



"Kathy's in the darkroom."



"Hurry up and take the picture - my mouth is sore."

"Amateurs!"



"But don'tcha think we could try it this way?"



"Isn't this fun?"

The Ball Was A Bash!

By The Klondike Sun Staff
The annual Christmas Ball was a success as the Klondike Sun staff and their families gathered for a night of fun and games at the Klondike Sun Ball Room. The event was held on Thursday, December 14, and was a great success. The staff and their families enjoyed a night of fun and games, and the event was a great success. The staff and their families enjoyed a night of fun and games, and the event was a great success.

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"I'll do it for you, but I'll getcha for this."



"Howcum I get all the fussy jobs?"



Three "t's" in the last name, but no sugar in his tea.



"More White space."



"That's PahLOvich..."



"My first night and they give me this!"



Owner of the lap-top light table.

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Marjie Mann
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Cathy Wylie
Paula Ross
Romy Jansen
Art Webster
Ella Patay
Holly Reeves
and the host of contributors to each issue.

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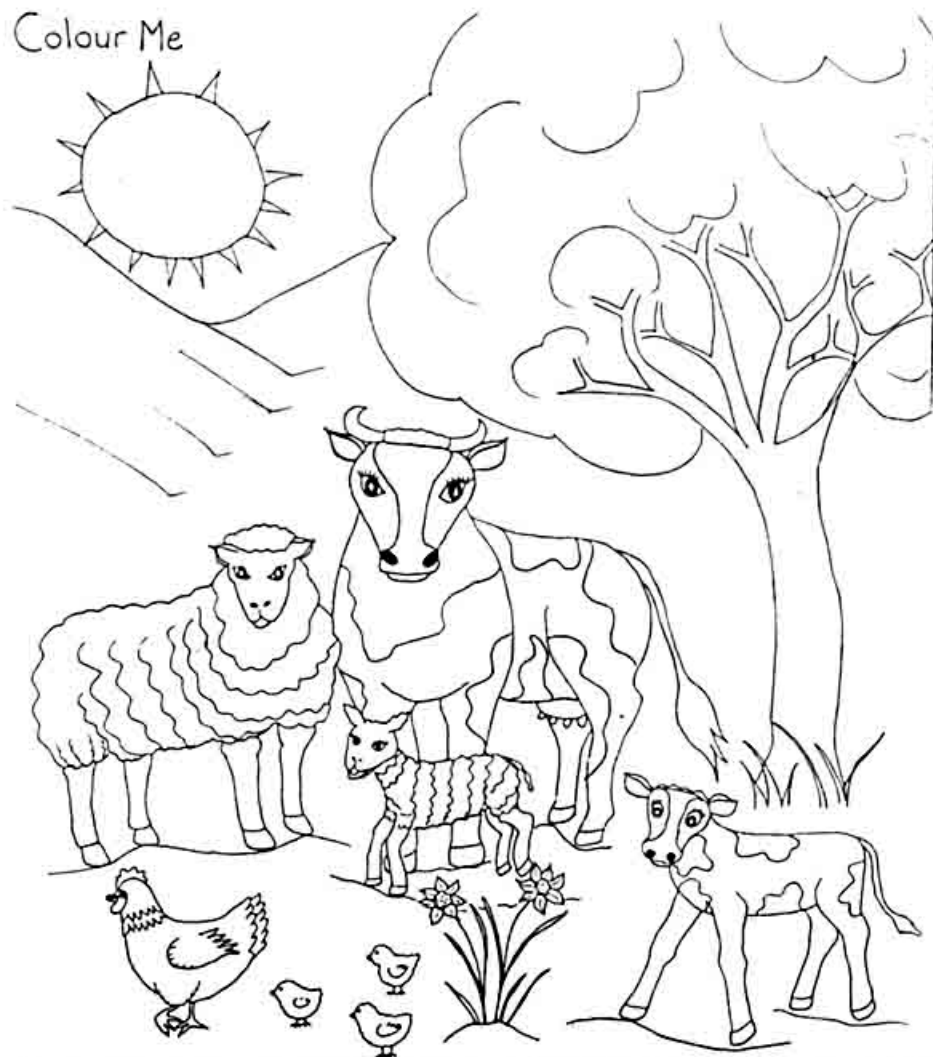


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AND OF COURSE A GREAT SELECTION OF TOYS

From Granville

by Paula Ross

Once again it's the start of another busy, and I'm sure we all hope a very prosperous, mining season in a brand new decade. Here's an interesting thought. I'm going into my third decade out here on the creeks and yet I've only been coming to Dawson for twelve years, so the answer is that my first mining season was 1979. You know you're growing up when you start saying the exact same things your parents always said, such as "where in the world has the time gone?" but I am just stunned sometimes at how fast those twelve years have flown by.

I haven't seen much of our neighbours yet this year but I've heard that everyone is back and working hard. I can see the lights of the machines from down at Brown's Airgold Camp after it gets dark at night.

Ross Mining is busy upstream with their stripping program and spring repairs as are we here in our C.M.Y. camp.

We seem to be having an early spring with beautiful weather and the thawing process is coming along nicely.

We arrived in camp on the thirteenth of April and had the water running before supertime. What a treat to not have to haul water for the first few days or even weeks, only this year I had somewhat too much water as a couple of hoses had come undone under the sinks and put that wonderful liquid all over the floors in the bathroom and kitchen. Well, no sooner had I got that all mopped up and the washing machine overflowed.

KLONDIKE LIFE

Everything is all dried up now except for the muck in the yard and even that is coming along.

You know how I went on and on last year about my watermelon. Well, this year in Vancouver I found some seeds for a watermelon called Yellow Doll and the flesh inside is a bright golden yellow, so I can hardly wait for it to warm up enough for the planting to begin.

Now if only we could plant nuggets!

Speaking of nuggets, I've been asked by the World Goldpanning Championship Committee to raise gold donations to a total of ten ounces to be used for prizes and in the panning. Any generous miners out there wishing to donate to a wonderful cause, please contact me through Box 275, Dawson.

Till next time, gotta go!



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For all those readers who are looking to apply for jobs in tourism, remember that the Library has a good supply of northern books which can be signed out.

New arrivals in the Library are:

The Bourne Ultimatum

by Robert Ludlum

Deception

by Philip Roth

Women, Kids and Huckleberry

Wine by Anne Cameron

Fables of Brunswick Avenue

by Katherine Govier

Before and After

by Katherine Govier

The Billionaire Boys Club

by Sue Horton

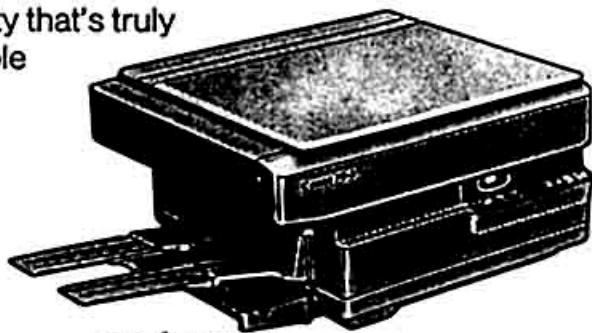
The turnout for our last visiting author Katherine Govier, was quite small. When Patricia Robertson, the new "Yukon Writer-in-Residence", arrives in town on May 14-16, please help make this a bigger audience. Ms. Robertson will probably be doing a workshop and a public reading. Please call the library for further information if you are interested in writing or in listening to an author perform her work.

That's all for this month,
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From the Dawson City Nursing Station

by Charlotte Thompson

How long will you live?

