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It's all smiles for youth who use the recently re-opened Youth Activity Centre in Belmont Park. The facility offers a range of games and social activities for teens and pre-teens on Friday and Saturday nights between 5:30 and 10 p.m. See the full story on page 16.

Rangers take on longest snowmobile trek

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Thirty-five Canadian Rangers and full-time staff have left the gentle Victoria climate for a 3,400 kilometre snowmobile trek across the cold. harsh North.

Members of 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (CRPG) boarded *HMCS Calgary* this morning to sail to Kitimat, B.C., where they'll start the first leg of their land-based journey known as Exercise Western Spirit.

The coastal city in northwestern B.C. is using the 34-day snowmobile trek to Churchill, MB, to kick off their Winterfest.

"As far as we know this is the longest continuous snowmobile trek that has ever been done by the military," says Capt Russ Meades, 4 CRPG's operations officer, who will monitor the trek from their headquarters in Belmont Park.

It has taken over a year of planning, and has involved working with three different bases and all of the communities to get the logistics pulled together.

Rangers are no stranger with being in the bush. They have civilian jobs working in industries such as logging, oil or ranching; being a Canadian Ranger is an extra commitment as with any Reservist.

"We deem them trained as

Canadian Rangers from their experience when they join. The extra training we give them is to orient them as military members so they can work closely with the rest of the military," explained Capt Meades.

Exercise Western Spirit will showcase and sharpen their abilities, and connect them to the 27 remote communities through which they will pass.

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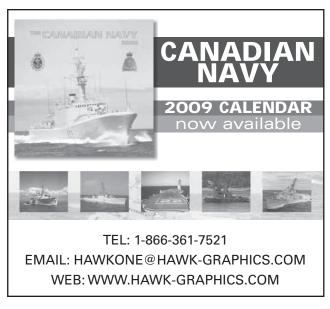


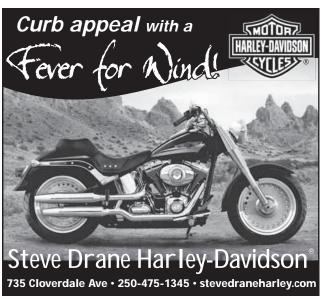
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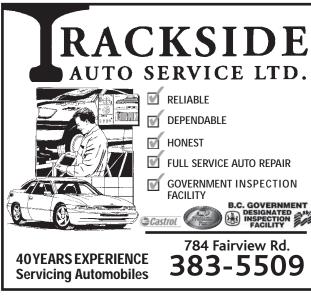
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Calgary transports Rangers to Kitimat

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Not only will they travel over some of the most inhospitable landscape in Canada, they'll at times pitch tents overnight and cook on portable stoves in temperatures reaching -50C.

"Battling the cold for this length of time is a challenge, as is dealing with potential injuries or sickness, but they have the appropriate training and equipment for these conditions," says Capt Meades.

One instructor and four scouts familiar with the terrain will take the lead, travelling several hours ahead of the team. Equipped with maps and global positioning systems (GPS), they'll determine the safest route and communicate to the others by radio or satellite phone.

The Rangers will travel single file on snowmobiles from first light to dusk, most hauling a nine-foot toboggan filled with gasoline, food, emergency clothing and tents.

Assisting the team will be



Thirteen members and six instructors of 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group participated in Exercise Northern Quest last winter, travelling 179 kilometres from Churchill, Manitoba, to Caribou Lake. This year they'll travel even further - 3,400 kilometres from Kitimat, B.C. to Churchill, MB.

a road support crew of six vehicles transporting spare snowmobiles and supplies. They will travel ahead to set up supplies, arrange accommodation in school gymnasiums and community arenas, and liaise for meals.

When the roads end at the Saskachewan-Manitoba border, the road support crew will be replaced by Twin Otter planes from 440 Squadron.

School groups can track the exercise progress. Several GPS beacons attached to snowmobiles will send a signal of their location every 10 minutes that can displayed on Google Earth.

"We've contacted school divisions along the route, and those interested will be able to log in to the website to track progress of the trek across west-

can ern Canada, similar to the progway the Canadian Everest expedition was tracked by schools," said Capt Meades.

All progress and information to follow the snowmobile venture can be found at www.army.gc.ca/4crpg/ex_western_spirit.asp.

In Kitamat, HMCS Calgary will board Junior Canadian Rangers for a sail to Prince Rupert, and teach them seamanship skills.

Sailor found guilty of trafficking

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

CFB Esquimalt's first General Court Martial of 2009 ended with a guilty verdict for Ordinary Seaman Matthew Lee.

The 32-year-old sailor was convicted on one count of cocaine trafficking, contrary to Section 130 of the National Defence Act (NDA), pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The case against the sailor stemmed from a charge that he helped set up a drug transaction involving two other people, one of whom turned out to be an undercover operator of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, who was acting as a naval reservist from Halifax.

