suicide. Such a tragedy!

Funding for Life has been granted by our government, the approval to improve wellness and quality of life for individuals in need of medical care they cannot afford. We expand the limits of health care by providing access to funding for treatments and

resources not currently covered under any medical plan, including Medicare, in Canada.

Once we have millions of dollars in our bank account, we will be able to help all Canadians in need, with all of their medical shortages. However, as we are just starting out, we have selected Lyme disease, and the symptoms thereof, and PTSD, starting with our Veterans.

We know that when we help people return to good health, it benefits those who are suffering, their families, and their communities. To learn more, give financial or volunteer support to Funding for Life, or direct the charity to someone in need, please contact Gail Owens.

gail@fundingforlife.ca or
250-920-5225 or
fundingforlife.ca



Director's Report and Community Updates

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

Wow! Our community really shines, especially after the big Clean-Up Day! A huge thank you to the organizers and everyone who participated. Special thanks, as well, to those who help year-round, including the Shawnigan Eco Club and the unsung heroes I see walking the ditches and picking up litter on a regular basis — your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you!

CVRD Has a New Newsletter!

It's worth signing up: <https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/cvrd-newsletter-update>

Highlights this month include:

CVRD signs MOU with Cowichan Search & Rescue Society

Final Report: Island Rail Corridor Towards a Shared Vision Project

South Cowichan Community Issues Assessment

Governance and Community Advocacy

I know many of you are tired and frustrated with the number of “no’s” we receive, or hearing “that’s not our jurisdiction,” or being reminded that as an unincorporated community, we have limited control.

The *South Cowichan Community Issues Assessment* highlighted these frustrations. There was little that was new — the concerns are familiar and have been voiced for years. While the report was presented to the Board for information, I firmly believe the conversation can’t end there.

I continue to emphasize the need for clarity: When does incorporation make sense?

Is it based on tax base? Population? We simply need to know what the threshold is so we can plan and prepare. Please check out the EcoPlan report and share your feedback with me — your input matters.

Summer Updates

Summer is a busy time! Thank you in advance for your patience with visitors and lake users.

SL Regatta: Mother’s Day weekend will be especially busy. Please be aware of the racecourse. A gentle reminder— we as a community have decided to respectfully share the lake for all users,. Please help these kids remember a warm welcoming community!

Traffic & Parks: Expect more boats, trailers, and activity around the lake and in our parks. If you notice any Parks needing attention, please call CVRD Parks Toll-Free: 1-800-665-3955.

Short Term Rentals: Short-term rentals are a hot topic right now, and I’m hopeful the CVRD will be able to act quickly once the Board sets a clear direction. You can be sure I will be advocating for a balanced approach — one that supports both our community’s needs and our local businesses.

Shawnigan Lake is the heart and soul of our community. We take pride in the fact that so many people create lasting memories here, and we want to continue welcoming visitors who contribute positively to our community spirit and economy.

Youth and Community Safety

The RCMP recently met with community stakeholders to discuss youth safety in the village.

Sgt. Colin Cook welcomes your comments or concerns directly: call: 250-743-5514 email: Colin.COOK@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

A big thank you to Sgt. Cook and his team for their hard work and commitment to our youth.

It’s worth noting that the majority of youth-related issues have been from out-of-town visitors — a testament to the strong parenting and community support here.

The Shawnigan Lake Community Centre

(SLCC) is also stepping up with expanded programming and new activities — thank you, SLCC!

Community Wins!

Congratulations to the Shawnigan Lake Museum! Beautiful upgrades to the village, and a new public washroom (goodbye, ugly porta-potty!). If you haven’t already, go see what they’ve accomplished — big dreams really do come true.

Cowichan Valley Trail McGee Creek Bridge Replacement: Completed — thank you for your patience!

Shawnigan Lake Road: Paving is underway from 7am to 7pm daily. Please remember our roads are managed by MOTT and maintained by Emcon (778-698-3582 road issues).

