



Birch Bay Leisure Park  
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# THE NEWS

MAY 2019

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<http://www.birchbayleisurepark.com/events-calendar/newsletters/>

## UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

<i>CIRCLE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING</i>	<i>BRIER</i>	<i>10:00 AM - MAY 5</i>
CAESAR SUNDAY	ELM	2:00 PM - MAY 19
<i>NOW ACCEPTING US FUNDS ONLY</i>		
<i>TOWN HALL MEETING</i>	<i>BRIER</i>	<i>10:00 AM to 11:00 PM - MAY 20</i>

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WELCOME BACK  
BBLP MEMBERS!



Happy Mother's Day

May 12th, 2019



## BIRCH BAY LEISURE PARK

# Calendar of Events

# 2019

2018	DATE	FUNCTION	PLACE	TIME	CONTACT
JANUARY	12	BOARD MEETING			
FEB	23	BOARD MEETING			
MARCH	30	BOARD MEETING			
APRIL	20	EASTER EGG HUNT	ELM	NOON	
	27	BOARD MEETING			
MAY	5	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
	19	CAESAR SUNDAY	ELM	1:00 PM	
	20	TOWN HALL MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	
	20	BOARD MEETING			
JUNE	2	BOARD MEETING			
	2	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	ELM	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
	29	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	ELM	8:30 AM	
	30	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
JULY	20	BEANBAG BASEBALL	ELM		
	20	KIDS SPORTS DAY	CIRCLE 17		CHRISTENSEN
	21	BOARD MEETING			
	28	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
AUGUST	10	GOLF TOURNEMENT DINNER	ELM	5:00 PM	GMUR
	17	VOLUNTEER APPRTN	BRIER	11:00A -1:00P	ROBINSON
	18	BOARD MEETING			
	24	MARINERS/BLUE JAYS BASEBALL			SANDERS
	25	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
	31	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	ELM	8:30 AM	
SEPTEMBER	1	AGM	BLAINE PAC	10:00 AM	
	1	CAESAR SUNDAY	ELM	1:00 PM	
	15	CIRCLE REPS MEETING	BRIER	10:00 AM	DOUG PARMENTER
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER	31	NEW YEARS EVE	ELM		

Subject to change without notice. Please contact the Birch Bay Leisure Park Administration Office for updates

# Park Directory & Informational Phone Numbers

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

President	Bill Grant
Vice President	Syd Hughes
Secretary	Richard Shore
Treasurer	Susan Stuart
Rules and Regulations/By-Laws	Syd Hughes
Grounds & Maintenance	Karilee Green
Entertainment & Recreation	Rhonda Robinson
Public Relations/Communications	Dave McRae

## APPOINTMENTS

Transfer Secretary	Sharon Ingham
Recording Secretary	Jan Faulkner
Nominating Committee Chair	Jan Faulkner
Nominating Committee Vice-Chair	

## CIRCLE REPRESENTATIVES

Circle Rep Chair	Doug Parmenter
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## LEISURE PARK STAFF

General Manager	Don Brown	360-961-3243
Office Manager	Shelly Pettit	360-961-0788
Office Staff	Betty Troup	
	Jennifer Timmreck	
PT Maintenance Tech	Ken Perrin	
Maintenance Tech	Steven Powers	
Maintenance Tech	Ruth Brown	
PT Maintenance Tech	Brad Benard	
Custodian	Tammy Alexander	
Seasonal Staff	Tristen Alexander	
Security Staff	Vernon Billing	
	Matt Koker	
After Hours Security Cell #	360-961-5424	

## **DOG OWNERS**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**"Doggie Walks" are provided on Mainline & Meadow Roads. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off your site. The fine for failing to clean up after your pet is \$50.00 USD**



## OFFICE HOURS

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Sept 10<sup>th</sup>** 7 days/wk 9am to 5pm  
**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>** 7 days/wk 10am to 4pm

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Leisure Park Administration Center	360-371-7122
U.S. Douglas Border	360-332-8661
U.S. Peace Arch Border	360-332-6318
Canadian Border	800-461-9999
Peace Arch Hospital (White Rock)	604-531-5512
St. Joseph's Hospital (Bellingham)	800-541-7209
Red Tide Hotline	800-562-5632
Fire/Aid/Police*	<b>911</b>

**\*B.C. Cell Phones Call 360-676-6711 NOT 911**

Leisure Park Email: [birchbayleisurepark@comcast.net](mailto:birchbayleisurepark@comcast.net)

Leisure Park Website: [www.birchbayleisurepark.com](http://www.birchbayleisurepark.com)

## POOL HOURS

POOL OPENS:	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> – Friday thru Sunday (Holiday Mondays)
POOL OPENS DAILY:	<b>June</b> – 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
POOL LAPPERS:	8:00 am to 9:00 am
AQUASIZE:	9:00 am to 10:00 am
ALL SWIM:	10:00 am to Noon
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
ADULT SWIM:	Noon to 1:00 pm
	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
TEEN SWIM:	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Pool attendants are not lifeguards.

Rec Tags, bath house key and showers are required for entry to pool.

Adults must accompany children under 13 years of age into the pool to ensure their safety.



## Bill Grant - President, BBLP Board of Directors

We are all looking forward to the Park's 49<sup>th</sup> summer. We on the Board hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Please remember our good neighbor policies, take part in the various events that are planned and wherever possible please volunteer your time to support these events to share the load.