The other person involved, ex-OS Christopher Ellis, is scheduled to appear for a General Court Martial on March 23.

OS Lee was sentenced to five months in prison at the Service Prison and Detention Barracks in Edmonton; however, he has been released pending appeal.

The two sailors became embroiled in a sting operation after OS Lee helped set up a drug transaction between ex-OS Ellis and the undercover operator in 2007. It is alleged that ex-OS Ellis brought the cocaine to the undercover operator's room at Nelles Block.

"One thing people might not be aware of is you don't have to handle drugs or money to be charged with trafficking," says Maj Steve Richards, a Deputy Judge Advocate at the Assistant Judge Advocate General (Pacific). "If you give, transfer, transport, send, or deliver a prohibited drug, if you even offer to do any of these things, or if you assist another trafficker to do any of those things, you are trafficking as well."

"The message for Canadian Forces members is they should be very wary of having any involvement with drugs at all. It can have very serious consequences," adds Maj Richards.

OS Lee's General Court Martial was also a historical one at CFB Esquimalt. It marked a series of firsts since amendments were made to the National Defence Act in July 2008.

Now the accused has, in many cases, the right to chose between being tried by a

Standing Court Martial with a military judge determining guilt or innocence, or a General Court Martial with a military judge and a panel of five randomly selected CF officers and senior non-commissioned members.

OS Lee was the first defendant at the base to choose between the two types of military court.

In the past, verdicts in a General Court Martial were reached by majority of the panel members. Now, all key decisions must be made unanimously. The guilty finding against OS Lee was unanimous.

Maj Steve Richards says the amendments to decision making bring the military court system more in line with the civilian justice system in cases where a jury determines a trial outcome.

MARPAC EXPO 2009 – oodles of prizes

Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Naden Athletic Centre

This year's MARPAC Expo promises to be even better than last year with over \$3,000 in door prizes to be had, and more than 35 military discount vendors on hand to showcase their offerings.

Vendor highlights include cool, custom built motorcycles from Vampire Cycles, an interactive golfing game from Olympic View Golf Course, and 100.3 The Q, who is offering WWE tickets as a door prize.

On Feb. 4 the lower gym floor will be brimming with more than 60 booths showcasing base services and clubs, Personnel Support Programs, health and wellness providers, local and national educational institutes, special military careers such as Joint Task Force 2, and military discount program businesses.

The Reserves, Fleet Maintenance Facility and the Federal Public Service will also be on hand to bring you up to speed on employment skill sets in high demand.

Outside the Naden Athletic

Centre will be a wide selection of recreation vehicles from Metro Lexus/Toyota, Hyundai, Saunders Subaru, Peden RV, Arbutus RV, Volvo Victoria, Reg Midgley Kia, Willie Dodge and Jenner.

For transportation, Base Rounders will drop off and pick up at the Naden Gym on their regular schedule.

New leader at Fleet Maintenance Facility (Cape Breton)



Capt(N) Martin Adamson, new Commanding Officer of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, cuts the ceremonial cake with Capt(N) Alex Rueben and RAdm Tyrone Pile.

Admiral's town hall

conduct a two session one day town hall for the formation on Monday Feb 2. at the Naden drill deck.

- Session one is from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m to noon.

topics will Kev include Vancouver 2010 Olympics and Paralympics, the Canadian

RAdm Tyrone Pile will Naval Centennial in 2010 and current formation issues and concerns, followed by a question and answer session.

Commanding officers shall ensure their assigned allocations and timings • Session two is from are met for both military and civilian personnel.

Personnel are to be seated five minutes prior to start time. Dress is dress of the day.

Bus transportation will depart from Dockyard main gate for Naden starting 45 minutes before the town hall start times in a continuous shuttle. Return shuttles will depart Naden on completion of each session.

Parking is limited. Personnel are encouraged to use DND transport or



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Capt(N) Martin Adamson, RAdm Tyrone Pile and Capt(N) Alex Rueben, outgoing commanding officer, sign the papers transferring command of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton to Capt(N) Adamson.



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Capt(N) Adamson addresses the crowd gathered in building D250.





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WHAT SAY YOU

Remembering Captain Peter Hinton

April 18, 1921 - Dec. 19, 2008

I first met then Cdr Peter Hinton during the winter of 1963 when I was standing by HMCS Athabaskan II at Sorel, PQ.

Our ship had been in refit during the winter months and Cdr Hinton joined a few weeks before we were to slip and proceed to Halifax. I was a Commissioned Officer from the Gunnery Branch and this was my second appointment to Athabaskan.

About two weeks before we were to leave, I casually mentioned to our Executive Officer, LCdr Stan Dee, the possibility of my father, a retired medical officer living in southern Ontario, taking passage with us from Sorel to Halifax.

That same day Cdr Hinton told me he was in agreement, and to get on with the necessary paperwork. My father made the trip and I know that he was most pleased and grateful for the opportunity.