Thank you again, Shawnigan, for being such a strong and caring community.

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Shawnigan Lake School Regatta: A Long-Standing Tradition Returns to the Water

Jennifer Parfitt Head
*Head of Rowing
Shawnigan Lake School*

The Shawnigan Lake School Regatta began in 1962, following a brief pause in the school's rowing program, and has since grown into a cherished annual tradition spanning over 62 years.

This year, the regatta will take place over three exciting days on Mother's Day weekend—May 9th to 11th—with all races launching from West Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park.

The event draws a large number of junior athletes, welcoming more than 1,000 athletes and coaches from 19 club and school teams, and featuring over 560 race entries. Crews travel from across Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland to take part in this celebrated event.

But the regatta is more than

just a competition—it's a celebration of community, sportsmanship, and the incredible dedication of young rowers.

As we prepare to welcome teams from near and far, we're reaching out to local residents and lake users to help make this year's event both safe and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Safety is Our Top Priority

We kindly ask boaters to be aware of the designated race course and the impact their wake can have on competitors. Even small wakes can make it extremely difficult for novice youth rowers to stay on course, and may prevent experienced athletes from achieving the personal bests they need to qualify for future competitions.

Your awareness and care help ensure fair and smooth racing conditions throughout the weekend.

We also ask drivers to be extra cautious around Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park and the school area, as increased traffic and pedestrian activity are expected during the event.

Best Places to Watch and Cheer

We are always grateful for the incredible support of the Shawnigan community, and we warmly invite everyone to come out and cheer on the rowers!

Some of the best viewing spots include:

- **The Government Dock**, offering a fantastic side view of the course
- **Mason's Beach**, perfect for catching the action at the start line
- And of course, **West Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park**, where spectators can bring a lawn chair and enjoy the buzz near the finish line and team staging area—just be prepared for a little excitement!

Stay Connected

For more information about the regatta or how to get involved, please contact the Shawnigan Lake School main office.

Thank you in advance for your continued community spirit and support. We look forward to seeing you at the lake and making this year's regatta another unforgettable chapter in Shawnigan's proud rowing legacy!



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April 2025 Report

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- Tuesday, Apr 1 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Thursday, Apr 3 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Friday, Apr 4 - 1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Apr 7 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- Monday, Apr 7 - 1st Responder off S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Apr 7 - Assistance off Gregory Rd
- Wednesday, Apr 9 - Alarms Activated on Roozendaal Rd
- Wednesday, Apr 9 - 1st Responder off Wallbank Rd
- Saturday, Apr 12 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Apr 12 - Burning Complaint on McKernan Rd
- Sunday, Apr 13 - Burning Complaint on Laverock Rd
- Monday, Apr 14 - Burning Complaint at William Rivers Park
- Tuesday, Apr 15 - Assistance off Renfrew Rd
- Wednesday, Apr 16 - Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Apr 16 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd
- Thursday, Apr 17 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- Saturday, Apr 19 - HazMat on Cougar Ridge Rd
- Saturday, Apr 19 - Burning Complaint on Miner Rd
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 1st Responder off Elford Rd
- Monday, Apr 21 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Apr 21 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Apr 22 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Apr 23 - Alarms Activated on McKean Rd
- Thursday, Apr 24 - 1st Responder off Meadowview Rd
- Friday, Apr 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Apr 26 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Sunday, Apr 27 - Burning Complaint on Baden-Powell Rd
- Sunday, Apr 27 - MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 1st Responder off



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Self-Diagnosing Upgradeability

Jeff Wright
Teky

The two main computer ecosystems, Microsoft Windows and Apple macOS, have established lifetimes, or “lifecycles” for their hardware and respective operating systems. I’d like to describe those lifecycles, and how you can determine where you are with your own computer systems.

But first, why are lifecycles important? They’re important because if you are using an operating system that has gone end-of-life, you are potentially on an unsecured and unsupported platform, and some current apps may not be supported.

