

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY SPORTS BANQUET

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have two new Hometown Heroes.

Vancouver Giant Gareth Hunt and Olympic kayak hopeful Wes Hammer were honoured by the MeadowRidge Rotary club's annual sports banquet and Hometown Heroes award gala dinner at Maple Gardens Golf Course last Tuesday night.

The pair join an illustrious pantheon of local sports stars, such as hockey hall-of-famer Cam Neely, future baseball hall-of-famer Larry Walker, and Vancouver Canuck Brendan Morrison. The pair was chosen from 18 nominees.

Hunt helped the Vancouver Giants to a WHL championship in 2006, but missed their Memorial Cup run this year after severely breaking his leg, when a missed check sent him flying into the boards. After an intense rehab process, he's back for the 2007/08 season and was even called up for the Vancouver Canucks prospects camp in September.



Hammer, a former member of the Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club, placed fourth in the 1,000 metres K-2 event at the Pan-American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil in August. He now trains at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia where he attends school, and is a member of CanoeKayak Canada's Sprint National Development Team, and hopes to make the Olympic team in 2008.

More than \$40,000 was raised at the event, up from \$38,000 last year, with the proceeds going to fund sports initiatives in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

This year's recipients are the Ridge Meadows Minor Ball Hockey Association, for the installation of new boards at the Golden Ears Winter Club, Ridge Meadows Minor Baseball's new Hammond Stadium project, the RCKC's new boathouse on Whonnock Lake, and for a new turf field at Pitt Meadows Secondary. The Hometown Heroes awards began in 1998 and have honoured 28 exceptional local athletes.

Does Gordy enjoy a Big Mac more than a gourmet dinner?



The Four Way Flasher

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October is Vocational Services Month

INVOCATION

Oct. 23	Wende Dawes	Oct. 30	Matt de Bruyn
Nov. 6	Brian Fox	Nov. 13	Doris Gagel

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 01	Brian Bekar	Wende Dawes
Nov. 29	Lynda Lawrence	

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or email peter.boekhorst@telus.net



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Pat Weber – Fraser River Port Authority

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Jen Dawkins - GSE Team

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 6	noon	Meeting at the ACT	
Nov. 9	6-10pm	District 5050 Foundation Dinner \$60 CAD	Coast Hotel Langley City 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley BC

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$361.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

CLUB MEETING @ THE ACT ON NOVEMBER 6

On Tuesday, November 6, the MeadowRidge Rotary Club and The District of Maple Ridge are co-hosting a presentation on Geothermal Energy and Systems by Professor Mory Ghomshei, who is the lead researcher on five different projects in energy systems research currently underway at the Centre for Environmental Research in Minerals Metals and Materials at UBC.

This will be a regular Rotary Club Meeting beginning at 11:30 am at the ACT with the meeting being called to order at noon. A buffet lunch will be served and the cost will be the same as usual to Rotarians. Volunteers will be needed to assist the Sergeant at Arms and Invocation, Happy Bucks, etc. will happen as usual.

Please reply to Maureen if you are available to assist with this event, also please advise her whether or not you will be attending.. We will be inviting builders, developers, engineers, architects, environmentalists, etc. and hope to have 75 to 100 in attendance.

You will not be disappointed with the topic of geothermal energy and its uses.

SEPTEMBER 25TH MEETING



Paul Prokop said a brief goodbye as he informed us that he has sold the restaurant effective September 30th. There are four new co-owners who will be introduced at next week's meeting. Paul thanked everyone for their patronage and support.

Our guests today were Jamie Lee, a friend of Mina's and Kelly Fry, a potential new member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vocational Services - Matt DeBruyn

Matt advised that the committee is continuing with the Bursary program, and their support of RYLA and other youth initiatives. He would like to take the 4 Way Test training program into the local schools.

International Services - David Rempel

Dave advised that the committee is looking at an international water project for this year.

New Members - Brian Bekar

Started with 41 members at the beginning of July. Have lost 3 members (some on leave of absence) - Debi Pearce, Sandy Wakeling and Fraser Stamp-Vincent. Have recruited 2 new members – Marina Marrocco and Brent Paskar. Total now at 40, and working towards a goal of 45 members. 3 prospects are Debbie Ledger, Kelly Fry and one thru Ken Knuttila. A member of Fowle & Company is also interested in joining our Club.

Community Services - Mike Davies

Mike advised that the funds raised thru Gaming from bingo (\$30,000.), is also shared with the Vocational Committee as they have no method of raising money to fund their programs which include the Esteem Team visits as well as the Bursary program. The annual fundraisers such as the Wine Fest which supports the Arts, Sports Banquet which supports youth sports facilities and the Hospice Calendar project which funds the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation are continuing. Other monies raised will go to capital fund for future programs.

Club Services - Tabled until Kevin Nosworthy is in attendance.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

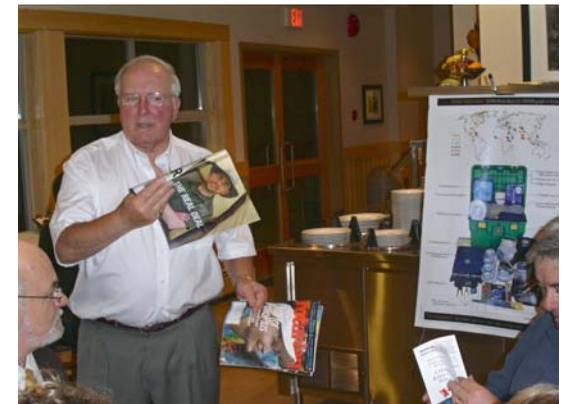
SHARED MEETING WITH HANEY CLUB AT LOON LAKE

On October 10 we had a joined meeting with the Haney Club at Loon Lake. We left by bus – Peter's first trip in a schoolbus! – from Pitt Meadows. Passing The Black Sheep we friendly waved at 40 Rotarians waiting for a bus and left them there.

It is a marvellous place and the facilities are top notch.



Our outgoing Exchange Student from last year, Ian Rice, told us about his experiences in Belgium. He loved it. He met several other Exchange Students and now has friends all over the world.



Dick Drew talked about Shelterbox Canada. Its mission is to provide Survival boxes to people affected by natural disasters. Each ShelterBox costs about US\$1,000 and is intended to help a family of 10 survive for six months. It contains custom supplies that typically include a large tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and a multi-fuel stove. Rotary clubs provide more than half the funding, and private donors contribute the rest. The aim is to provide, shelter, comfort and most importantly dignity and hope to people struggling against enormous odds.