We will also be having our annual Town Hall meeting on Mon May 20 at 10:00 am at the Brier.

There are some initiatives that the Board has undertaken or has been working on since the AGM last year.

### ***Working with The Glen at Maple Falls, WA***

The Glen is a park like ours where most of the members are Canadian. It was established in 1975 and has over 1500 sites on approximately 800 acres. We have met at The Glen with their board to share ideas on how the parks are managed and the challenges each one faces. We have reviewed each other's By Laws and Rules and Regulations. The Glen board will be visiting our park in June to continue the work we are trying to do to keep BBLP the great place it is.

### ***Asset Evaluation and Condition Assessment***

As a result of our work with The Glen, we hired a company to provide a condition assessment of the Park's assets and to set a plan for the replacement and rehabilitation of our major assets. The company has completed numerous evaluations for organizations like ours. This study will result in a comprehensive report of any major components that will need repairs, restoration, maintenance or replacement within the next 30 years. We can then take the report and begin to work with the Long Range Planning Committee on recommending appropriate projects to protect the investment we all have in the Park.

### ***Security Issues***

Due to the recent vandalism at the Park we have set up a Security Working Group to review our current security practices to develop a plan to upgrade our security footprint. The group is comprised of members in the Park who have experience in security with input from the Sherriff's office. We have also asked the Sheriff's department if they would make random drives through the Park in the off hours. Members can help by reporting any suspicious or inappropriate activities to the office.

Once again, have a great summer with family and old and new friends.

Bill Grant, President BBLP

## **Richard Shore - Secretary, BBLP Board of Directors**



Secretaries Report- May 2019

Following is a summation of my activities over the fall and winter.

In accordance with established Board policy, wage data published by Washington State and the State Consumer Price Index (CPI) was again reviewed to assist in setting Park Staff wages for 2019. The average wage increase and resultant budget impact for Park staff wage increases was 4.28%. Some positions received more and some less based on our objective of moving all positions closer to the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of their Whatcom County comparisons. The Washington State minimum wage went from \$11.50 to \$12.00 per hour effective January 1, 2019 and this contributed to the wage and budget impact.

Revisions were made to the Park “Employee Handbook” to reflect changes in Washington State Legislation as it relates to Sick Leave and time off for employees.

Work commenced on updating Park job descriptions to reflect current duties knowledge, abilities and skill requirements.

Research was conducted into Washington State insurance requirements and Park coverage for Park property, RVs or vehicles on a members site or in Park storage. The Park insurance broker, Park lawyer and ICBC were consulted. This resulted in a rule change permitting appropriate storage insurance on RVs in Park Storage sites as an alternative to requiring current license decals.

Along with three other Board members and 3 staff members site compliance inspections were conducted of all 718 Member sites over 3 days in November 2018. This resulted in the site compliance letters being sent out in January with a compliance timeline of May 2019.

Facilitated the Board of the Park and the General Manager meeting with “The Glen” Board and General Manager at the Glen in November 2018. Much useful information and experience was shared. A reciprocal meeting will be held at BBLP in June 2019.

I am looking forward to another wonderful season at our Park.

Richard Shore  
Secretary





Susan Stuart - Treasurer, BBLP Board of Directors

### Treasurer/Finance Report

Somehow it's May which means Newsletter time, where did the fall and winter go? Mark **June 28<sup>th</sup>** in your calendars, it's the date the payment of your 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment is due.

This report will not include specific details on the 2018 financial results as we are just finalizing the consolidation of the operating and entertainment financial records. We internally report the operating information separately from the entertainment information so as to provide a better picture of where revenues are generated and expenses incurred. Specific financial information will be provided in a subsequent newsletter and of course provided as part of the AGM package.

#### Assessments

Members are reminded that Assessment Notices will be emailed to their email address currently on file. If you have not provided one and/or have changed your primary email address, please ensure you contact the Office by mid-May with the appropriate information. The 2nd 2019 Assessment Notification will be emailed in late May and, as in the past, you are encouraged to read all notices included as they provide details on specific topics we want members to be reminded and/or aware of, including a list of payment options. The assessment documents will also include charges for your electrical usage from November 2018 through April 2019 along with any other amounts outstanding (e.g. propane, gravel, etc.). If you have a prepaid amount on your account, this will also be noted.

Assessment and other payments must be deposited to the designated bank account in such a way that it is dated on or before the **due date of June 28<sup>th</sup>**. **Please remember, we use our bank statement date to determine the date payment was received.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 Assessment collection process went as expected but we are disappointed that the term "repeat offender" can yet again be used. The following is a summary of the number of members with outstanding balances at the end of each month indicated:

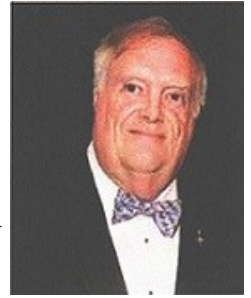
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
December	20	20	24
January	14	10	10
February	3	5	4
March	0	2	1

**When in doubt, contact the office who will gladly inform you of what your balance payable is and what payment options are available.**

Of course much of what is done from an admin/treasury/finance perspective could not be done without the assistance of our resourceful administrative group!

Susan Stuart, 39 – 10  
BBLP Treasurer

## Syd Hughes - Rules & Regulations, BBLP Board of Directors



I wish to welcome you all back to the park for the new season. As this is the first newsletter of the year, I will take some time to remind you of some of the most fundamental rules and regulations.