Some time later in the year while in the

UK, I was told to assume the duty of ship's navigator. A daunting task for a former gunnery jack; however, with the help of our Executive Officer and the Squadron Operations officer, LCdr John Huxtable, I was able to muddle through.

I was jolted into reality on one occasion when the ship was moving from Lisahalley to Londonderry. A local pilot was on board and I dutifully stood near him on the bridge. During the passage I was asked by Cdr Hinton about my passage plan. I replied that as there was a pilot on board I didn't think that it was necessary. I was firmly told that if the pilot was to have a heart attack I was to be available to take over.

After coming alongside I was directed to produce a passage plan and report to the Captain's cabin when completed. After an hour or so I humbly appeared at the Captain's cabin and presented the necessary charts and navigator's note book. After a cursory inspection I was invited to have a glass or two and we then proceeded ashore on a very good run with some Irish acquain-

Another memorable experience while serving in Athabaskan with Cdr Hinton was the rescue of the crew of the sinking Greek tanker Amphiolas. This was a highly newsworthy event at the time and Cdr Hinton appeared on the popular TV show Front Page Challenge.

The last time I saw Captain (Ret'd) Hinton was in 2005 at the CFB Esquimalt Base Commander turnover involving my son Mike. Although in failing health, he was able to recall our adventures together. A fine Captain, and I am proud to say that I had the pleasure of serving with him.

LCdr (Ret'd) Jim Williamson



Inkheart an entertaining film with good rep

W. Andrew Powell The GATE

In theatres this week, a man and his daughter have to battle evil, fictional forces in Inkheart. Also opening, Underworld: Rise of the Lycans ventures back in the Underworld story, introducing a young werewolf "Romeo" and his vampire "Juliet," and The Dark Knight returns to IMAX.

Based on the novel by Cornelia Funke, Inkheart is the fantastic tale of reality gone fictional as fantasy leaps off the pages, forcing a father and his daughter into a big, pageturning adventure.

Brendan Fraser and Eliza Bennett star as Mo and Meggie, two book fanatics with a strange ability: they can bring fictional characters to life. The problem is that when a character is brought out of a book, a real person must take their place in the story, and years ago Mo lost his wife inside a book called Inkheart.

When Mo re-discovers the book, he attempts to rescue his wife, but inadvertently unleashes the villain Capricorn, played by Andy Serkis. Taking Meggie hostage, Capricorn tries to force her to release his partner the Shadow, as Mo gathers a group to fight back before it's too late.

Directed by Iain Softley, who brought K-Pax to the screen in 2001, Inkheart is an entertaining film with a decent reputation among British critics following its debut across the pond in December.

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans

With Kate Beckinsale literally out of the picture, and director Len Wiseman moving on to better things, leave it to Screen Gems to resurrect the Underworld franchise with a new star, and a new

Set before the first Underworld, Rise of the Lycans liberally rips off Romeo and Juliet, but with werewolves and vampires taking on the parts of the Montagues and Capulets. With just a bit more bloodshed and fangs throw in, of course.

First time director Patrick Tatopoulos, who has done a lot of work with creature design and makeup, takes to the big chair to guide Rhona Mitra as Sonja. She has fallen in love with Lucian, played by Michael Sheen, a werewolf who has no problem fighting the arrogant vampires. His chief rival being Viktor, played once more by Bill Nighy, who will stop at nothing to break Sonja of her love for the beast.

On the bright side, the new film can finally let Underworld fans like me put the dreadful *Underworld 2* behind us. That's if the new film is even marginally good.

While I'm not holding my breath, it bodes well for fans that Rise of the Lycans ditches the overused "abomination" plot that was used as the big story arc between the previous films.

The Dark Knight IMAX

Returning to IMAX this week, fans of last year's epic Batman film can get vet another fix, with Christian Bale as the fearless, gravel-voiced, caped crusader, facing off against Heath

Ledger's maniacal Joker.

In The Dark Knight, Bruce Wayne, and his alter ego, face the challenge of Gotham's latest terror, the anarchist known as the Joker. The local mob bosses are essentially hiding out from the Batman, which gives the Joker the perfect chance to slip in and wreck havoc.

As almost everyone is already aware, The Dark Knight was Heath Ledger's last performance, and we will find out this week if the Academy Awards will be honouring him with a nomination. Since it's practically a sure thing, this is a very good opportunity to see what all the fuss is about, if you haven't already.

Admittedly, The Dark Knight falters at points in the story, especially near the climax, but this is mostly forgivable since the story is highly entertaining, and dramatically dark.

The IMAX scenes, which are essentially all of the outdoor action sequences, also make great use of the gigantic screen, which is the best reason I can think of to see the film in an IMAX theatre.





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Shelley Lipke Staff writer

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Military personnel who qualify can receive \$100 a week cash to purchase magazines, books, movies, video game rentals, and no receipt is required.

This program is funded through the Director General of Personnel and Family Support Services, and the point of contact to access these funds at CFB Esquimalt is Rob Dunlop, Deputy Personnel Support Programs Manager.