Apple releases a new version of their macOS operating system every year or so, which are then maintained for about three years. The full history of macOS



can be found at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MacOS>, but that doesn’t mention the end-of-life dates, which can be found at <https://endoflife.date/macos>

You can determine your Mac’s macOS version by clicking on “<apple>-About this mac”, but it takes a bit more effort to determine the latest OS you can run on your platform: while you are looking at your Mac details, write down your serial number and look it up on <https://everymac.com/ultimate-mac-lookup/>, then click on your exact model. This gives you a ton of information about your apple device, including “Maximum MacOS”, which is the most current version you are allowed to run on that device.

In Windows world, Microsoft releases new operating systems every few years, which are then maintained for about 10 years. Just like macOS, you

can see the current state and history at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Windows and the lifecycle information at <https://endoflife.date/windows>.

Until Windows 11, Microsoft has mainly had recommended hardware requirements instead of required ones, but this time around there are a couple of absolute requirements. In order to run Windows 11, your computer must have a CPU from one of their three lists (google “Windows 11 supported AMD/Intel/Qualcomm processors”, then search the page for your processor), and your motherboard must have a functional TPM 2.0 chip.

So, to determine if your PC will run Windows 11, you first need to determine your CPU and your TPM. You can find your CPU on the Performance tab of Task Manager, or run msinfo32 and look under “System Summary | Processor”, then look it up in the appropriate “supported” list above. To see your TPM status, simply run “tpm.msc” and make sure the “Specification Version” is 2.0.

These tools should help you self-diagnose your computer for Operating System upgradeability.

Opinion

Eric J. Ronse

Canada has not yet implemented a full tariff against Trump (I purposely withhold the salutations Mr. or President).

We have the capability to render five or more States immediately without electrical power should Quebec and Ontario decide to turn off the taps. No power means cold and dark, no television programs, no electricity or microwaves to heat food stuffs.

Similarly, here in B.C. we could refuse to send our lumber and dairy products among others.

While Trump may think that he can go it alone, he would be faced with a dire outcome. Recalling the devastating fires in Los Angeles in 2024 which resulted in the loss of 16,000 burned homes and businesses, it will require vast amounts

of milled lumber that we could provide for the reconstruction effort.

California, a Democrat state, is in need of water, something this province has in abundance.

Looking north, Alaska needs our highway traversing from the border (49th parallel) through B.C. and the Yukon to enable trucking to reach there.

In short, Canada could really start an economic war. We have been restrained in our response to the tariffs, which I applaud since wars tend to produce losers and poorer winners. We have the wherewithal to stand strong and tall in the face of someone acting like a dictator in the country that claims to be the champion of democracy.

May the next four years pass quickly.



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SOME DETAILS

DATE : Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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MAIN EVENT : Elsie Miles Field @ 11:00AM

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Jeff Lydiatt
Malahat Legion

A recent exterior paint refresh at the Malahat Legion sparked a flurry of creative ideas to replace the old murals and boost the building's appearance. With murals gaining popularity for their ability to add value and deter graffiti, the Legion considered two options. One proposal was to hire a professional artist to create new murals at an estimated cost of \$27,000. However, two members suggested a more innovative approach: partnering with local schools to create four murals through their art classes. This collaborative effort will see the Legion provide materials, while the schools work on two panels each, with an unveiling planned for early June.

Another member suggested incorporating a historic maple leaf emblem at the building entrance. The emblem, donated by the estate of Donald Royston, boasts significant historical value, having originated from the

HMCS Saskatchewan, a ship decommissioned in 1994. Royston, who worked at the Esquimalt graving dock during the decommissioning, purchased the maple leaf from Capital Iron in Victoria.

To enhance the display, a member teamed up with Island Metal Arts, a local metal arts manufacturer. Ken and Michelle Dore, the owners and operators, designed and created a striking black plaque featuring a cutout soldier silhouette and the RCL 134 identifier. Their generosity didn't stop there – they also donated 14 custom keychains to the Legion's executive. These keychains feature a stainless steel "coin" with a laser-etched red maple leaf, soldier's silhouette, and Legion Branch 134 insignia.