The speed limit in the park is now 5 miles per hour and will remain so until mid October. Please be aware that we have a zero-tolerance policy on speeding. The speed limit applies to not only cars but to all motorized vehicles including golf carts. Bicycles are also covered by this rule.

All pets must be kept on leash when not on your site. Over the Easter weekend I personally noticed many “off leash” dogs in the park. Also, please remember to clean up after your pets.

Last fall two teams of board members with park staff surveyed the park and notices were sent to all non-compliant members with regards to fence repairs, hedge, bush and tree heights with a compliance date of early May 2019. Several members requested clarifications and/or reconsideration of issues noticed and these have all been dealt with. It is important to remember that trees, bushes, hedges, etc. are living things and do continue to grow even after trimmed. I would ask that all members please take this into account when trimming and be vigilant in continuous monitoring of heights of plants.

As we move into late Spring the pool will open for members use. Please be cognisant of the rules regarding usage of the pool and remember that the attendant’s word is final.

As always, the most current version of the Rules and Regulations is posted on the park website and can be downloaded. Failing that you can request a copy in the office.

If you have any questions, please send them to the office in writing and they will be forward to the appropriate board member for a response.

*Syd Hughes*



**Rhonda Robinson - Recreation and Entertainment, BBLP  
Board of Directors**

Welcome back members! So nice to see so many members in the park this past Easter weekend!

A special thank you to Courtney Aveling Walker and Ashley Aveling for coordinating the very successful Easter egg hunt! They involved their husbands and other family members and managed to run one of the busiest Easter egg hunts we have ever had. Attendance was over 200 kids and adults combined. One member, Cheri Baldin, made and decorated 200 cupcakes and donated them to the event. Thank you!

The playground is 90% complete. We are still dealing with the vandalized piece of equipment. We are looking into having the climbing wall repaired but of course safety has to be the number one priority. We are in contact with Whatcom County Parks and Recreation and seeking their advice as to who is qualified to perform the repair. The playground equipment is designed for age's 2 – 12 year olds weighing 150 pounds or less. We ask all members to contribute to the safety of our children. If you see any persons over the age of 12 trying to climb the structure, or abusing the playground equipment in any manner, please report it. Vandalism occurs in many forms.

We would like to remind all members that Rec tags must be worn when attending events and all facilities in the park. We want to make sure that members and their guests have priority use of facilities versus any person walking in off the street. Small children should wear Rec tags at all times so help can be obtained quickly if needed.

We'd like to remind members that we will continue with the practice of all Park events requiring payment in USD. CDN funds are no longer accepted due to fluctuating foreign exchange and our expenses incurred are in USD."

As always, we are looking for ideas for events, coordinators for events and volunteers. If you are interested in coordinating or volunteering for events, please contact the office.

Have fun, stay safe and be kind to one another.

Regards,  
Rhonda Robinson  
Director of Entertainment





## Dave McRae - Public Relations & Communications, BBLP Board of Directors

### Vision:

Birch Bay Leisure Park is a healthy, active, sustainable and inclusive community.

### Mission:

To build a responsive and viable community through collaborative and engaged membership at all levels. We agree to build positive relations and strengthen the brand that represents BBLP. We will focus on the development of a fun, respectful and responsible culture in BBLP

Everything we do must feed into the Vision and Mission of BBLP.

With the support of the board, we are exploring new ways of working together internally to communicate effectively and efficiently throughout the park membership, membership committees and with staff, so that communication and member relations have a “continuous improvement plan”.

Develop a mindset/culture of proactively seeking solutions.

Treat all members and staff with respect and acknowledge the value that each bring to the park.

Productive communication and following the agreed upon rules and regulations of the park is the responsibility of all members, staff and visitors to BBLP.

We need to build a strong visual presence, strengthen our branding of BBLP and explore the tools necessary to communicate effectively and efficiently, both internally and externally. We must embrace digital communication with an updated website; we also need to work to enhance the navigation of our online presence. We have members willing to collaborate to improve our social media presence, Provide the membership committees with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the challenges, alternatives, opportunities and/or solution (These include the Circle Rep committee, the Entertainment committee, the HR committee, the Appeals committee, the Finance committee and the Long Range Planning committee).

Work directly with the membership committees and the memberships appointed officers and directors throughout the process to ensure that membership concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

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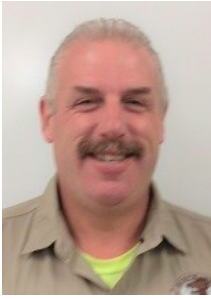
Obtain membership committee feedback on analysis, alternative and/or decisions.

Partner with the membership committee representatives in each aspect of decision making, including the development of alternatives and identification of the preferred solution (These committees include the Circle Rep committee, the Entertainment committee, the HR committee, the Appeals committee, the Finance committee and the Long Range Planning committee).

The park membership places the final decision making in the hands of the elected officers and directors. The board will keep the membership informed through timely reports and updates. The board will keep the membership committees informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how the membership committees input influenced the decision. The board will work with the membership committees to ensure that concerns and aspirations of the members are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how membership input influenced the decision. The board will look to the membership committees for advice, guidance and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporating advice and recommendation into the decisions to the maximum extent possible. The board will implement with consideration of what the membership committees have provided in assisting the officers and directors of the park to decide what is best for the park.