It's up to the unit to initiate the contact with PSP to receive these funds for their employee, and full details of procedures can be viewed on the DIN under Base Standing Orders 212-2.

"Previously, it was up to the individ-

ual units to pass a hat around collecting money to support a hospitalized employee," said Dunlop. "While this program has been in effect since March 2007, most people don't know it exists. We want to ensure that everyone can utilize this benefit and provide imme-

This provision is available to all military personnel on full-time service...

diate support to those in hospital."

In addition to the weekly incidental allowance, television and phone rentals, and access to Internet and email services can be set up at the patient's expense, and then reimbursed by cheque once the receipts are submitted to PSP.

This provision is available to all military personnel on full-time service, including Reserve Force Class B or C, and for any class A Reserve Force member injured on duty or hospitalized during training.

Each unit department head or Commanding Officer is responsible for submitting all personal details of the patient along with a hospital admission message prior to funds being released, and they must submit a hospital discharge message when the patient is discharged.

"It's a nation-wide program, so a person in Afghanistan who is hospitalized will be reimbursed under this program. Recently, an infantry man was sent back from Afghanistan to Victoria area to be near his family and we took care of him under this program," said Dunlop.

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Call for submissions: Centennial Bell Rope

Mary Ellen Green

Staff writer

The Naval Reserve is organizing the production of a Centennial Bell to be used in a rededication ceremony at the 100-year anniversary of the Canadian Navy celebrations set for May 4, 2010, in Ottawa.

Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt (CFFSE) is doing its part by hosting a competition to see which coast can create the best bell rope to hang from the Centennial Bell.

CFFSE Sea Division Chief Petty CPO1 Gino Spinelli, project organizer for Maritime Forces Pacific, and is still looking for design sub-

"If there's anybody out there, retired or

serving members of the navy, who want to participate in commemorating the naval centennial, here's your chance," says CPO1 Spinelli. "Right now we have 16 participants from the West Coast, but we want more."

CPO1 Spinelli said interested parties should come up with their own design, but should keep a few things in mind.

The bell rope should have a four inch tassel, a 12-inch body, a half inch inside diameter for the becket, (the dimensions can be altered slightly, however the body shall not be less than nine inches and additionally, the tassel shall not be less than three inches) and although colour is optional, it is recommended that traditional naval colours such as royal blue, black, red and white be used.

The casting of the centennial bell will be done by Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton. The centennial bell will be a standard Frigate-sized bell (12 inch) and will weight about 90 pounds.

CFFSE-Sea Division will supply line and any other materials required to produce the bell rope.

One bell rope from each coast will be chosen to go head to head in a battle for the coveted spot inside the centennial bell. Submissions should be made before September 2009, in preparation for final judging.

To participate in the competition, contact CPO1 Gino Spinelli at: Spinelli CPO1 RS@CFFS@Esquimalt or by phone at 250-363-4268.

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Before a roadside bomb took the life of Corporal James Hayward Arnal on July 18, 2008, in Afghanistan, the soldier had expressed a particular birthday wish, a moment of silence for fallen soldiers.

Six months later, on Jan. 11, 2009, that wish came

At the request of its membership, the Hindu Society of Manitoba organized a memorial service to honour all Canadian Forces soldiers who either lost their lives or have been wounded in action in Afghanistan.

"In the New Year a num-

ber of our members came and said 'Look, a lot of Canadians are sacrificing their lives in Afghanistan for peace and freedom of humanity, and that we should be holding a service for them'," said Anil Jindal, President of the Hindu Society of Manitoba.

In attendance was Cpl Hayward's mother Wendy.

"I was recently sent a letter that my son had written to a Grade 11 student about two months before he was killed. They had been corresponding back and forth and the student had asked him what he had wished for his birthday. And James' response to that was: 'My birthday wish would be a moment of silence for all the fallen soldiers," said Ms. Hayward at the service. "Today you have given him his birthday wish and I'm truly, truly thankful for that."

Jindal declared a minute of silence to honour, to thank

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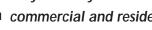
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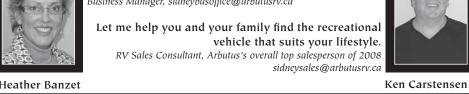