The keychains have been well-received, and the Legion has even purchased additional ones for resale at the bar for \$10. The Malahat Legion extends its heartfelt gratitude to Ken and Michelle for their exceptional kindness and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.

For those seeking unique gifts, Island Metal Arts is definitely worth exploring. They offer a range of special items in stock and can create custom pieces. You can find them at 1830 Koksilah Rd, Cowichan Bay, or visit their website at <https://islandmetalarts.com/>



MALAHAT LEGION BEFORE AND AFTER EXTERIOR PAINTING

Legion Calendar

Regular Hours

Fridays and Saturdays

- Bar 1:00-7:00 PM
- Kitchen 1:00-4:30 PM

Drop-in Events

Wednesdays

- Crib 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Fridays

- Euchre – 2:00-4:00 PM
- Mahjong – 1:00-3:30 PM

Saturdays

- Meat Draws - 3:00-5:00 PM

Our Special Events:

- Friday, May 23rd – We welcome back Holly Dopking for music bingo 7 PM – 10 PM. No supper information is available yet. Stay tuned.
- Saturday, May 31st – Huge Flea Market and tailgate sale 10:30 am to 1:30 PM at the Malahat Legion.

Click here for Our event calendar

More Legion events are available at: *Upcoming Legion Events*



Save the Date: Camp Pringle Celebrates 75 Years Community Invited to Join the Festivities!

Camp Pringle Team

Camp Pringle, a treasured part of our community for generations, is excited to announce its 75th Anniversary Celebration BBQ on August 3, 2025 — and the whole community is invited!

After several quiet years, Camp Pringle is reopening its doors for a full summer of programming in 2025, and this milestone event is a chance for alumni, families, friends, and new visitors to reconnect and celebrate together.



"This is a celebration for everyone who has ever been part of Camp Pringle — and for those who want to join our story moving forward," said Sue Ko, Board Chair of Camp Pringle. "We're excited

to bring the community together for a day of fun, food, performances, and shared memories."

The event will feature a BBQ lunch, activities for all ages, music, and opportunities to tour the camp and learn more about its history and future plans. The waterfront will be open 1-5 pm so bring your bathing suit & towel.

Community groups are warmly encouraged to participate! If your dance troupe, choir, musicians, or community organization

would like to perform or have a presence at the event, Camp Pringle would love to hear from you. This is a unique opportunity to showcase local talent and celebrate the spirit of connection that has defined Camp Pringle for 75 years.

The celebration promises to be a joyful gathering — rekindling old friendships, making new connections, and celebrating a beloved community landmark.

For more information or to inquire about participating in the festivities, please

visit camppringle.ca or contact admin@camppringle.ca 250-743-2189.

Come celebrate 75 years of adventure, friendship, and community at Camp Pringle — and help us kick off a new chapter together!



COMMUNITY GROUPS

- **CVRD Director for Shawnigan Lake Area B**
Sierra.Acton@cprd.bc.ca
- **Area B Parks Advisory and Area B Advisory Planning Commission**
https://www.cprd.ca/list.aspx# (sign up for meeting notifications)
- **CVRD Public Input to the whole Board**
LegislativeServices@cprd.bc.ca
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Contact us for information: 250-743-8675
museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com (web): shawniganlakemuseum.com
- **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: (web): *www.thesra.ca*
- **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: *bburr@shaw.ca*
- **Shawnigan Basin Society**
#102-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: *info@shawniganbasinsociety.org*
- **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: *ysagssl@gmail.com (web): blogysag.ca*
- **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222(web): *southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca*
- **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
Events: (web) *malahatlegion.ca/upcoming-legion-events*
Contact: (web) *malahatlegion.ca/contact-us*
250-643-4621
- **Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG)**
Contact: *hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com (web): cowichansouthartsguild.com*
- **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
- **Rotary Club of Shawnigan Lake Eco Club**
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