- The primary communication to members from the Park staff and the Board will remain as the Park Newsletter, meeting minutes, emails to all Park members when issues are critical or time sensitive and individual responses to members, as appropriate.
- Should members have questions or concerns regarding bylaws, rules, compliance issues, staff or other members they should be directed to the Park Office in written form or via email. The Park Office will direct them to the appropriate staff member or Board member or the entire Board and the issues will be responded to.
- Members are also urged to utilize appropriate forums such as the Circle Representatives, Town Hall meetings and the AGM to raise issues.
- Urgent or Emergency issues are to be directed to security or the appropriate outside agency, for example: Fire, Police and Ambulance.

Dave McRae  
Birch Bay Leisure Park Communications and Public Relations



## Don Brown - General Manager, Birch Bay Leisure Park

Hello, to all members and friends of Birch Bay Leisure Park Association.

The BBLPA team is excited to welcome back all the members, friends and their guest to this beautiful park.

The park came through the winter well considering the wind, rain storms and one of the coldest Februarys in recorded history.

There are a few items I am asking the members to help with near the Administration building.

1. The improved recycling area behind the Administration building is working well. Please read the posted signs and adhere to the instructions. This request will save on park recycling cost up to 10%.
2. The little recycling depot building is used for cardboard and aluminum recycling is experiencing an unusual amount of stains and paints left over from projects in the park. Please do not leave them in the building. SSC requires that these items are dried up before tossing them into the dumpsters. Add materials like kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper to left over stain or paint to dry them completely.
  - For items like oil and anti-freeze, please take these items to the disposal center on Birch Bay Lynden rd. where you can dispose of them, which is only open 9 AM – 5 PM Sundays. (4297 Birch Bay-Lynden Road)
3. Your propane bottles can be left at the propane filling station before 4:00pm, clearly marked with the site number, and will be filled the same day. When your propane is filled **please do not leave your full propane bottles for an extended amount of time.** If you cannot pick up your full bottles within seven days, pick another time to have them filled. This becomes a safety hazard for everyone around the area.

Thank you for help in these few areas of concern. This year will be an exciting year to be a part of BBLPA. Please remember Your Board of Directors, committees, volunteers and all staff are working hard to make this the great park that it is.

The **spring dumpster** will no longer be parked near the Brier center. In Lieu of the spring dumpster we offer **Free** access to at the maintenance yard only during office hours from **May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your cooperation

Please report any and all vandalism immediately to the administration office. The speed limit is five miles per hour with a zero-tolerance policy.

Enjoy the great spring and summer here at Birch Bay Leisure Park Association.

Have fun. Be Safe. See you around the park!

Don Brown- General Manager, BBLPA

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER

### **Propane Tanks**

We fill your small propane tank at the Admin Center. Located between the recycling bins and the dirt is the propane filling station. Tanks left on the "EMPTY" side by 4:00 PM will be ready for pick up by 4:30 PM and placed on the "FULL" side. Please be sure that your tank is clearly marked with your site number and last name for easy identification.

### **Topsoil & Gravel**

We offer 4-way topsoil, crushed limestone or chipped rock for purchase at the Administration Office. You may purchase these commodities by 5 gallon bucket or wheelbarrow full (you fill). We keep a limited supply of these materials on hand, so if you need more than a yard or two we will be happy to put you in touch with a wholesale supplier.

### **Brush Bins**

Each bath house has a fenced area for small loads of yard waste ONLY. All yard waste should be bagged or bundled for easy removal by park staff. Compost bags are available at the office, five for \$2.00.

### **Garbage**

Please place bagged household garbage in the dumpsters located at the bath houses and at the front of the park. To dispose of larger items (carpet, mattresses,

furniture, etc.) stop by the office to purchase a \$20 dump permit.

### **Recycling**

Please recycle. Aluminum cans (preferably crushed) go in the recycling shed. Newspapers, mixed paper, cans and jars go in bins in front of the shed at the front. Please flatten plastic jugs. Cardboard goes in the bin inside the recycling shed at the front. Please flatten. Additional recycling locations are: Bathhouse #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10 – Brier Center and Elm Center. Further details about recycling are available at the Administration Office.

### **Laundry**

Bathhouses 3, 4, 8, & 9 have coin operated washers and dryers. (\$2.00 US to wash and \$2.00 US to dry) **Machines take U.S. QUARTERS ONLY.**

### **Utilities**

We respond to your water, power and sewer problems. If it's a park problem we fix it. If not, we can point you towards a solution. Please be aware of the delicate disposition of our sewer system. Sewage is pumped out of the park and our pumps choke on the smallest of things; a dish rag, that messy diaper (even a supposedly disposable diaper), a potted plant with its roots, a knife, etc. When these things reach the pump, it plugs. We then have to hire a contractor to go down into the

sewer tank to make repairs, costing the park time and money.

### **Compressed Air**

Outside the Maintenance Shop door we provide compressed air for your tires.

### **Construction / Maintenance Permits**

All construction requires a permit. Permit applications are available at the Administration Center and only take a moment to fill out. Office staff are also on hand to assist with the process.

### **Mail & Parcels**

Please stop by the Administration Center to pick up your mail and parcels to make room for more.

### **Volunteers**

Birch Bay Leisure Park is always looking for volunteers to help out with our Park events. If you are interested in lending a hand, come by the Office and sign up!