This life-expectancy quiz given below is typical of questionnaires now used by physicians and insurance companies. Because of the myriad risk factors involved, such questionnaires are by no means 100 percent accurate. For example, how can we measure the strength of an individual's immune system? Though exceptions exist to every rule, don't take the quiz too lightly. Odds are the predicted life span will be quite close!

Start with 74

- If you are male - subtract 2
- If you are female - add 4
- If you live in an urban area with a population of over 2 million - subtract 2
- If you live in a rural area with a population of under 10,000 - add 2
- If any grandparent lived to be 85 - add 2
- If all four grandparents lived to be 80 - add 6
- If either parent died of a stroke or heart attack before the age of 50 - subtract 4
- If any immediate relative under 50 has had cancer or a heart condition or has had diabetes since childhood - subtract 3
- If you earn over \$50,000 a year - subtract 2
- If you finished high school - add 1
- If you have a graduate or professional degree - add 2 more
- If you live with a spouse or a friend, add 5. If not, subtract 1 for every 10 years alone since age 25.
- If you work behind a desk - subtract 3
- If your work is physically demanding - add 3
- If you exercise 3-5 times a week for at least 30 minutes - add 4
- If you exercise twice a week - add 2
- If you sleep more than ten hours per night - subtract 4
- If you are aggressive, tense, or easily angered - subtract 4
- Add a "plus" sign (+) to your expected life span if any of the following pertain to you:
 - blood pressure less than 130/75
 - cholesterol less than 200
 - resting pulse rate less than 60 beats per minute

- no breathing problems or asthma
 - no history of chronic illness
 - presently living with a pet
 - still working after age 62
 - light eater
 - don't skip breakfast
 - have social contacts besides spouse
- All above factors enhance life span.

Add a "minus" sign (-) to your expected life span if any of the following pertain to you:

- blood pressure greater than 140/90
- cholesterol greater than 200
- take a long time to recover after exercise
- anaemic
- suffer illnesses more than the average person your age
- easily winded
- resting pulse rate greater than 80 beats per minute
- heavy eater
- skip breakfast
- no social contacts besides spouse

As you can see from the Life Span questionnaire there are many factors that influence our life expectancy. There are some factors such as family history of disease that we have no control over but many factors such as education, exercise, smoking, alcohol intake or body weight we as individuals can control. In the area of enhancing our life span something as simple as breakfast can make a difference. The questionnaire readily shows you what you can add or subtract from your life to improve your life span.

- If you are generally happy most of the time - add 1
- If you are generally relaxed and easy going - add 3
- If you are generally unhappy most of the time - subtract 2
- If you smoke a pack of cigarettes a day - subtract 7
- If you smoke 2 packs or more a day - subtract 8
- If you smoke 1/2 pack a day - subtract 3
- If you drink more than 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per day - subtract 1
- If you are over-weight by 10-30 pounds - subtract 2
- If over-weight by 50 pounds or more - subtract 8
- If you have an annual physical exam - add 2
- If you are between age 30 and 40 - add 2
- If you are between 40 and 60 - add 3
- If you are between 50 and 70 - add 4
- If you are over 70 - add 5

TOTAL YEARS _____

Northern Book Reviews

by Michael Gates

Gold! The Klondike Adventure, by Delia Ray. Lodestar Books, New York. ISBN 0-525-67288-5. Hardcover; price: \$20.95. 90 pages, 52 photos, 2 maps.

Klondike Fever: The Famous Gold Rush of 1898, by Michael Cooper. Clarion Books, New York ISBN 0-89919-803-1. Hardcover; price: \$22.95. 80 pages, 1 map, 49 photos.

It seems as though these two authors had the same unique idea at the same time: "Why not make up a pictorial story of the Klondike gold rush, package it up in a lovely cover, keep it short and the price low, so that people will be more inclined to add it to their library?"

This has been done before, and certainly better than either of these two books. The Klondike is an unusual historical and human event, and may win the title of the most photographed historical odyssey in the 19th century. Literally thousands of photographs remain to chronicle the fascinating story of the stampede of '98. Some of the better volumes assembled to tell this story include Pierre Berton's "Klondike Quest", Murry Morgan's "One Man's Gold Rush", or William Bronson's "The Last Grand Adventure". It's unfortunate that some of these books aren't available today, for they would be a better investment than either of the two new releases.

Cooper's book is loaded with photographs which have been published on numerous occasions in other books. The historical content of the text is short, superficial, and filled with factual errors. Joe Ladue did not come up the Yukon River from Fortymile to set up his sawmill at the townsite of Dawson City, nor had Robert Henderson just returned from Fortymile when he invited George Carmack to join him on Gold Bottom


Creek. It was in fact the trading post at Sixtymile from which both of these men had come. The photograph on page 63 identifies a photograph of George Carmack as his antagonist, Robert Henderson. Even the title is old news; Berton's book "Klondike" has for many years been released in the U.S. as "The Klondike Fever", and Stumer's book of some years ago was titled "This was Klondike Fever". I would give this book a 5 out of 10.

For my money, though suffering from many of the same complaints as Cooper's book, "Gold!", at two dollars less, is a better buy. Although she uses many of the same photographs as other books I have mentioned, and in some cases, the same photos as Cooper, Delia Ray does use some of the less familiar photographs of the Kinsey Brothers, who, from their studio in Grand Forks, thoroughly documented the lives of the miners in the goldfields. Ray's work, based upon her previous Klondike research, appears to have given her the edge in writing supporting text for the photos. I would give this one 6 out of 10, and would make this the one I would send to relatives and friends outside. I will also pray that next year, someone will come out with a book which is more original and uses some new photographs.



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Net Profit Down \$54,000

by Kathy Jones-Gates

The Klondike Visitors Association is a non-profit organization that was established in 1952 to help revitalize the sagging economy of the community, and promote tourism to Dawson. Since 1971, revenues from the operation of Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Casino have played a large part in the overall health and activities of the K.V.A. 1989 saw reduced revenues derived from both the gaming tables and the bar. However, careful monitoring of that income enabled the Board of Directors to report a financial statement that was in the black, at the annual general meeting April 26th.

Treasurer John Wierda presented the past year's financial statement. There is more cash in the bank as a result of careful financial monitoring the previous year, but the net profit is down by \$54,000 to \$42,423, from the net for the previous year of \$96,778. Diamond Tooth Gerties gross revenue for 1989-90 was slightly over the one million dollar mark, and making a net profit once all expenses were tallied of \$18,026...compared with \$40,000 plus the previous year. Gross revenue for the Palace Grand Theatre was increased by approximately \$14,000, due in part to the increased ticket prices.

Dawson had a good year in terms of the actual number of people visiting town, but according to Chairman Giovanni Castellarin, they were holding onto their money a lot more than in the past. He indicated that changing lifestyles may be a contributing factor, but suggested that the trend worldwide is toward tourism, and the K.V.A. hope to be prepared to match the increases as they occur.

A budget for the 1990-91 year was passed by the general membership. It shows a projected gross revenue of \$1.4

million and anticipated expenses of \$1.35 million, resulting in a net deficit of \$888.00. This is an even tighter budget with an allowance of 2% growth in revenues, and hoping to keep the capital expenditures to a minimum.

Castellarin indicated that the K.V.A. have continued to promote this area to the Alaskan market, and, despite a smaller budget for Alaskan advertising this year, they hope to maintain our presence in Alaska with advertising and direct contacts. In particular, he feels that there is great potential in promoting Dawson to the Anchorage area. Many attempts have been made to get an Alaskan airline to have scheduled flights to Dawson. Recently, Delta Airlines announced that they will start service between Anchorage and Whitehorse. So, K.V.A. discussed possibilities of flights to and from Dawson. Delta were interested, so K.V.A. spoke to local businesses to get support for a package to sell to tour wholesalers in Anchorage that will encourage them to sell tours to Dawson. K.V.A. were able to get very reasonable room rates, plus transportation to and from the local airport. In addition, an 800 phone number will be in place specifically for the wholesale market. This package has been offered to both Delta and to Air North in hopes of tapping into the Anchorage market. Delta have expressed an interest in flights to Dawson, but at present these flights would only be on a charter basis.