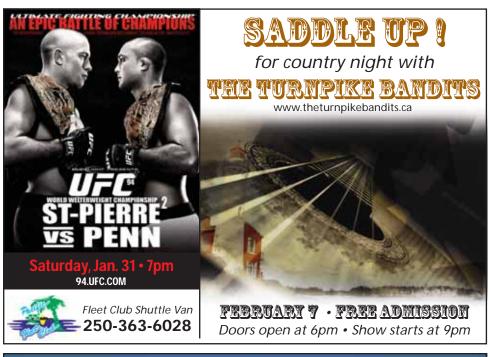
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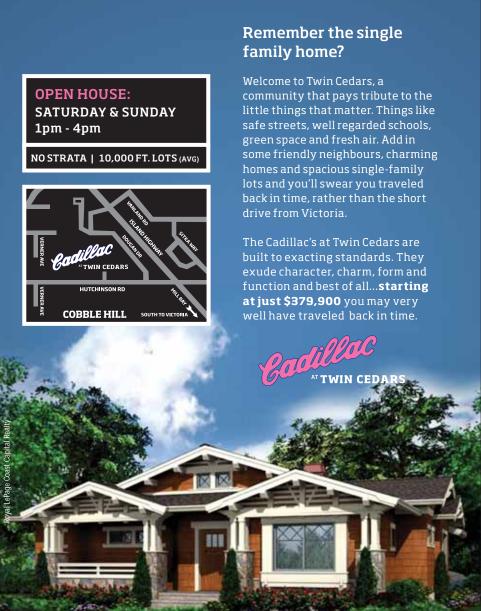


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19 WING COMOX: BACKCOUNTRY TRAINING

Joint exercise prepares SAR **Techs for avalanche rescues**

Lt Alexandre Cadieux SAR Techs and the ski 19 Wing Comox PAO

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Unfortunately, a fresh layer of snow can hide many hazards.

Disturbing this fragile equilibrium can lead to an undesired chain of events. Avalanches are common occurrences in British Columbia's backcountry and claim many lives each

In preparation for a search and rescue mission following an avalanche, search and rescue technicians from 442 Squadron and members of Mount Washington ski patrol took to the slopes Jan. 10-11 for a mock rescue.

It was the second year

patrol got together to exercise their skills in avalanche rescue.

A Cormorant landed in proximity of the mock incident site, offloading a group of SAR Techs. Members of the ski patrol joined them, and all known information about the victims was passed to the group.

The rescuers started a probe line with their collapsible 2.3-metre avalanche probes, while two rescuers performed a hasty area survey with transceivers to locate victims who may have a personal emergency locator beacon.

"During an avalanche, time is of the essence," said Warrant Officer Jeff Warden, coordinator of this year's exercise. "If people are properly trained and have the right equipment, we have a very good chance of finding them with transceiver, which

significantly increases their chance of survival."

SAR Techs and the ski patrol both receive their training by the Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA).

"In the backcountry, the key to survival is knowledge," said WO Warden. "Through CAA, individuals who enjoy the outdoors can learn about the dangers involved with the backcountry. They are able to make educated decisions when they venture into isolated locations and interpret the terrain. CAA also frequently issues a bulletin with snow analysis for British Columbia."

Within 15 minutes of arriving on the scene, the rescuers were able to search, locate and retrieve the four victims of this simulated avalanche.

For more information about the Canadian Avalanche Association, visit www.avalanche.ca



Sgt Scott Elliston, SAR Tech, performs a survey of the avalanche site at Mount Washington to

practice locating a person carrying a personal

emergency locator beacon.





A Cormorant elicopter from 442 Squadron prepares to land on Mount Washington.

Above right:

Search and Rescue Technicians Sgt Scott Elliston, WO Warden, MCpl Cory Cisyk, MCpl Billy Ternes, Sqt Glenn Hood and MCpl Jeremy Kerr from 442 Squadron, 19 Wing Comox, do a probe line at the avalanche site.

Photos by Sgt Eileen Redding, 19 Wing Imaging

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The Commissionaires have reported that not all vehicles are sporting the new CFB Esquimalt parking decals - deadline for the new stickers was

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Club AGM

The Pacific Camping Club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Feb. 8 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 91 on Station Road in Langford. Members are encouraged to attend, as well as those who would like to find out more about the club.

Meeting start time is 7 p.m. in the auditorium. For further information contact CPO2 Dick Dubeau, 250-363-5980 or www. members.shaw/p.c.c.

Regional hockey tournament

The 2009 Pacific Region

Men's, Women's and Old Timers's Hockey Championships will be held at CFB Esquimalt Jan 29 to 31. The tournament format will be best two of three games. All games will be played at the Wurtele Arena. The schedule of events are as follows:

Thursday Jan. 29

- 8 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 8:30 a.m.
- Old Timer's Game #1
- 10:30 a.m. Women's Game #1
- 1:30 p.m.
- Men's Game #1 Friday Jan. 30
- 8:30 a.m.
- Men's Game #2 • 10:30 a.m.
- Women's Game #2
- 1:30 p.m. Old Timer's Game #2 Saturday Jan. 31
- 1 p.m. Men's Game #3
- (if necessary) • 3 p.m. Old Timer's Game #3 (if necessary)
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Game #3 (if necessary)

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Nomination for CF Chief Official for Soccer

The position Canadian Forces Chief Official for the sport of soccer is currently vacant.

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All applications for the position of Chief Official for the sport of soccer must be received by the National Sports Manager, Mike Doucet, no later than Jan. 30.