**The Administration Office would like to remind everyone to please check on your account balance the next time you are at the office.**

Be safe. Have fun. Be kind to each other.

### **BBLP Administration**

*Don Brown*

*Shelly Pettit*

*Jennifer Timmreck*

*Betty Troup*



# FUN & GAMES

## 80's Radio Hitmakers

Find and circle all of the 1980's music artists that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of a hit song by the Bangles.

W E T S A T S R A C E H T R K L I S  
 B R I R R H O K O N T E L E A I V E  
 L A F A E E C N E X C O L D J Y O L  
 O S F E N P L N I N E E T R A E J G  
 N U A F G O A D I B O T N O G N N N  
 D R N R I L F R A J A A T W O R O A  
 I E Y O E I P D Y V E S T E O U B B  
 E K S F R C T L U C I A I N G O E E  
 C T I S O E L O O R L D S L O J U M  
 H H S R F I W Y I K A C B M O R A Y  
 I E E A B N L A T R A N A O Y H T A  
 C F N E B L E A N N T D D T W T Q D  
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 G X G B N K R A A E C M I P R H E B  
 O X S X N I L L S H I H M U E A E A  
 L L E C T F O S I C N O U A Q I N R  
 E A N N O D A M S N T A R N G S Y G  
 P T I S L E T O M E H T V A G A N E

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| ASIA        | ERASURE     | NENA            | THE FIXX   |
| BANGLES     | EURHYTHMICS | NEW ORDER       | THE MOTELS |
| BERLIN      | FALCO       | PRINCE          | THE POLICE |
| BILLY JOEL  | FOREIGNER   | QUEEN           | TIFFANY    |
| BILLY OCEAN | GENESIS     | QUIET RIOT      | TOM PETTY  |
| BLONDIE     | HEART       | ROXETTE         | TONI BASIL |
| BON JOVI    | INXS        | SCANDAL         | TOTO       |
| CHICAGO     | JOURNEY     | SOFT CELL       | VAN HALEN  |
| DAVID BOWIE | KAJAGOOGOO  | TALK TALK       | WANG CHUNG |
| DEBARGE     | MADNESS     | TEARS FOR FEARS | WHAM!      |
| DURAN DURAN | MADONNA     | THE CARS        |            |

## Sudoku # 1 (Medium)

8			4	9			
			5				
	1					2	
		8	7	3			5
		9		2			
4		7		6			
2							
			6		9		1
6	7				5		4

## Sudoku # 2 (Medium)

		9		1	6		
5				4			1 3
	3				2		
4		2					1
		1	8			2	9
8							4
	6			7	9		
			2	9			

## GIGGLES AND GROANERS

**How do you communicate with a fish?**

*You drop it a line.*

**Why does Where's Waldo wear stripes?**

*He doesn't want to be spotted.*

**What do you call an angry pea?**

*Grum-pea.*

**Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen?**

*They might peel.*

**Why did the orange lose the race?**

*It ran out of juice.*

**Where do kittens go on their class trip?**

*To the meowseum.*

SUDOKU ANSWERS  
IN BACK



We would like to start this season off by remembering our roots; the history of Birch Bay Leisure Park. In this first edition of the season, we would like to recognize and honour the Pioneers/Founders of Birch Bay Leisure park:

*We Can't Leave it to the Other Guy*

**THE HISTORY OF BIRCH BAY  
LEISURE PARK**

PRESENTED BY  
MIKE MURRELL  
*FIRST PRESIDENT*  
*BIRCH BAY LEISURE PARK*

(Excerpt transcript from)  
GENERAL MEETING MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1989



Good Morning. It is some years since I last had the opportunity to address the members of Birch Bay Leisure Park. It is nice to see that quite a few of the members who were at that meeting are also here today.

It is great to see that we are, every day, attracting new members and it is really to them that my remarks today are directed. At the same time, they will act as a reminder to all of us including those who have been associated with the Park ever since its beginning, that a tremendous amount of work and thousands of hours and dollars have been spent to get the park to where it is today. It's continued success relies and always will on all of us and as Bev Rollo and Cec Bygrave keep reminding us "we can't leave it to the other guy".

We have to keep finding Directors who will work twelve months a year, Directors who are prepared to make decisions for the good of the park as a whole and the majority of its members and who are prepared to accept the flack that will surely be directed their way on anything controversial. I know of what I speak because our developer persuaded one of our members to send a letter out to the membership trying to stop me proceeding against him on behalf of the park. He even provided the mailing list and the stamps. This letter carried a number of signatures but not enough to organize a special meeting that Mr. Nelson, the developer, wanted. But believe me the flack hurt.

We must have Directors who recognize value for money and can balance the scales with the beauty and functional effective running of the park on the one hand against the frivolous use of money on the other. The keeping of the dues in line with the costs, and more importantly, the costs in line with the dues. We no longer have any 'found' money coming in from successful lawsuits or refunds of tax over assessments. The Directors must recognize budgets and live within them. We are now on a pay as you go basis and must ensure that every income dollar is carefully and wisely invested in the park for its present and for its future.

Before we as an Association move on, we should take one last look at the past and how we got to where we are today. After all, we are the only park of this kind in the Pacific Northwest that is in the black.