If the Federal Government's General Sales Tax bill goes into place January 1st 1991, K.V.A. will be feeling the crunch as they will be faced with a 7% reduction in their income. Based on the previous year's gross income, K.V.A. would be losing an additional \$35,000 for the G.S.T.

In place for the 1990 season will be 4 floor shows at Gerties. Diamond Tooth Gertie for 1990 is Lorraine Butler. The gaming tables will feature two new games... "Red Dog" and "Over and Under 13's" on the black jack tables. The Palace Grand Theatre will again feature a two-

show format. The Gold Room exhibit from the old Bank of Commerce will be set up as a static exhibit in the Canadian Parks Service "Bank of British North America" building and will be interpreted by the Walking Tour guides.

The general membership also voted in a new Board of Directors for 1990-91. At a subsequent meeting the new board voted

on the executive: Chairman: Giovanni Castellarin; 1st Vice-Chairperson Renee Mayes; 2nd Vice-Chairperson: Trish Malfair; Treasurer: John Wierda; Secretary: John Hendley; Directors: Lenore Jenkins, Peggy Amendola, Gordon Long, Denyse Speer, Dave Taylor, Marlene Braga, Dennis Montgomery.



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Annual Ice Breakup

By Kathy Jones-Gates
A Short History

"For untold thousands of years, the ice of the Yukon (river) has been coming and going, but its departure never loses interest, and as long as people are within reach, will command a crowd of enthusiastic spectators," so wrote the Dawson Daily News on May 11th, 1905.

This could have described Dawson in 1990. The annual breakup does indeed draw spectators, although the 1990 ice breakup was a disappointment both for timing and for a lacklustre ice flow performance.

However...all you cheechakos who saw the river freeze and remained in Dawson until the ice went out can give yourself a pat on the back...as the Dawson Daily News of May 11th, 1914 says "a new crop of sourdoughs were hatched".

Recording the times of the ice breakup here in Dawson has occurred since 1896, although that particular date is in doubt because Dawson did not exist in May of that year and there is no record of anyone recording the time here. As early as 1887, imaginative souls planted a flag in front of the Northwest Mounted Police barracks and bet on the time it was swallowed up by the ice, depending on the watchful eye of the night duty Mountie to record the time. By 1900, newspapers reported the many bets held at businesses all over town. In those days, winning a hat, fur gloves or a pot of money was the draw. Over the years, the pots of money increased and so did the prize opportunities...gold watches, the latest in vacuum cleaners, suit of clothes, kimonos, etc. Betting on the time continued right up until the ice finally hauled away the flag or tripod until the early teens, at which time, an agreed upon date fluctuated year to year. In 1939, when the Dawson Chapter I.O.D.E. agreed to handle the ice pool, they established the betting deadline as April 25th at midnight.

Devises to record the ice breakup varied over the years, but traditionally a flag on a pole or on a tripod was usually acceptable. The pole or tripod was attached to a wire or rope, and in turn was attached to various clocks, whistles or fire sirens. In 1901, the Alaska Commercial Co. planted a flag and pole opposite their dock near King St. Over the years, the wire or rope was affixed to a whistle. By 1905, the wire attached to a clock over the vault in the Northern Commercial Store was the accepted time for all bets. In 1915, it was the Yukonia Hotel clock; by 1922, the clock was attached to the south side of the White Pass ticket office. In 1935, Jenneret's Jewelry store electric clock ruled! Later,

the Northern Commercial Company reclaimed the honour of having the official clock. However, when the clock failed to record the time in 1947 and 1948, a new electric clock was installed, and "ensure that its timing was accurate, it was checked twice daily with the Naval Observatory in Arlington, Virginia. After the Northern Commercial store burned, the timer moved to various locations on the riverfront, and included the old radio station in 1952, before moving to its current location on the Bank of Commerce building at the foot of Queen St.

Until lotteries became the norm in the early 1970's and stiffer regulations adopted, Dawson played host to pools of every conceivable idea; hour pool, minute pools, rise and fall of the water levels, last person to cross the ice. As Dawson's population declined, so did the number of pools. In 1928, in addition to smaller business pools, Dawson advertised "Yukon's first Mammoth Ice Derby" and 2 men shared over \$7,000. When the I.O.D.E. began to manage the pool in 1939, a committee handled the organization. By 1950, stenographers listed every bet, and the lists were posted around town. This practice was discontinued in the 1970's. The I.O.D.E. retain a small percentage of the income to offset costs and to assist their many charitable endeavours.

Technology caught up to the Ice Pool this year; I.O.D.E. pool organizer Mona Troberg was able to announce the winning guess almost immediately. Rules require that the winning guess be supported by the ticket stub. Al Lueck of Whitehorse was able to Fax a copy of his stub to the I.O.D.E. when he was informed of his win. He will still have to mail the stub to



Looking South From the Dome

photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

Dawson, but at least we all know the winner the same day the ice broke...However, it is not the sound of the fire siren that signals the time of the ice

going out. The tripod is attached by wire to a clock...when the clock stops, that time is the official time for the ice pool.

Brownie News

by Holly Reeves - Brown Owl

As usual Girl Guide cookie sales went over with a bang this year. Thanks to all the support we got from the cookie monsters of Dawson City -- this was our best year ever. Some people even bought cases of cookies!

If you missed out on this great treat, don't despair, we do have a limited supply left. Just call me at 5425 or Cheri at 6707.

Badge scarves are quickly being filled up as the girls continue to show great

enthusiasm. This month the whole pack received the Winter Adventure Badge.

Also earned were: Baker by Nova and Chrystal; Artist by Lyndsey, Charissa, Chrystal and Allie; Skier by Charissa; Booklover by Chrystal, Allie and Charissa; Space by Lyndsey, Chrystal and Allie; and Cook by Charissa.

Guider Cheri Thompson and I spent the weekend of April 27-29 in camp training at Spruce Wind, our Guide Camp on Marsh Lake. We returned refreshed, rejuvenated and full of great ideas.

We are hoping to do Guide and Brownie camps in the fall.

Look out Dawson -- next year Brownies and Guides will be better than ever!



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FIRST PUBLISHER (A six hour introduction to this desktop publishing program scheduled for June 2).

INTRODUCTION TO DOS (A 4 hour seminar - date to be announced).

Dawson Museum Annual General Meeting

by Palma Berger

With the promise of being allowed to partake of the array of different and delicious cheese cakes later, we adjourned to the audio-visual room to hear the reports of the various committees and guest speaker Jeff Hunston, of the Heritage Branch.

Jeff announced that a Museum Policy for the Territory was completed last December which included improvements to the Territory's Conservator's Laboratory, computer support for all museums and the Museums Assistance Program.

Heritage Branch is starting on an inventory of what is out on land on which building of an airport or mine could affect.

Funds are of constant concern to Museums.

A Dawson problem is the storage of artifacts. Our present storage facilities (e.g. Millen House, tin shed at Bear Creek) have no climate control and wild fluctuations of temperature affect artifacts. Plus all storage facilities leak. Adept applications of plastic sheets prevent damage from this hazard as well as the fact that "it only rains in the summer, thank God". Money is to be available for a two-year study on the exact needs for a storage facility handy to the Museum.

Jeff would like to see Dawson put together a travelling display connected to the discovery of gold in light of the

forthcoming Centennial of same.

