

Another Successful Old Fashioned Picnic at the Bay



The picnic was held Sunday, September 19th 2004 at the Kin Hut, at the Departure Bay Beach area. We were lucky to have such a beautiful day, it was raining up to a few hours before the picnic started. We had a good turn out with about 200 people in attendance. Allan Davidson, Murray Nixon and Dale Bent cooked up some tasty hamburgers and hot dogs with fried onions. Joan Shillabeer made 25 pounds of potato salad. We had 17 dozen cookies donated by Fairway Market and Timbits donuts donated from Tim Hortons. Reale Emond made rice krispy squares. Coffee, hot chocolate, and punch was also served. All this delicious food cost \$3.00 per person, what a deal! Thank you to Mary Thayer for serving the food.



Dunk Tank Hero!

Jennifer Davidson organized the games; they included sack races, ball and spoon race, ski races, and many other games. The most popular game was the dunk tank. Jennifer also gave prizes and ribbons to the winners.

Friends Jolyne Damborgs, Wendy and Caitlin Ehman enjoyed helping Jennifer with the games.

Fair Troubadours!

Joan Wallace and the Denim & Diamonds sang throughout the day. They were great! Everyone enjoyed their selection of songs. With better sound equipment in future years, even more people down on the beach could enjoy the music.

We had over 75 raffle prizes donated by many businesses in several areas of Nanaimo. Winners were put up on a board so people could check to see if they had won or not. We phoned the people who left early, let them know what prize they won, and where they could pick their prize up.



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Prizes! Prizes Lots of Prizes!

Dave Shillabeer and Fred Pattje did a fantastic job of clearing the beach area for the Sandcastle competition. It was very organized with roped off areas for each category. They also recorded the entrants and gave out prizes to the winners. Fred helped City Councilor Jeet Manhas, judge the competition.



The large Island Farms Tent was decorated and housed the raffle prizes, ticket selling for food, and raffle tickets. Kelly Franklin sold new memberships and renewed memberships. Volunteers under the big tent were Elizabeth and Rob Ward; Reale Emond, Judy Anderson, Christy Thomson, Connie Nixon and Allegra Sobokewitz. Kelly Franklin was very busy doing the photography. We will display the picnic pictures at the DBNA History Night on November 25, 2004

The artist's tent was graciously provided by Warren Van Sickle. The 2 smaller tents were donated by Steve Marshall Ford, we hope to get their large tent for next year.



Sandcastle Princesses!

Face art by Katie Davidson & friends

Hat design by princesses with help from "Madhatter" Penny Bent

The planning took several months with the help of several dedicated volunteers.



to all these wonderful volunteers - you helped make this a wonderful day for our community.
Joan Shillabeer

We also thank our generous sponsors: you have helped make the day a great success!

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Next year's picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th 2005. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any suggestions to help make the picnic more enjoyable, please call Joan Shillabeer at 758-4355.