Let's transfer ourselves back to August 1974. The developers of the park are beginning to turn over the running of the park and its control to members of the Association. We were to elect a Vice-president and a secretary. I was asked to run. The developers tried to stop me running by refusing to allow me to be nominated from the floor. We were ready for that maneuver and had copies of Roberts Rules of Order handy which were read to them and we forced a vote. I was nominated. The developers had a candidate running against me specifically. They must have had a premonition that if I was elected the proverbial fur would fly. My supporters, those that had encouraged me to become involved, decided that as I was to be out of the country when the votes were to be counted, they would provide their own scrutinizers and vote counters. I received a telex in Yugoslavia which just read "Congratulations we won".

I was now Vice-president and Loretta Parisienne was Secretary.

This year sees the culmination finally of all the work that started on receipt of that telex until now, some 15 years later.

The first thing we did was to form an ad hoc committee to investigate exactly where we stood as an Association. The ad hoc committee was made up of a lawyer, Dave Leedham, a Union man, Gerry Hickok, a foreman, Gene Cole, a secretary, Loretta Parisienne, a Credit Union manager, Bill Hartley, myself, a businessman and an accountant. My first telephone call as I was trying to assemble this group to work with me for an accountant got me a 'no reply' so I moved to my second choice. I got all the names from our mailing list which at that time showed occupations. My second choice was at home and after a bit of arm twisting, he agreed to come on board. Thank heavens because it was Dave Rollo!

The concerns that had been expressed to me during the election campaign by members had to be addressed immediately.

1. Did we own the front 3 acres? We were told that we did.  
Answer – No Richard Nelson, President of Leisure Parks Inc. had not signed the deeds on this parcel over to the association.
2. Had the members purchased the land free and clear of all encumbrances as we were told we had.  
Answer – No. Richard Nelson had placed a \$146,000 mortgage on the front half of the park in order to pay for the back half and had not paid it off. We Owed it.
3. How many sites were there to be. We had been told 365. What is now named Centre Way was to be the rear of the park. The other forty acres was to be an unrelated mobile home park at least that is what we were told at the time.
4. If this was true why did Mr. Nelson deed himself the right of way through our property, now called Mainline Road. What would this do to our security and privacy? This deed has been removed.  
Answers – The Health Department had only approved a septic tank system for 365 sites Surprise! Surprise! Leisure Parks Inc. went ahead without approval and doubled the size of the park to 718 sites. The road easement was then truly to create a right of way through our property for a mobile home park that was to be completely unrelated to us ...on the property behind Fern Road to provide access to Birch Bay Drive.
5. While we are on the subject of land.... Were we built on our own property?  
Answer – No, not wholly. In fact, Mo Knight's lot T.R. # 22 was half on Jacobs Landing at the back and half on Jacobs Landing on the side. The next-door neighbor wasn't even in the Park. This went down the north side and across the back. We had to go and get a Quit Claim Deed to clear it up, not too easy when Nelson owned part of the land to our north, east of Centre Way and along our east boundary.

6. When we bought in, we were told that sewer was included but initially we would have 45-gallon barrels in the ground for waste water, and honey buckets to remove sewage and dump it at the bathhouses. Okay so far but what we were not told was that it would cost each of us about an extra 10% on membership cost at that time \$200 and then we found we were left to pay over \$120,000 to the sewer authority when Birch Bay got its own Sewer System.
7. Was the Park financially sound? That was a laugh. Nobody had any books or records and we were probably bankrupt, but what we didn't know wouldn't hurt us.
8. Members had 10-inch pictures on 16-inch T.V. screens, refrigerators kept burning out compressors all because of poor electrical and trying to run 718 sites off a system for 365. We wondered how long it would be before G.E. noticed that all warranty problems were coming from one park... and quit replacing compressors.
9. How come the park wasn't finished – most noticeable lack of fences?

Next thing we needed was a Constitution made by us for us. The Constitution we had gave all the land, improvements and buildings back to Richard Nelson in 25 years, or to be a little more dramatic in 6 years from now...In 1995 you would have had to buy your membership back again from Mr. Nelson if he still wanted to keep the land as a trailer park. This had to be changed, but how? He wasn't about to give that opportunity up, and as his wife said later, we had taken away her retirement fund.

Well, at the General Meeting there were a few papers that Richard Nelson had to sign and somehow it got signed too, changing the Association to 50 years duration, the maximum allowed under Washington State Law at that time and at the end of that time reverting, to the members in good standing... you youngsters can fight about what you do with it in the year 2010. I don't expect to be around.

Of course, we needed new Rules and Regulations that were designed for the benefit of all members rather than to be used to sell memberships. That of course also applied to the dues. Can you believe they were \$60 a year...no wonder we were bankrupt!

At the General Meeting held in May 1975 Gene Cole, Dave Rollo, Loretta and I ran for the Board and were elected. We were joined by Gord Simmonds, a policeman, Jim Cameron, a school principal and Don Billings, an assessor. Based on our new Bylaws, Loretta and I had to run again as we had changed the Bylaws to elect 7 Directors each for two years, four one year and three the next. At this time, I became president.

This Board went to work to correct the items presented by the Ad Hoc Committee which was then dissolved.

Unfortunately, many other problems arose that we had not foreseen and if the present Directors think they have it tough those early boards had a couple of extra items thrown at it.

They had to work every Saturday in the office to answer members questions and concerns.

They spent literally days in meetings with lawyers and in court rooms for pre-trial discoveries, and there was one more position on the board called sewer patrol.