For more information on qualifications, duties and how to apply, contact Danielle Sutherland at 250-363-4068 or email sutherland.de@forces.

Canadian Forces Sailing Association Results

Results of Series Race A2, Jan. 18

1. Feisty, Pauline & Ed Haines; 2. XS, Colin Nichols; 3. White Wave, Jon Richardson Div 2

- 1. Orca, Max Brown; 2. Hilda Harris, John Pirquet; 3. Merry Dancer, Gord Oakley Div 3
- 1. Dreamer, Neil Porter; 2. Canada Goose, David Deeks.

Blue Boat changes

A review of the blue boat stability data has placed a passenger limit of 67 persons. In order to alleviate potential congestion, additional runs will be added to both the morning and afternoon schedules.

Effective Thursday, Jan. 22, two blue boats will run continuous service about every 10 minutes from Delta jetty, commencing 6 a.m.

The evening runs will be analyzed and adjusted where demand dictates.

There is expected to be better service to and from Naden. Any passenger travelling to Naden is to make their requirement known to the crew. The Fleet School pickup at 7:15 a.m. at Naden is expected to occur as close as possible; how-

ever, a minor departure time change may be required.

A revised schedule will circulate within a week.

Passengers are encouraged to arrive early. respect other passengers place in the queue and observe the no smoking policy on the jetties and floats.

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Navy's oldest ship's hull refurbished

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

The hull of HMCS Oriole is currently undergoing an overhaul in preparation for the 2009 sailing season.

In June, the sail training vessel will turn 88. It is the oldest commissioned vessel in the Canadian Navy, and also the longest serving commissioned ship, joining the fleet in 1952.

Eight decades of oceangoing service has meant a lot of interior and exterior maintenance to keep Oriole active in its role serving B.C communities, providing public relations opportunities, and introducing junior officers and non-commissioned members to life at sea, while emphasising the importance of teamwork.

"With 88 years of exposure to salt water, the metal hull plating has become thin, and currently five sections are being replaced,"

says LCdr Erik James, Commanding Officer.

During the second week of December, the sail boat entered a docking period at Point Hope Shipyard. SNC Lavalin, the company managing the work, is also removing steel ballasts to clear and preserve the hull's condition.

Oriole should be back to sailing shape Feb. 27.

"In early June, Oriole is planning a six to eight week outreach voyage to the coastal communities of B.C., focusing on youths while travelling as far as Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlottes," said LCdr James. "The crew of Oriole is very much looking forward to receiving the ship back and getting ready to pick up a busy spring and summer season pro-

Oriole has a permanent crew of five and has berths for 21 people.



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Welder Derek Lintaman works on HMCS Oriole, welding steel to replace the 88-year-old hull. The ship is being worked on at Point Hope Shipyard and is due to return to the navy Feb. 27.



Steve Coady (SNC-Lavalin-Profac ship's representative) LCdr Erik James HMCS Oriole commanding officer, show where five panels of the ship's hull are being replaced.

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New student commanders appointed at Venture

ASLt Penny Trusty NOTC

A change of Student Command ceremony took place Jan. 9 at the Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) Gunroom, where outgoing Student Commander A/SLt Brian Peskett handed over his three anchor epaulette to the new Student Commander, A/SLt Jordan Thwaites.

The Student Commander change also resulted in the change of other appointments as students moved up into new positions.

The Student Command positions allow Maritime Surface and Subsurface (MARS) officer trainees and Naval Environment

Chris Kiiskila

(NETPO) Officers chance to develop their leadership skills and build a student body rapport. The Student Commander position is the highest student leadership position at

When the MARS IV Division leader leaves for his/her six-week sea phase, a change of command takes place with new student appointments. The outgoing Student Commander passes their appointment recommendations to the MARS section head, and from there on to the Commanding Officer.

There are a number of terms of accountability that students in leadership positions are

expected to follow. As the Student Commander, A/SLt Thwaites will be responsible for observing and correcting student conduct, dress and deportment, as well as monitoring the overall welfare and morale of students. He is also the school Parade Commander.

These appointments are an opportunity for students to increase and develop their leadership skills, enhance involvement in student governance and develop the information flow between the chain of command and students.

Each division (NETPO, MARS III and MARS IV) are lead by their student-nominated Commanders. These positions are indicated by the designated epaulettes: three anchors for Student Commander, two for Deputy Student Commander, and one anchor for each of the Division Commanders. On top of this, there are also academic, sports and entertainment committees whose positions are appointed by each of the Course Training Officers (CTOs).

After the ceremony the

student positions are as follows: Student Commander, A/SLt Thwaites; Deputy Student Commander, A/ SLt Drysdale; MARS IV Division commander, A/ SLt Walsh; MARS III Division Commander, A/ SLt Aminaie; NETPO Division Frontenac Commander, A/SLt Pinard and NETPO Preserver Division Commander, SLt Binder.

addition NCdt Lashinski, a NETPO student in Frontenac Division, was promoted to A/SLt during the Jan. 9 ceremony.