Acting Director, Drew Ball (Val Baggaley is off on maternity leave) reported on the summer operations - 14,500 visitors, volunteers (1095 volunteer hours recorded), fundraising and membership (81).

Various Committees gave their reports.

The Collections Committee spent the summer months deaccessioning - a number of late-make bottles and battered tin plates were disposed of.

Carol McBride was hired as Registrar to deal with the backlog of objects in "Temporary Deposit" limbo. The photo crew and Registrar worked together on accepting and documenting many photographs which could be set up in the newly set up Visual Finding Aid. Thirty-four collections have been accepted, some of which contain a number of photographs.



Photo by Michael Gates

DAWSON MUSEUM

displays are well worth seeing.)

John Wierda presented the Financial Report and Budget for the next year. Both were accepted. The finances were down this past year because of the hiring of a much-needed Registrar.

We were able to look at the Visual Finding Aid which was put together last year. This project was headed by Barb Hogan, assistant photographer Greg Skuce, and the majority of research and typing done by Jennifer Flynn. The Aid consists of copies of Archival photographs. These copies are paired with their subject card and placed in binders. Info on the card includes the name of the photographer (if known), the date the picture was taken, type and condition of picture, the collection from which it came, the people in it, type of machinery, etc. The index card file is the guide to the Aid. These cards are filed under subject category as each photo contains information on different subjects.

Barb Hogan, assisted by Jennifer Flynn put together an excellent slide show on the construction and history of the Twelve Mile Ditch.

The next morning the following people were elected to the Executive -- President: Chris Sorg; Vice-President: Louise Ranger; Treasurer: Jan Malfair; Secretary: Cher Thompson.



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Conservation News - May The Bear Facts

The snows are about gone; the crocuses are blooming and that signals the start of BEAR season. Actually the first official Bear report came from Ross River on April 12. Bears have also been seen on south facing hills around Dawson. Therefore it is once again time to remind ourselves of what we can do to prevent Bear/human encounters of the wrong kind. This is especially important for people involved in mining, hunting or fishing; or those simply living a rural lifestyle.

Spoiled Bears:

Bear contacts usually take two forms: The first is the "accidental" one time encounter when either the Bear or human blunder into each other. These encounters are usually brief and rarely occur again. The second form is the repeated encounter with habituated or "Spoiled" Bear or a Bear in the process of becoming spoiled. It is with this type of Bear that most problems arise because it can cause extensive property damage and can be extremely dangerous.

A Bear, by nature, is opportunistic, feeding in areas with large concentrations of nutritious, highly digestible food. This is why garbage dumps, of any size, are a great attraction for the Bears. In the spring they offer an easily obtainable source of food at a time when natural foods such as berries and fish are not yet available and consequently the spoiling process begins early.

The pattern of habituation and spoiling is typical; once a food source is located the Bear will include it in his daily rounds, visiting at night to avoid humans. As the set-up becomes more familiar, the number of visits increase. Finally, when no longer satisfied with refuse, the brazen spoiled Bear enters the cabin or camp in search of additional food often causing expensive damage, and more often than not, ends up being shot. Only rarely can a Bear be re-habituated to natural foods and not become a nuisance in someone else's backyard.

In summary, causes of spoiled Bears are:

- anything that provides readily accessible food.
- poorly managed garbage dumps and wastes.
- grey water runoff and open septic systems.
- drying fish and meat.
- remember Bears will eat just about anything.

Preventing Spoiled Bears:

- Incinerate garbage thoroughly and daily. Simply throwing gasoline on a garbage pile and lighting it is not good enough. This only serves to destroy the exposed portions and leaves the rest untouched. (There is a simple, inexpensive incinerator design made from a 45 gal. drum that accomplishes the task very effectively.) The incinerated waste should then be buried.

- Human waste and grey water should be buried a good distance from any dwelling.

- Proper camp design, location (away from high use Bear habitat) and cleanliness.

- Inexpensive, solar powered electric fences have been used effectively in the Dawson area.

- Dogs can be used as a deterrent and alarm system.

Dealing with Nuisance Bears:

- It is not an offence if you shoot a Bear in defence of life or property. It is an offence to shoot a problem Bear and not report the killing to a Conservation Officer as soon as possible.

- Shooting a Bear should be a last resort. A wounded Bear is extremely dangerous and unpredictable! If you are having difficulties with a Bear, contact the Wildlife Branch for assistance.

Special Word for Dawson Residents:

People living in the new Dome Subdivision and hikers on the Dome should be very wary of Bears. The Dawson dump is very close to town and is an extremely attractive food source for Bears in the evenings. During daylight hours these same Bears use the entire Dome area as a resting area and consequently Bears can be encountered anywhere. As many as twelve Bears have been seen in the dump in a single evening. Under no circumstances should unsupervised children be allowed to play in that area!

Remember: It is up to us to manage our waste properly to prevent Bears from becoming spoiled and unnecessarily having to be killed.

Also, stop by our booth at the Dawson City Gold Show!

For more information contact:

Dawson Fish and Wildlife
Phone: 993-5492



MARGIE FRY
Hope you had a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
From the Sun Staff

Five Excuses for Not Becoming a Block Parent

1. I work all day.
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2. I am not a parent.
No one should stop caring about the safety of children and other adults. Retired people and single people may certainly be Block Parents.
3. I'll always help, sign or not.
Let the little ones know it! Most children are taught to be wary of strangers, but they know that a Block Parent has been checked out by the Police, and is a "safe stranger".
4. I don't want to open my door to strangers.
Naturally, if a hurt or frightened child seeks the assistance of a Block Parent, sanctuary would be offered. However, it is not necessary to allow strangers into your home. All that is required is for the parents or proper authorities to be contacted.
5. There are enough Block Parent homes on our block already.

The more Block Parent homes there are, the better the protection. Large numbers are required as some Block Parents may only be available during a small part of each day or week.

If you are interested in being a Block Parent, please contact Vicki at Klondike Outreach or the local RCMP detachment.

Some of the Dawson Firsts

The first electric power was supplied to Dawson by the sawmills across the Klondike. Then on December 2, 1899 the Telephone and Electric Co. took over from the sawmills, with a 250 horse power steam generator on the banks of the Klondike.

The Dawson Daily News of December 11, 1899 reported that the 135 meridian was adopted by the territorial council as the standard time zone.

A private school was opened by Miss Mary M. McDonald on March 20, 1899, in a two story log building, at the corner of 6th street and 2nd Ave behind the Ladue sawmill.

Joe Ladue built the first house in Dawson in September of 1896.

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C.A.T. Concert Seeks Natural Highs

by Dan Davidson

It was called "Friday 13th - Part '90" but it was far from the horror show that might be expected from that title. Rather it was a pleasant evening's entertainment, a bit of family fun sponsored by the Community Action Team, an organization dedicated, in part, to the idea that reality can be enhanced without artificial assistance.

Thirteen acts, ranging from singing to drama, individual acts and group numbers, performed by young and old, held the stage in the Robert Service School gymnasium before a crowd of more than 100 from 7 to 10 that evening.

Ryan Peterson repeated his Spring Carnival award winning lipsync of "The Dark Side". Sourdough Sue Ward disdained the use of the sound system for her set of tunes with the younger kids, and proved that she really didn't need it, either.

The first of two skits featuring the "Short People" was an entertaining comic break before Dawne Mitchell lent her fine voice to a set of kids' tunes and a bit of older material.

The Girl Guides, suitably dressed as lions, came out next to lipsynch and dance their way through "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". They were followed by Pete Menzies and Bill Jackson, who raised a bit of Celtic dust on guitar, pennywhistles and bagpipes.