Today we have Hawaiian night and the Gong Show. Well we had Sewer Patrol Show & Tell. Each weekend in the summer we had to continually patrol the two septic tank fields looking for the first signs of sewage rising to the surface. We then rushed to the pump and switched fields. In case you didn't know we had two drain fields, one Circle 17. Did you ever wonder why the grass is greener in strips there? And the other was in the front 3 acres.

It became very interesting when on long weekends we did this all night, if the Director stayed for one more drink before he went to take a look, he was more often than not up to his ass...ankles in sewage running down the road to meet him.

At times that year we were very nearly shut down by the Health Department. Remember we had twice the number of units on site than they had approved...knowing that it wouldn't be long before the actual sewer was in, we did everything to keep it in check. During the night under the cover of darkness, we had tank trucks pumping out the holding tanks. We replaced all the drain tiles. To say we were up to our asses in alligators would be the biggest understatement of the year. And as our wives kept reminding us...this was Leisure Park...

It did make a change from the winter when we were tying boats up to trailers on many of the main roads. You couldn't get to the circles off the main roads.... the joke about having lakefront property and not paying a premium was born that winter. In those days most of our roads were gravel or oil and gravel. We even saw deer swimming along Centre Way plus several large dogs, the loudest sound in the park was the croaking of frogs. It was not unusual to see people checking the park wearing hip waders. Several new Directors had been elected by this time, but I will not name them all in case I forget anyone. I will though mention Dot Joyce.

We endeavored to get Leisure Parks Inc. to settle these and other problems amicably but it was not be ...we had to resort to the courts. This was a 5-year battle just to get our day in court, which turned out to be a week with five Directors, unpaid I might add, in court all week.

During this five-year period the Directors had to make decisions that were not necessarily the most popular but without revealing all our court strategy we had to bull our way through. We had been elected to run the park to the benefit of all members and in their best interests. I was accused of running a dictatorship and perhaps I did, but the course of action was clear and our fiduciary duty under the law as Directors was to protect the investment of all park members, so we would not deviate from our set course. Had we failed to do this the members would have been within their rights to sue us. Directors are insured against this today, we weren't!

Dave Rollo and I were greeted by a wet and very cold park manager who was employed by Mr. Nelson one late wet and cold December afternoon who presented us with a million-dollar U.S. lawsuit each against us personally and one quarter million-dollar suits against each of our wives. A couple of months later they did the same thing again...this time though they served them on us all at home... they must have thought that we were a hell of a lot wealthier than we were.... I'm still not sure where I had two million dollars' worth of assets, how about you Dave?

This manager by the way told me I'd better back off as it was dangerous playing against the big boys.

The result of the court case was all that we had expected. We won most of what we were after and in fact won a large settlement that we sort of threw in as an afterthought. To protect ourselves to make sure that we did in fact get the money we had been awarded we put a mortgage on the front three acres which we didn't win in court but received some cash in lieu.

I suppose it shouldn't have surprised us, but Mr. Nelson continued to live up to his reputation. He sold the front three acres and received \$100,000 from a rather naïve businessman with which to pay us. Needless to say, we didn't get paid, so we had to sue the purchaser who the court decided had to pay us.

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We also had a battle with the State regarding our tax assessments which required more pretrial discoveries and long meeting with lawyers. This required time in Court in Olympia, but it was worth it as we received well in excess of \$100,000 back in refunds. Anyway, it's a banner year for us we have been paid and we have paid off all our debts. We're debt free and if our Directors invest wisely, we'll stay that way, because we have some money doesn't mean we have to spend it, as there is fast approaching the time when some major repairs will have to be made to the park. After all it is almost 20 years old and some of our improvements were expected to last about 20 years, and we must have the reserves to meet those expenses.

Well, all the crap, corruption and B.S. is now behind us and I've put my shovel away. I have condensed 15 years into 15 minutes and you all now know the background and what we all went through to provide what you see around you today.

I am proud to have been in the right place at the right time and proud to have been able to play a part in making Birch Bay Leisure Park the finest recreational association in the Northwest.

Let's all work to keep it that way. I should like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all those members, past and present, who worked with me and all other Board members who helped along the way, particularly my wife, Hilda, who got to the stage of not wanting to come down to the park.

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, for allowing me this time to remind all that the past made the present and the FUTURE, well, that's up to all of US.

[End]

Thankfully Mike and Hilda are still around, enjoying and continuing to serve Birch Bay Leisure Park. Members, if you run into Mike, Hilda and the others listed in Mike's article, please shake their hands and thank them for their undying dedication to the creation and the continuation of Birch Bay Leisure Park.

As well, if you see any of the past Presidents and past board members please thank them for their service, their dedication, their hard work in keeping this Park moving forward.

It truly takes dedicated park members, a dedicated board and a very dedicated staff to make this Park run.

We are thankful and appreciative to all who have, who do and who will contribute to the success of our Park.

As Mike said so many years ago... "We can't leave it to the other guy"

Also, feel free to check out the Birch Bay Leisure Park website. Some new information has been updated about the Park.

I wish you a fun filled and very enjoyable new season at Birch Bay Leisure Park

Sincerely,

Dave McRae

Birch Bay Leisure Park Communications and Public Relations



# Sweet & Tart Lemon Jell-O

**Total Time** Prep: 15 min.+ chilling Cook: 5 min.

**Makes** 12 servings

## Ingredients:

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) lemon gelatin
- 1 can (12 ounces) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- Quartered fresh strawberries and fresh mint



## Directions

In a small saucepan, sprinkle unflavored gelatin over cold water; let stand 1 minute. Heat and stir over low heat until gelatin is completely dissolved. Remove from heat.