There are a number of other new developments happening at NOTC. The recently appointed Commanding Officer and Executive Officer have been augmented with a new MARS section head, LCdr Stefanson. In addition, the restructuring continues, with the first civilian instructors expected to arrive within the next few months.



Photos by Sgt. T.C. Coulter NOTC

Above: A/SLt Pinard accepts his new shoulder slip-ons as Frontenac NETPO Division Commander from Cdr Kelly Larkin.

Middle: A/SLt Thwaites accepts his appointment as Student Commander from Cdr Larkin.

Bottom: Cdr Larkin and Lt(N) Dargavel promote A/SLt Lashinsky.







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Students take to the ocean for on the job training

CPO2 Pat DevenishContributor

Last November, Task Group Exercise 301.1 comprised HMC Ships Preserver, Toronto, Charlottetown, Montreal, Summerside, Shawinigan, Glace Bay and Goose Bay, sailed from Halifax harbour for points south.

On board *Toronto* were four trainees and three Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School (CFNES) staff for newly revamped Marine Engineering Technician Halifax class Cert 3E directed on-the-job training session.

Toronto sailed with CFNES staff Lt(N) Chris Young, myself and PO1 Gord Yule. Students for this session were PO2 Wayne Burke from HMCS Halifax, PO2 Chris Dagley from HMCS Montreal, PO2 Serge Baillargeon from HMCS Ottawa and Toronto's own PO2 Phonse Benteau.

Normally day one is reserved for in-routines and the like. However, a drill period suddenly took place two hours after our departure from Halifax, followed by another one four hours later. This set the tone for the remainder of the 12 days, with 24 drill periods being conducted, and each student completing two pre-boards and two system walk-throughs.

We were also allotted a threehour window to conduct a shaft locking. This allowed time to record torsional readings as the

How could the trade provide more timely qualification terms without reducing the quality of the Engineering Officer of the Watch coming out the other end?

- The main question considered by the review.

ship proceeded up to full power on the other shaft, providing both students and staff data that is rarely available.

The Cert 3E class training course was overhauled late last year by the Marine Engineering Technician Occupation Manager, CPO1 Mike Ewing with input from both Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School in Halifax and CF Fleet School in Esquimalt.

Also considered was a Technical Service Paper by then Marine Engineering Technician QL7 student PO1 Mike Carew, which addressed a chronic and dire shortage of Engineering Officer of the Watch qualified stokers on board Halifax class frigates.

At the same time, the training package, which had received few revisions since the frigates came on line in the early 1990s, was completely overhauled to more realistically reflect the duties expected of an Engineering Officer of the Watch.

In the past, the period for qualification was 12 months; however, most trainees ran well beyond due to the workload and tempo of operations in the fleet.

The question considered during the review was: "How could the trade provide more timely qualification terms without reducing the quality of the Engineering Officer of the Watch coming out the other end?"

Several options were looked at and a final decision made, after consultation throughout the fleets on both coasts, to provide trainees time and experience to boost their confidence and shorten the qualification period.

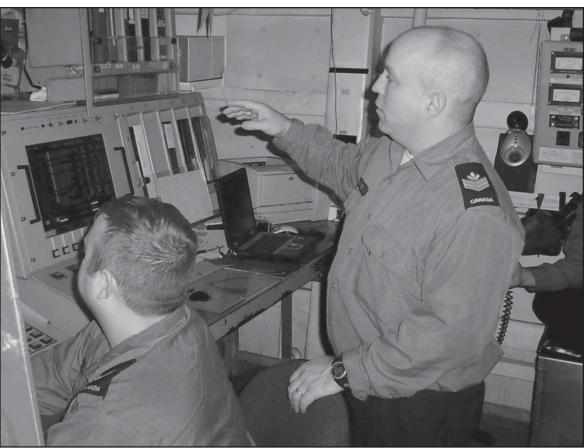
Trainees would attend a 20-day intense classroom phase that would provide students free time for research and to complete on-the-job training write ups, interspersed with drill time at the trainer in the Pullen building at CFNES. Also incorporated into the classroom phase would be lessons ranging from gearing inspection, to fuelling procedures, and a review of report writing to ensure their writing training complied with military writing standards.

As well, students would have opportunities to participate in presentations designed to enhance their 'boardsmanship' in order to prepare for formal boards at either CFNES or CFFS(E).