The first half closed with a high energy airband version of "Ghostbusters", presented by Dennis (the Menace) Montgomery and the Dawson Smokebusters. Anyone who can guess the identity of the ghost that the squad pursued around the gym will win a ride on the fire truck later on.

During intermission, there was a candy hunt in the ancillary room next door, allowing the kids to burn off some energy and replace it at the same time.

The Dawson Drama Club's skit about a bad luck day got the kids moving in the second half, as a frazzled Marjie Mann was pursued about the room by a frenetic black cat (Charlotte Braga) as part of plot hatched by a scheming mirror (Jane Olynyk) and a devious ladder (Marie Gogo and Don Armitage).

Marie Gogo is planning a record for the fall, and she treated the audience to some

of the material she will be doing then as well as to some numbers aimed especially at the young ones. Then the "Short People" demonstrated "The Montreal Drivers' Test", followed by a set of folk tunes from Dan Davidson.

The evening closed with the CAT society's rendition of t.v.'s "Jeopardy", hosted by NanNerd of the North his lovely booted companion Sanna Flush. Four hapless audience members were forced to face the cream pies over a set of trivial questions about superstitions. Ryan Peterson, Elaine Grandy and Dennis Montgomery all got creamed, while Marlissa Mann escaped unscathed. Some might accuse the show's host of favoritism, but not while he was holding a pie. With this skit, the evening came to a sticky end.

There are only two negative criticisms that can be made of this show. First, it was a bit long. The audience began to thin out appreciably after the intermission, a fact that may have been disheartening for some of the performers. Three hours was a wee bit much for the younger set. The other problem was crowd control, especially as it pertained to the younger children. In a shorter show, this might have been less of a problem.

Humanity

If those who hate would love us,
And all our loves were true,
The stars that shine above us
Would brighten in the blue.

If cruel words were kisses
And every scowl a smile,
A better world than this is
Would hardly be worthwhile.

If purses would untighten
To help a brothers need,
The load we bear would lighten
Above the grave of greed.

If those who whine would whistle
And, those who languish, laugh
The rose would rot the thistle
And the grain would out run the chaff.

If hearts were always jolly
If grieving were forgot,
And tears and melancholy
Were things that now are not.

Then love would kneel to duty
And all the world would seem,
A Bridal bower of beauty
A dream within a dream.

ANON

This poem was taken from the
Dawson Daily News of December 1914



BOOKENDS

by Dan Davidson

MISSING IN LIFE by Jane Gaffin, Woi Pro, \$13.95, 230 pages

Ed Hadgkiss was a happy-go-luck young man with a fascination for motor and especially for airplanes. This led him from his home in B.C. to Whitehorse where he was based for several years in the mid-1960's. During that time he impressed quite a few people, enough that he was mourned and missed when he disappeared in November, 1969.

With the 27 year old Hadgkiss was his 18 year old girlfriend, Kath Rheame. Ed's Harvard crashed on mountain ridge on Roderick Island, along B.C.'s west coast. He and Kathy survived the crash, but disappeared when they set out to walk to the seashore and try to hail a boat or get to a lighthouse. Searcher found the wreck 3 1/2 months later, but land searches revealed nothing of the couples' final fate.

Gaffin began working on the story in 1982, while she was also getting her first two books ready for publication. Her book makes generous use of Hadgkiss' letters to his friends and especially his family in establishing his character and the story of his years in the Yukon. The letters, spanning the period from 1965-69, reveal an interesting fellow and paint an intriguing picture of Whitehorse life in the mid-sixties.

The young travellers go missing in chapter 13, and the rest of the book is the story of the search for them as well as a reconstruction of what they did up to the time that they left the crash site. There is

also an exchange of letters between the families and from some of Ed's friends, revealing the deep sense of loss that everyone felt.

I found this an interesting book, but it's another example of how difficult it is to be your own editor. Gaffin was a little bit too close to her material to be able to see when she was repeating herself. Most of these occurrences are minor items, but the chapter 18, "The Sighting", could have been dispensed with completely. "Doc" Payne, the leader of the ground/air rescue team that finally found the plane and searched the island, is thoroughly dealt with in chapter 19, and any of the left over material from chapter 18's two pages could have been worked in there.

When the second edition of this book appears, Gaffin should include as a forward Rusty Erlan's article from the November 27, 1989 edition of the Whitehorse Star. It provided an overview of Gaffin's life in the territory and the degree of her involvement with her subject, Edward Hadgkiss. Once you've read that, you understand more about Gaffin's need to lay this ghost to rest and the book becomes more poignant as a result.


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New Special Constable Feted By Band

by Dan Davidson

Stephen McLeod stood proudly in his brown special constable's uniform as Chief Angie Joseph embraced him warmly.

"You are one of the role models of the community now, Stevie," she said, handing him a scroll to commemorate the occasion. The scroll was the Dawson Indian Band's way of honouring McLeod's success at his recent 5 1/2 month training course in Regina, where he was one of the 23 candidates to survive the training regimen that trimmed 1/5 of his starting class, all prospective members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"I set some records there," Stephen joked later. "I was the shortest, for one thing."

At 5 feet eight inches he wasn't actually the shortest at the camp, though he admits to being down among the shortest five. Some recruits from further north were shorter than he was. The former high school volleyball star says

he surprised his instructors with his ability and did well in sports and physical training, as well as in shooting and in his law studies.

"I'm proud to be a Native," he continued, "and I showed it while I was there. I'll always hold this certificate close to my heart." Dawson, he added, was the place that was most on his mind during his time away. Probably his young wife, Leslie, and two daughters had something to do with that, as well.

Great grandmother Martha Taylor was present at the small gathering on April 16 at the Tro Chu Tin Hall, along with Stephen's mother, brother, other band members, his in-laws and some of his former teachers.

Stephen actually began his journey to special constableness in May, 1989, after completing the Equivalency Education 10 program at the Robert Service School. He served in Dawson until heading south for his training course in October.

McLeod went to Regina last October and returned to his home town at the end of March. He will be here for six months before taking his first posting, which will be to Old Crow. Already he is planning to go beyond his brown uniform and earn the red serge of a full member of the force.



L.. to R. - Special Constable Stephen McLeod with 9 month old daughter Patricia, wife Leslie, and 2 yr. old Victoria.

Photo by Michael Gates

Telling All On City Hall

By John Gould

Someone recently asked The Clearing House if Dawson ever had a Town Hall, and where did the city council meet.

This prompted me to look up some Dawson history and write the following.

Agitation, according to the early Dawson papers, started back in the winter of 1899 to have Dawson incorporated as a city. Many of the citizens felt that if it was incorporated then they would have control of any monies collected and that these monies could be used for the betterment of the city, instead of the money going to Ottawa.

Sanitation was terrible, most streets were all but impassible and the water, delivered by bucket at 30 cents each, was bad.

In September of 1899 the Territorial council passed a new act allowing only British subjects, 21 years of age and older who had been in the Territory 12 months or longer the right to vote. This eliminated the Americans who helped to build the town and were the majority of citizens and business people.

At a meeting on January 7, 1901 a committee of 7 was formed to go to council and request that the city be incorporated. The committee consisted of the following citizens: C.M. Woodworth, Elgin Schaff, Joe Clarke (who later became Mayor of Edmonton), Dr Alfred Thompson (who became M.P. for the Yukon), John Grant, James Falconer, E.M. Sullivan and Thomas Chisholm.

A petition dated January 24, 1901 was delivered to the Territorial council. The petition stated, in part, that the recent census taken showed Dawson with a population of 18,000 and property values of 3 to 4 million; it was also the supply centre for 30 to 40 thousand. The petition was 14 pages long and contained 1,230 names and signatures.