In a large bowl, add boiling water to lemon gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Stir in unflavored gelatin mixture and limeade concentrate. Refrigerate until slightly thickened.

In a bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add confectioners' sugar; beat until soft peaks form. Beat gelatin mixture until frothy; fold in whipped cream. Transfer to an 8-cup ring mold coated with cooking spray. Refrigerate, covered, until set.

To serve, unmold onto a large plate. Serve with strawberries and mint.

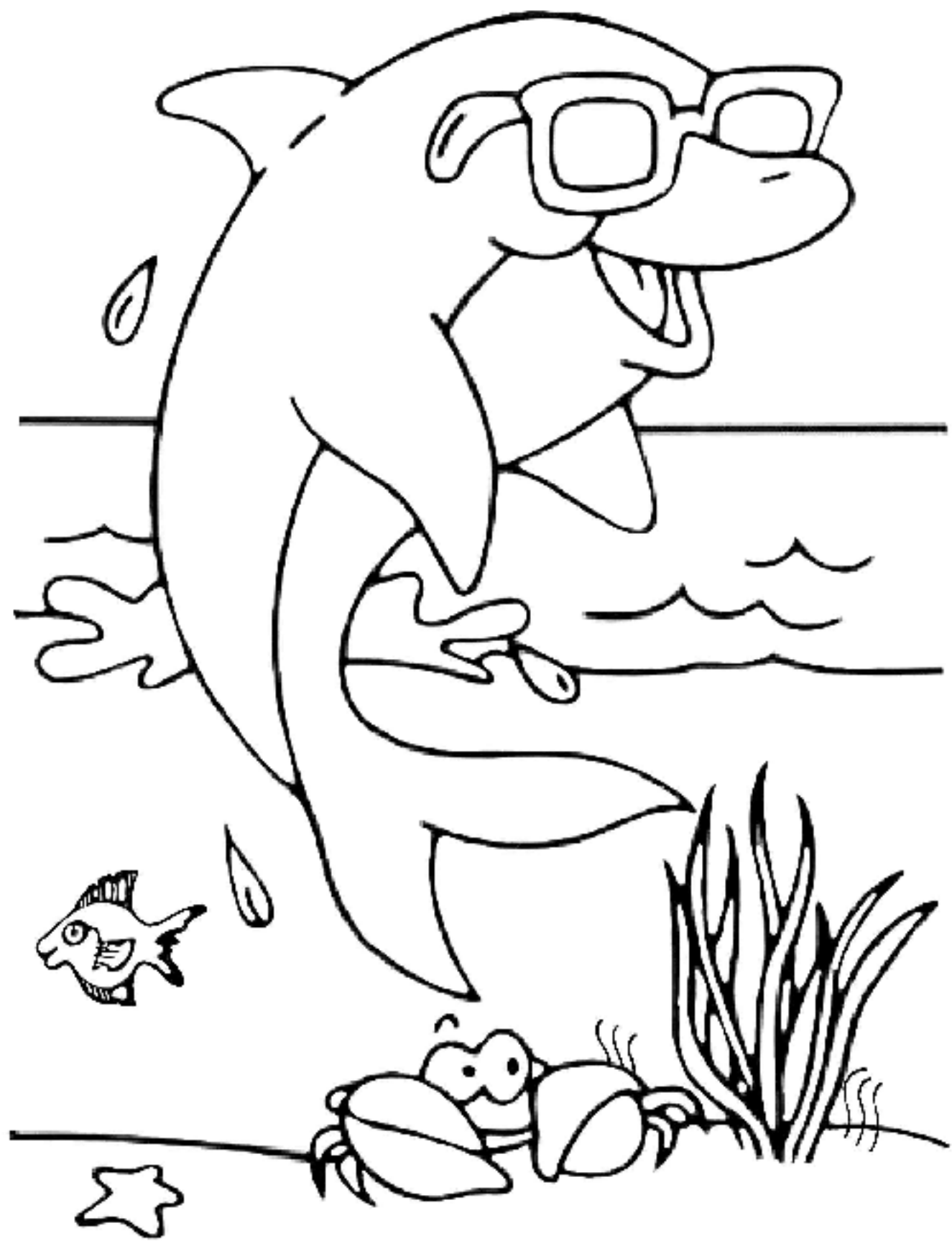


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6	7	1	9	2	8	5	3	4

**Sudoku #2 (Medium)**

7	4	9	5	3	1	6	8	2
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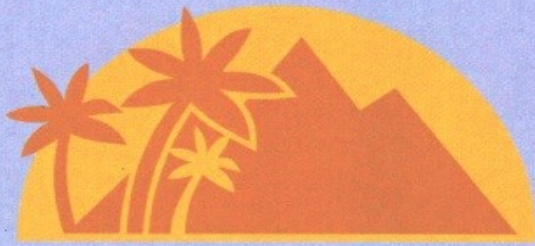
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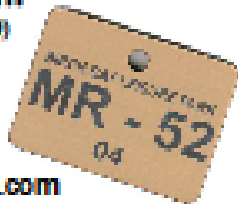
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