

## Fishing Derby 2006

~ story Catherine Gordon

August 18th 2006 the Westview Fishing Derby went into high gear. Fisherman from all over North America competed for the biggest Halibut, Cod, Chinook, and Coho Salmon. Up for grabs were the \$1,000 cash prize and a Scotty downrigger. Westview owner Cathy Daynes and her able bodied staff kept busy, caring for the throng of hungry fisherfolk.

After two days of furious fishing, Tyler Hunt took the first prize for his 42 lb. Chinook. In true champion style Tyler



**Relax, You're on TAHSIS TIME**

The Tahsis Rangers hosted an event by the Canadian Armed Forces this Fall. Here the group gets ready for a training exercise staged from a logging road overlooking the Tahsis Inlet. Photo by Derrick Kasper

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Tyler Hunt with winning Chinook

immediately donated \$ 300 of his \$1,000 prize to the Salmon Enhancement Project. The crowd at the Awards dinner was in a generous mood, and over \$6,000 was raised to increase salmon stocks in the Tahsis Area.

Next year's derby promises to be bigger and badder than ever, with double the sponsorship for 2007. Watch the Westview Marina website for Derby 2007 details. Westview Marina's website is at [www.westviewmarina.com](http://www.westviewmarina.com).

## Fall visit by Rangers to Tahsis

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The Village of Tahsis was invaded last September by thirty regular and reserve troops of the Canadian Armed Forces. Members from as far away as Victoria descended on the Rec Center for caving exercises with local instructor Martin Davis. Mr Davis put the troops through their paces, leading them through Thanksgiving Caves and the Weimar Creek Caves for a full range of experience.

The Tahsis Rangers volunteered to host the event and worked with various military groups for over two years planning the logistics of the

caving training and exercises.

"Some of the groups had started the exercise by hiking the Nootka Island Trail, they were mighty appreciative of a hot bath and hot food when they got to town. " commented Derek Caspar, one of the organizers.

Compliments go to local Rangers Randy Musfelt, Terry Orr, Graham Roth, Nicole Mus et and Derek and Marta Caspar for their hard work and dedication to duty.

Application to the Tahsis Rangers can be made to Section Leader Marta Caspar. Applicants must be over 18 years of age and able to pass a criminal Record check

## Tahsis Reunion Revisited

On the July 8th weekend, lost Tahsisians found their way home to the Tahsis Reunion. Despite inclement weather, over 600 former residents registered to catch up with friends, relatives and past coworkers, some not seen for 20 years. On Friday, the party started with a Wine and Cheese Party. On Saturday, smaller family oriented events were scheduled such as the Great Tahsis Duck Race, but the main attraction was the Banquet and Dance at Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School. The line up was long and full of friendly chatters, and the sale of T-shirts and cookbooks were brisk. Old-timers shared their stories of how Tahsis was back in the day before the road. The party went on until late in the night. Many thanks to Kim Anderson and her merry band of organizers for this highly successful event.

# Community Christmas Party

~ Story by Catherine Gordon, Photo by Jim Pook

On December 17 young and old gathered for the Christmas Community Potluck Dinner. Corrine Van Solkema and her army of volunteers slaved for hours making sure that every detail of the party was just perfect, right down to the gifts for the children. Corrine's group provided the turkey with trimmings, and the public brought the side dishes and desserts, showcasing Tahsis' culinary talent.

Entertainment was provided by Javier and Michelle, a magic act from Denman Island. Javier got the party started with his wide variety of card tricks, feats of legerdemain, and Illusions. Children of all ages were held spellbound as Michelle was cut in half, and later restored to wholeness by the mysterious and amboyant Javier.



Javier and Michelle enthralled Tahsis residents with their humour, dancing and inventive magic tricks at the Christmas Potluck

The Box Illusion unfolded as the hapless Michelle was pulled into a solid wood box through a tiny hole to emerge unharmed. Local Auxiliary Policeman and businessman, Mike Mountain along with several children, provided some assistance with the performance, greatly adding to the audience's enjoyment.

## 3rd Annual True Meaning of Christmas Dinner 2006

Thanks to the generosity of local business owners Dan Dahling and Corrine Dahling, Christmas was a little brighter this year. The Third Annual "True Meaning of Christmas Dinner" gave any resident or visitor in town the opportunity for a home style turkey dinner and companionship on what can be the loneliest



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day of the year. "Everyone is welcome, no matter what your situation." Corrine states emphatically.

Dan and Corrine had help from the Community



Gloria Lee brings baby Lillian to her first Christmas Dinner. April Roth serves up home style scalloped potatoes.

donations and volunteer hours. Ross and Mary Hosick of Roscoe's took the turkey roasting duty, others donated desserts, and a crew of hard working volunteers to set up, wash up and close down. Corrine figures that the Dinner has served over 50 Tahsis residents this year, up from previous years. Many thanks to the Dahlings and the Christmas Day volunteers.

## Captain Meares School Christmas Festivities

The local school children, and the Parents Advisory Committee are certainly giving the whole village lessons on keeping the season merry.

The CMESS Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 2nd was an unrivaled success with over 15 tables and three food kiosks. The perogie table and the other food related kiosks reported brisk sales, some selling out all together. Other craft and service tables also reported increased sales over previous years. Over five gift bags were raffled off, proceeds to the Grad Committee.

The next Sunday, CMESS put on a Ham and Turkey Bingo to raise funds for school projects, and to provide some much needed diversion for the Community.

On December 20th, CMESS students mounted their annual Christmas production of "The Little Match Girl", showcasing the talents of the elementary and intermediate schools, complete with song and dance numbers. Afterwards the High School students prepared a program of readings, songs and improvisations. The Audience was then treated to a smorgasbord of gingerbread and hot chocolate, prepared by the Home Economics class. Many thanks to the hard working efforts of the CMESS teachers, staff and students... truly the heart of our Village community.