There was another petition handed

the council, this one stated that the undersigned were happy with the way the city was administered; it was 9 pages long.

The Yukon council agreed to incorporation on December 16, 1901 and on December 19th issued a proclamation putting the question - "Should Dawson Incorporate?" - to the people of Dawson. Voting was held on the question on January 9, 1902. Of the 1,230 who signed the petition only 687 voted with a majority in favor. A proclamation issued on January 28th declared Dawson a city as of January 9th, 1902.

The first election was held on February 6, 1902 in the old court house and the following were elected to hold office for 2 years on the first Dawson city council: Henry C. Macaulay as Mayor; the aldermen were Dr. H.C. Norquay, Japes MacDonald, Geo Murphy, Peter Vachon and T.G. Wilson. The first meeting of the new council was held in the Territorial council chambers in what is now the museum building.

They apparently continued to meet in these chambers. By 1904 the city council had been dissolved and affairs were under the control of the Territorial Government.

The city fathers had to ask the banks for a loan to carry them until the first of July when they could start collecting their own taxes. A few of the expenses were such items as the cost of hauling the garbage, the horse and wagon and wages for the driver was a total of \$26,157.00 with \$4745.00 being wages. The biggest monthly expense to the city was for horse feed at an average cost of \$6,512.00. Another cost during the summer was the barge to dump the garbage into the river. This was \$20.00 a day. It wasn't until May 1903 that a garbage dump was set up beyond what was known as Yellow Dog Flats, down river against the rock bluff. The new city hoped to get 65% to 70% of the liquor revenue to help run the city.

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There will also be a number of special days during Clean Sweep Week. Wed. May 9, is Corporate Challenge Day. All business's in Dawson will be spending a couple of hours during this day, cleaning up their properties.

On Fri. May 11, the school gets their chance during School's Turn. Robert Service students will be out in force cleaning up Minto Park, the Dike area, and all the streets.

The Department of Highways takes over on Sat. May 12. They will be sponsoring various Youth Groups who will be cleaning up the sides of the highway. Some of the group involved are, The Dolphins Swim Club, Girl Guides, Robert Service Grads, Club "Y", The Dawson Indian Band and The Air Cadets.



After all this, we only have the avenues and the Cemetery area to clean up. That's when everyone can help out during Citizens Day. Garbage Central is CFTY Radio Station at 1 o'clock on Sun. May 13. Sign up for an area and then go crazy. When we're all done, its off to Minto Park for a Family Wiener Roast. The town will supply all the wieners and refreshments. All you need to bring is a wiener stick. **GET INVOLVED!!!** Clean, sweep and rake away the afternoon, get a headstart on that tan, do anything, but please come out and lend a help.

POOL NEWS

The Recreation Department, has contracted Brian Johnson to do a feasibility study for the new swimming pool. The study will help the community decide the best aquatics service and facility to meet Dawson's needs for the next 25 years.

The study begins May 5, 1990 with an orientation meeting for City Council, the Recreation Board and municipal staff. Public consultations will occur throughout the study. If you wish to make a submission or meet with Mr. Johnson, contact Peter Menzies. The final report will be made available to Council in early August, 1990.

CANOEING

In conjunction with C.A.T., the Rec. dept., will be holding two canoeing clinics for adults and teens. The first is an introductory moving water clinic run by myself and Don Armitage. Clinic dates are Fri. June 8 - Sun. June 10.

The second clinic is a Canoe Camping expedition down the Yukon River to Forty Mile. Don Armitage is the leader for this one. Departure time is Sat. June 16, returning June 17.

MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat. May 19, is the First Annual Dib Derby Marble Championship. Starting at 11 o'clock, anyone from age six to sixteen can try their hand at playing marbles. If you've never played marbles it doesn't matter, as the rules are few and all you need is a good aim and nerves of steel.

Meet in the School Yard at 10:30 to register.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

A co-ed, slo - pitch softball league, for children between the ages of 7 - 12, will start on Sat. May 26, 1990. This is a fun league, meaning, everyone **PLAYS !!!** There will be a wind-up tournament on Sat. July 1, 1990.

Prepared by
City of Dawson
Recreation Staff

SUMMER PROGRAMMES

If you can't get to the June canoeing clinics, a series of children, teen and adult canoeing lessons will be run this summer. Also, over the summer, a series of orienteering clinics will be held.

Club "Y" will be expanding this summer. Play Camp' 90 is for children between the ages of 7 and 11. Camp begins on Tues. July 3 and concludes on Fri. Aug. 24. Register your child for any number of weeks you wish. There will be activities and supervision from 9 am. to 5 pm.

Watch for the Summer Recreation Guide, due out the middle of May. All of the summer programmes offered by the town will be within it's covers. Programme registration will take place on May 22 & 23, 1990, from 9 'til 5 in the Bonanza Center foyer.



For information on these and other programmes, special events or facility rentals, contact either Peter or Lawrie at the Recreation Office, 993 - 5434.

5th Annual Dawson International Gold Show

by Kathy Jones-Gates

The 5th annual Dawson International Gold Show will take place May 24th-26th. According to Renee Mayes, local Chamber of Commerce manager, this year's trade show should be as big and as busy as in the past.

Jointly sponsored by the Klondike Visitors Association, the Klondike Placer Miners Association and the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce, the Gold show has already attracted 70 exhibitors and sent information all over North America and as far away as Chile. The location will again be the Bonanza Recreation Centre, and delegates will be treated to three days of seminars and exhibits.

The Gold Show contracts the local Chamber of Commerce to organise the annual event, and both Renee Mayes and Donna Close are pleased with the interest shown for this year's event. As a result of comments from last year's delegates, Thursday, May 24th, has been set aside for the 'Technical Seminars'. Delegates can attend seminars relating to Exploration and Mine Planning, Gold Recovery, and Settling Pond Technology with speakers including local mine operators such as Gerry Klein, manager of Teck Corporation on Gold Run, to Dan Walsh, an instructor from the University of Fairbanks, who will speak on 'The use of jigs and tables for upgrading' in the Gold Recovery segment.

On Friday, May 25th, the official opening ceremonies will take place at Gerties, with guest speakers including Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin and Yukon Government Minister of Economic Development: Mines and Small Business, Piers McDonald. Although the delegates can view and speak to exhibitors all day Friday, the general public get its first chance to wander through from 1-5 p.m.

The Gold Show was established to provide information and be of benefit to those in the Yukon Placer Industry. In 1988 the name of the show was changed to include the international participation in the industry.

In 1988, a gold jewellery contest was included, and its continuing popularity is shown with at least six gold artisans indicating that they will be competing this year.

On Saturday, the trade show includes a Fashion Show in Gerties followed by a circle discussion on the Role of Women in Mining. Things wrap up with a closing party at the Curling Club Saturday evening.



DONNA CLOSE & RENEE MAYES

ROMY'S RECIPES

Eggplant and Pasta

In addition to a good taste, this sauce is a practical one for it can be made ahead of time, eggplant and all, by as much as several days. I did notice this great looking eggplant at the store the other day and several people had asked me about a recipe.

(Serves 4-6)

1 eggplant, about 1 lb.
salt
vegetable oil for sautéing
3 Tbls. olive oil
3 small cloves garlic, chopped fine
2 Tbls. finely chopped fresh parsley
2 c. puréed canned Italian plum tomatoes
1/8 tsp. red pepper flakes
1 pound pasta

1. Wash or wipe clean the eggplant. Remove the ends; peel if large, but don't fret if some of its purple skin remains. Slice the eggplant as thinly as you can. Set the slices in a colander, add salt and allow to drain for at least 30 minutes.
2. Pour about 1/2 inch of vegetable oil in a large skillet and turn the heat to high. When the oil is sizzling, dry enough eggplant slices to fit into skillet at one time and fry them to a golden colour on

both sides. Transfer to paper towelling and repeat procedure until all the eggplant slices are fried.