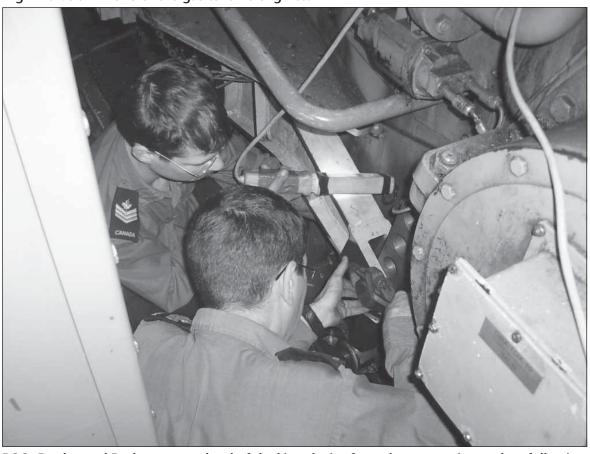
The second phase of this revitalized training incorporated a shipboard phase: five days alongside to conduct system walkthroughs and review system layouts, and a seven-day 'at sea' phase, the main goal being to conduct engineering drills on an operational platform.

As drills cannot be conducted continually at sea, the remaining at-sea time would be used to further pre-boards and system walkthroughs, and hear lectures by subject matter experts on topics such as power generation and distribution, integrated machinery control system and stability.

On completion of this six-week session, the hope was trainees would return to their home unit with a major portion of the training package complete, the confidence to conduct engineering drills in a safe and timely manner, and the tools and knowledge level to successfully complete their formal board.



PO2 Serge Baillargeon directs roundsmen after the ship has slowed following an indication of high vibration in one of the gas turbine engines.



PO2s Dagley and Burke remove the shaft locking device from the port main gearbox following a successful run up to full power on the starboard engine and shaft.

A pilot session was done in January 2008 with HMCS Halifax.

Halifax was conducting a work ups assist with HMCS Cornerbrook, as well as a short patrol south of Newfoundland with any free time in the ship's flex dedicated to engineering drills.

Though the time at sea available for this training was relatively short, roughly five days, support from both *Halifax's* command team and their Marine Systems Engineering department enabled nine students to complete two drill periods, two pre-boards and one system walkthrough.

As well, several briefs from ship's staff further enhanced the training.

At the end, trainees provided

Where does the training go from here?

feedback, some of which was incorporated into the final version of the sea phase. With the exception of the short notice to go to sea, the bulk of the comments were positive. Adjustments to requirements for the two phases of the course were made at a meeting in Esquimalt in February 2008 with representatives from both coasts, Director Maritime Personnel and Director Maritime Training and Education.

Later in the year, CFNES staff looked at the fall schedule to find a platform that would

suit the needs of the sea phase. November's Task Group Exercise off Norfolk, Va., was chosen, and *Toronto* as the platform as it had compartments available for students to study.

Where does the training go from here? Currently CFNES staff are looking at the next Cert 3E training for the spring to coincide with the completion of the current in-house east and west coast MAR ENG QL 6 courses, and CPO1 Mike Ewing in Ottawa has gotten the nod that this training will, from now on, be incorporated into the operational schedule similar to the Maritime Surface (Officer) Operations Room Officer and Maritime Engineer (Officer) Naval Engineering Indoctrination sea phases.

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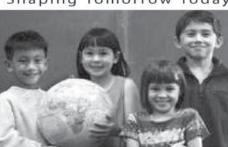
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COMMUNITY NEWS: TEEN FUN

Youth centre opens for games and socializing

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

New life has been infused into the Youth Activity Centre (YAC) in Belmont Park through the leadership of 20-year-old Dan Kivell.

Since November, the new youth supervisor has been encouraging the community's youth to drop in and take advantage of the many recreational activities offered, including ping-pong, pool, karaoke, Nintendo Wii, and air hockey.

"The kids are pretty tight knit. They all know each other, and are like their own family," said Kivell. "It's a good opportunity for them to hang out together, and it keeps them safe and doing constructive activities.

The YAC has also changed management. Last year, it passed from the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) to Personnel Support Programs (PSP) Recreation Department.

"The MFRC's focus has changed to youth outreach. PSP's role is to provide recreational services to youth," said Colleen Cahoon, community recreation coordinator.

With Kivell in place, PSP has opened the YAC doors Friday and Saturday night from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Keeping the centre open gives youth a safe location and an opportunity to have activities to do on Friday and Saturday night, said Cahoon.

"It's in a location they feel supported in and it helps direct their energies in a positive manner."

During these nights, youth workers assist Kivell in managing the YAC and its programs. Kivell is eager to expand their offerings to include dodge ball tournaments, egg drop contests, Nintendo Wii and Rock Band tournaments, and moviemaking nights.

"We also want to continue with the girls-only night, and have pizza and popcorn nights," adds Cahoon.

As a long-range plan, both Cahoon and Kivell would like to expand into weekend afternoon programs, and one or two weeknights.

With the increased deployments to Afghanistan, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific, many youth are dealing with separation issues from their parents being away.

"We are seeing a greater need for the kids to be supported outside of the home." said Cahoon.

To address this issue, Priscilla Destura, MFRC youth program coordinator, will visit the centre once a month to hold a deployment workshop. The hope is to improve a youth's ability to cope with separation.

Interested youth and parents can find out more about the centre and its activities by calling 250-363-1009, or drop in Friday or Saturday night.



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