3. In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil and sauté the garlic over moderate heat just until it begins to colour lightly. Add the parsley, tomato purée, hot pepper flakes, and salt to taste. Stir to combine ingredients and cook uncovered over low heat for about 25 minutes or until the tomatoes are separated from the oil and turn to sauce. When the sauce is ready, add the eggplant and cook for 2-3 minutes more. Adjust salt seasoning and keep the sauce warm, but cook no further.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the *Klondike Sun* for a job very well done for the last year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Romy



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Dawson City International Gold Show '90 May 24, 25, & 26, 1990

AGENDA

Thursday, May 24 Technical Seminar Day

9:00 am - EXPLORATION & MINE PLANNING Regional exploration for Placer Deposits in the Yukon	Steve Monson, Chief Geologist, Northern Affairs Program, Whitehorse
Property Scale Evaluation of Reserves and Grades	Angus Woodsend, Consulting Geologist
Mine Planning	Gerry Klein, Manager Teck Corp., Gold Run
Natural Revegetation of Mining Disturbances in the Klondike	Michael Brady, UBC Faculty of Forestry
Tax Considerations in Mine Planning, Old and New	F.S. (Rick) Hittle, CA, Partner, Dunwoody & Company, Revenue Canada Specialized Industry Representatives will also attend.

12 NOON - LUNCH BREAK

1:30 pm - GOLD RECOVERY Use of Radiotracers to Evaluate Gold Losses	Randy Clarkson, P. Eng. NEW Era Engineering Corporation
Optimum Riffle Design from Pilot Scale Sluiceway Tests	Same as above
The Use of Jigs & Tables for Upgrading	Dan Walsh, Instructor U of A, Fairbanks
3:30 pm - SETTLING POND Pond Design and Dam Technology & Measuring Pond Performance	TECHNOLOGY Nells Jacobson, P. Eng. Consulting Engineer

Friday, May 25

8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies - Diamond Tooth Gerties Official Opening Guest Speakers: Hon. Jake Epp & Hon. Piers McDonald. Delegates & Exhibitors. Sponsored by Esso Petroleum
10 am-6 pm	EXHIBITS OPEN TO DELEGATES, Bonanza Centre
10 am-5 pm	CANADA PARKS SERVICE - Display & Films Club Y, Bonanza Centre
1 pm-5 pm	EXHIBITS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC
5 pm-7 pm	FINING INVITATIONAL RECEPTION
7:30 PM	KPMA GENERAL MEETING, Curling Club, Bonanza Centre
9:30 pm	WINE & CHEESE - CURLING CLUB - Exhibitors & Delegates Sponsored by: Komatsu, Northern Kat Ltd., Rivtow Equip. Ltd.

Saturday, May 26

10 am-6 pm	EXHIBITS OPEN TO DELEGATES & GENERAL PUBLIC
10 am-5 pm	CANADA PARKS SERVICE - Display & Films Club Y, Bonanza Centre
1:30 pm	FASHION SHOW and WINE & CHEESE Diamond Tooth Gerties Delegates Free - General Public \$5.00 Fashions provided by: The Loft
	ROLE OF WOMEN IN MINING Circle Discussions
8 pm-10 pm	CLOSING HOST PARTY - Curling Club Draw for Door Prizes - Be there to win!

[For information about attending the Gold Show as a Paid Delegate, please contact Renee Mayes at the Gold Show office, 593-6720.]

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Volleyball Team Wins North of 60 Tournament

by Kathy Jones-Gates

Perseverance finally paid off for a Dawson Volleyball team. It had almost captured the gold medal the three previous years in the Molson's North of 60 Volleyball Tournament held in Whitehorse, and the weekend of April 27-29 was finally Dawson's moment.

Playing in the competitive division against two other teams, Dawson had first to compete in the round-robin portion of the tournament before the pairings were established for the play-offs. Three teams, including Dawson, were tied after the round-robin with three wins and one loss each. By virtue of its total game victories, Dawson secured top spot.

In the play-offs, Dawson won two of its three matches and met the 'Over the Hill Gang' from Whitehorse in the finals. In the final, Dawson played an extremely hard-fought game to finally capture the gold medal by scores of 15-10, 7-15, 15-9 and 15-12.

The Dawson team was coached by Clair Dragoman, who was also a player; other team members were: Gary Zeller, Dennis Mireau, Colette Pilon, Marie Walsh, Cam Holloway, Duane MacKenzie and Georgette McLeod.



Photo by Madeleine Gould

Don Armitage



Photo by Sue Ward

Lawrie Stewart

New Direction in Recreation

by Sue Ward

Don Armitage came to Dawson as a support person to Holley Kushniruk in her role as Recreational Director two years ago. Don became the Youth Worker, learning skills from Holley and training programs. Don became Mr. Club "Y" and we are all appreciative of his great effort and his ability to bond with the youngsters.

City Council recognized that Holley's replacement as Recreation Director must take on the added responsibilities of management of the physical plant structure as well as programming, making it necessary to expand the job description of the Program Director. Don Armitage had yet to achieve the extra

qualifications and Lawrie Stewart, late of Yellowknife, is the new man on the job. His wife Lyn, and their two sons, will be arriving within a few weeks, giving Lawrie time to settle in.

Don Armitage has been out on holidays and has tentative plans to spend the busy summer in Dawson among his many young friends as summer activities build.

With almost everyone being involved in the Hospitality Field it is good to know that "someone is keeping an eye on the kids" and making their summer holidays as memorable as the visitors' who, one way or another, have first dibs on the parents.

Curling Club News

Although the season for Curling is over, the Curling Club is still very active "behind the scenes". Our AGM was held in March and the new Executive is:

President - Paul Derry (again)
Vice-President - Mark Bowers
Treasurer - Marjie Mann
Secretary - Bonnie Barber

Directors include John Worries (Club Manager), Mark Castellarin (Draw Master), Louise Ranger and Karen Crowe.

Our last two fun spiels of the year were the "Between the Sheets" and the "Bumper Spiel" - both were lots of family fun. Winners included the Jim Bierlmeier team, the Mark Bowers team, the Robbie Van Rump team, and the John Worries team.

Now that the ice is gone, our activities include fund raising, and getting the Club spiffed up a bit. The Junior Girls washed down walls and a crew of dedicated helpers have painted the Club hall. Our next goal is to build a floor to cover the ice area of the Club. This will enable activities to be held during the off-season as well. The City of Dawson has kindly offered to donate materials for this

project - but the Curling Club must provide the labour - and it must be completed before the Gold Show as there are activities planned for this area. This will be a fairly major job and the more hands we have, the less time it will take and the less taxing it will be on that handful of volunteers that show up for everything - and consequently burn out! So please, if you can spare a day to a good cause during the weekend of May 14, 15 - give Paul Derry or John Worries a call. We could really use your help! Another goal for the summer is to get the ceiling of the ice area scrubbed and painted - we will be looking for some help with this as well later on.

During the off-season, the Curling Club executive will be planning and organizing for the 3rd Annual Gold Rush Spiel. The first decision that had to be made was the type of Bonspiel. We had Men's and Ladies' the first year, and True Mixed last year - but it seems we can never please everyone. This year we are going to try something completely different. Have you ever wondered why men's teams only play against men - and

women's teams only play against women? We questioned this - in these days of equality and fair play, there doesn't seem to be a point. So this year's Gold Rush Spiel will be Men's, Ladies' and Mixed - all in the same draw. We think this might be a great way of getting the best of fun times and competition. What do you think? Entry fees will be \$200.00 per team, and teams are welcome to sign up any time. Give Paul or John a call for more information.



Ski Club News

by Lorie Sprockreeff

The Annual General Meeting on April 30th was postponed due to the completion of splicing the cable for the T-Bar. A work party was assisting Ken Markowsky from Manitoba (from whom the T-Bar system was purchased) on April 28, 29 & 30th, and due to equipment problems workers had to work late Monday night to complete the task, postponing the AGM. The elevator inspector is to inspect the T-Bar system on May 1st, and if work parties continue throughout the summer and fall the T-Bar will be in operation for next year's ski season. A special thank you to those die-hard volunteers who worked very hard that weekend and to those who graciously donated the use of their equipment.

Believe it or not, work parties are fun and everyone can help out. This past weekend, while having a barbecue on the work site, some wildlife was seen. Yes, the bears smelt the aroma of barbecued steaks and checked it out.

Please take note that the Ski Hill is PRIVATE PROPERTY and trespassers will be dealt with accordingly. No motor vehicles are allowed on the hill as they rip up the hill, and this causes excessive erosion.

Thefts at the hill have happened since the ski season has ended and if anyone has any information on those thefts would they please contact the R.C.M.P. To the person or persons who stole the parts off of the engine, we would just like them returned, no questions asked.

A reminder that the Ski Hill is for the community of Dawson and volunteers have worked very hard at this project. For permission to use the ski hill facility, contact a member of the Ski Club executive.

Please remember our AGM will be on May 31, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Conference Room. On the Agenda will be election of officers, waiving of an audit for this year, and the setting up of committees. Please attend: Next year's skiing depends on everyone's help.

Ken Markowsky was here from Roblin, Manitoba, to splice the cable, making it into an endless rope for the T-bar.

The cable is a 3/4 inch wire rope and he had to insert a 600-foot piece, making two splices. Each splice on the wire cable is 120 feet long, so it was quite a bit of work for a pair of hands to do. Luckily there were about twelve local volunteers to help.



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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Back from a trip to Ottawa with the "Forum for Young Canadians" is **Kerry Barber**. She was joined by representatives from Old Crow, Haines Junction and Teslin. In Ottawa there were a total of 125 students from different parts of Canada. She even met one who has **Lynn Pecknold** as principal.

Back from a holiday in the Phillipines are **Bonnie and Ralph Nordling** and daughter **Monica**. They were visiting Ralph's sister **Patsy** and her husband, **Nelson Ireland** and family. They reported having a lovely time, and were not affected by any sign of any political trouble there.

Louis Doucet of Beaver Lumber was out in Vancouver to receive a 10 year long service award from the company. He was booked into the new Pan Pacific Hotel there, so he did not suffer any inconvenience either.

Around town, **Peggy and Steve Kormendys** have moved into a new house on 5th and Duke. But the fish stay at the old house. So come fish season you can still get your smoked fish at the usual place.

Goodbye to **Shirley Moi** who leaves the City Office after 10 years, to take up employment elsewhere.

Just returned from a visit to Vegreville Alberta are **Joan and John Bilton**. They visited with Joan's family and also old army friends in Wainwright.

Welcome home to **Carleen and Clare Sheerin** who were both attending school in Calgary this winter.

First Robin heard by **Jan Couture** at 9:00 A.M., Friday, May 4th.

Attention: All Land Claims Beneficiaries

The Dawson Indian Band now has a committee of five (4 members - one Co-ordinator). This committee is developed so the communities will get a Master Beneficiary List within a year. This committee will be responsible for accepting and rejecting any applicants that applied for enrollment. If you would like to apply or see if you are enrolled for Land Claims, please drop by or write to us at Dawson Indian Band, Att: Enrollment Committee, c/o Box 599, Dawson, Yukon, Y0B 1G0; or phone 403-993-5385. We will be glad to hear from you.

Deadlines

for our next issue will be **June 4**. We will be appearing on the stands on **June 14**.

Helping Hands

Chris Baker	Sheila Jones
Michael Gates	Chris Sorg
Beryl Zaykowski	Paula Hassard
Karen DuBois	Fran Hakonson
Bonnie Barber	

NOTICES

Dept. of Veterans' Affairs Counsellor **CAROLE HOLTON** arrives in Dawson Sunday afternoon, May 13th. Please call the Downtown Hotel for appointments. Mrs. Holton will be here until Tuesdays' plane. All Veterans or Veterans' families should take advantage of this opportunity for personal counselling on a wide range of matters.

Dawson Community Campus Community Announcement

The Yukon College Board of Governors will hold its regular monthly meeting in Dawson City on **June 1 (evening)** and **June 2 (9 am-4 pm)**. Submissions from the public regarding future directions for the college have been requested. Contact the campus for more details if you or your group is interested in making a presentation.

RUMMAGE SALE

DAWSON GOLDEN AGE SOCIAL CLUB WILL BE HAVING A RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 26TH AT THE DROP-IN-CENTRE FROM 2 - 4. FOR PICK-UP CALL 993-5321 OR 993-5336

Many areas of the world are in dire need of relief funds. The RED CROSS is now collecting funds for SAMOA where 100,000 people are homeless and where crops have been devastated by cyclones. To help - send your cheque to The Canadian Red Cross Society 4750 Oak Street Vancouver, B.C. V6H-2N9 Or contact Barb Hanulik at 993-5283 -3-

The Dawson Indian Band is currently looking for book donations for their new resource library. Can include any reading material that is of native subject. Please drop off at the Band Office. THANKS FOR THE HELP! -3-

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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#3- BICYCLE OWNERS ARE REMINDED TO GIVE THEIR BIKES A SAFETY CHECK FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. ADJUST THE SEAT AND HANDLEBARS TO FIT YOUR SIZE.

#4- PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES AT NIGHT SHOULD HAVE A HEAD LIGHT AND WEAR LIGHT COLORED OR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING.



WORLD GOLDFANNING REGISTRATION

You are encouraged to start registering now for the 1990 World Goldpanning Championships. Panners from Finland, Holland and West Germany are amongst those already registered.

For more information and registration, write Box 900, Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0 or drop by the World Goldpanning Office, on the second floor of the Visitor Reception Centre on Front Street.

NEEDED: SUMMER COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENT. DETAILS AT OUTREACH. COMPETITION CLOSING MAY 21ST.

LAND CLAIMS MEETING

There will be a Land Claims Meeting for all Dawson Indian Band members at the Tro'Ndik Hall on Saturday, April 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. The information session will be followed by luncheon.



DAWSON CITY NEW YEARS BABY

Born April 12th at 11:49AM to Dale & Denise Smith. A welcome little boy, Jake, a brother for Clayton.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lydell Williams and Michael Murray on the birth of their first child, a girl. Nyx Nadine Murray was born on April 2, 1990 at Burnaby Hospital, and weighed in at 7 lb. 4 oz.

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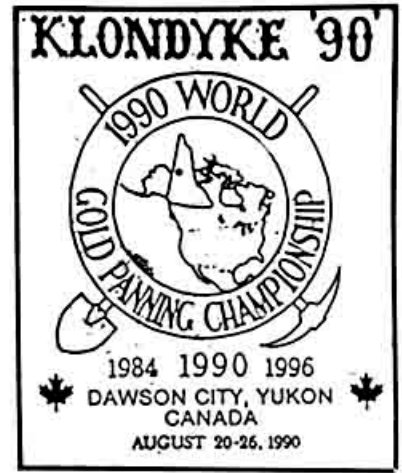
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