NEWSLETTER
May 2018

"To know nature and to keep it worth knowing"

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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m.
at the Ravine Park Hatchery, 2395 Crescent Way, Abbotsford
by the Abbotsford Arts Centre
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The objectives of the
Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club

- *To enjoy and interpret natural history*
- *To promote an understanding and an appreciation of natural ecosystems*
- *To promote the concept of stewardship of natural resources*
- *To participate as naturalists in public consultations related to questions of environment and development in the Abbotsford and Mission area*

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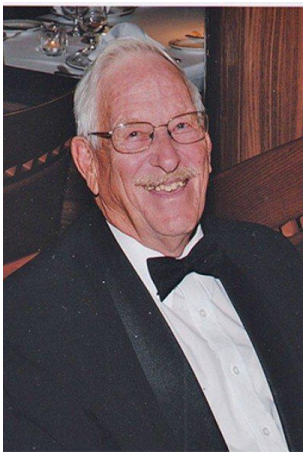


Richard Corbet Bunbury

Aug 11, 1928 – Mar 15, 2018
Richard Corbet Bunbury passed away quietly at Abbotsford Regional Hospital on March 15, 2018, in his ninetieth year.

Dick was born in La Toque, Quebec, on August 11, 1928. He was the second youngest in a big family. Both parents died pre-maturely and Dick was raised by his aunt and uncle in Montreal. After high school, Dick went to Howick, Quebec, to work on a dairy farm. There he found his passion for agriculture, and attended Bishop's University & Macdonald College. He also met his future wife, Margaret Templeton, and they were married in Howick after he came back from a season of work in Lumby, BC. Dick and Margaret established their own mixed farm in the community of Riverfield, on the English River Road.

Dick worked on the St. Lawrence Seaway and at Ogilvie Flour Mills until the early sixties. He managed several operations for Ogilvie's around Quebec, then began a career with Farm Credit Corporation in Cornwall, Ontario. He became a territory manager in North Bay and mentored a number of young agricultural advisors there, in Ottawa and in Guelph.

Dick and Margaret had five children – Ian (Carol), Wynn (Ted Allard), Cindy, Rick (Karen Steed), & Elly (Terry McNeilly) – ten grandchildren & nine great grandchildren. On Dick's retirement, they moved to Abbotsford, BC, where they have lived for thirty years.

Dick and Margaret traveled to Nepal, China, Africa, Europe, the United States, and throughout Canada. They have been very involved in their children's and grandchildren's lives. Dick was also involved in the Langley Environmental Partners Society, Glenn Valley Watershed Society, Abbotsford Mission Nature Club, and the Abbotsford Soil Conservation Association.

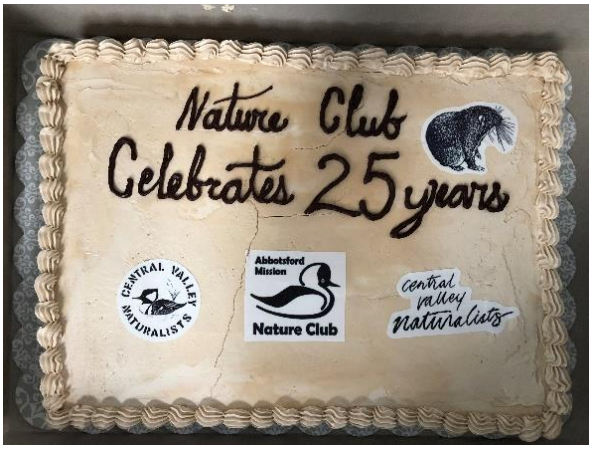
Until recently, Dick was active in the community and on the farm. The family is planning a gathering at the farm in the summer to honor him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to an environmental charity of choice.

Abbotsford – Mission Nature Club celebrates 25 years!

Members and guests gathered on Wed. April 11 to share stories, photos, while enjoying fellowship, delicious appetizers and a special cake.
Wendy DaDalt prepared an excellent slide show that brought back memories of those 25 years. Rebecca McMurray led us in a "people search" bingo game, helping us to reflect on our participation in the club over that time. Hank Roos, our president for the past 16 years, reminded us of some of the more recent activities of the club. A highlight of the evening

was the Club Award presented to Hank and Alice Roos for their dedication and service to the AMNC. Thank you, Hank and Alice!! Now for the next 25 years!

ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY on April 11, 2018



The Abbotsford Mission Nature Club formerly the Central Valley Naturalists was started in 1992 by a group of keen birders and lovers of the natural world. Under the shared vision of BC Nature, a Federation of BC Clubs, "to know nature and to keep it worth knowing" the club engaged early on in several significant events in our communityIn 1992 the Club was contacted by the Hogan family and assisted them in preserving a beautiful parcel of forested parcel of land and its donation the City as parkland. When in 1994 upland development necessitated the need to develop Willband Creek Park and Detention Ponds, the Club was involved in providing interpretive signage and habitat development planning ideas. More recently, in the last 5 years, the Club with Abbotsford Christian Middle School student volunteers have installed and maintained over 50 swallow boxes, 12 wood duck boxes and planted thousands of native trees and shrubs, removed invasive blackberries and installed beaver protection around many trees. The Club's most significant project in the Park was

the completion last fall of the Coop Community Viewing Platform with the help of significant in-kind donations and funding from the 'Coop Community Spaces Program'. On the second Wednesday of the month, AMNC holds educational meetings at the Ravine Park Hatchery from September to June and organizes field trips throughout the year.

SATURDAY APRIL 21ST, 2018 - WILLBAND CREEK PARK

Anne Gosse, Langley Field Naturalists

Nineteen birders met at the parking lot of Willband Creek on a dry but cold and windy morning. Langley Field Naturalist, Abbotsford Naturalist, and White Rock Naturalist. Ken and John told our group about some of the known species in the area. The sun did try to make an appearance several times and finally came out as we reached our cars.

We walked the circle trail over wooden bridges and onto the lovely newly built viewing platform

and found a large selection of ducks and geese on the marshy lake. Along with the usual species were Canvas Backs and Ruddy Ducks - special treat. We also were lucky to see two types of summer warblers, the Yellow-Rumped and the Myrtles and Audubon. Lots of Swallows were zipping over the water along with a couple of hawks making lazy circles in the sky. Our species count was 38 species at the end of our day and we stopped for a warm drink at the Farmers Market.

NATURE CLUB MISCELLANEOUS DATA

Club name
Central Valley Naturalists – October 1992
Abbotsford Mission Nature Club – October 2010

Venues
1992 September – Clayburn Village Heritage School
2003 June – McCallum Activity Centre
2008 December – Legacy Sport Centre Conference Room
2009 September – Abbotsford Middle School – Multi-purpose Room
2017 – Ravine Park Hatchery

Displays
Mt Lehman Fair
Arbour Day
Earth Day
Rivers Day
Eagle Fest
Bradner Flower Show
Abbotsford Volunteer Event
Canada
Agrifair

Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair
1998 – 2018 (2008, 2009?)

Christmas Bird Counts
1992 – 2017

Surveys
Swan Survey 2003
BC Gov. Protected Area Survey (12%)
Raptor Nest Survey (1995, 1999, 2003)
BC Parks – Land for Nature
BC Hydro Survey
Vaux's Swifts
CWS Sumas Prairie Survey 1994

Grants
June 1994 – Shell Environmental Fund
$4,674.88 – ID environmental significant areas (24)
2009 - BC Nature – Wildlife Checklist for kids & Club Brochure $2,000
2014 – TD Green Streets Grant $7,500 matching grant with City of Abbotsford
January 2016 – Christian Labour Association of Canada - $1500 Building Communities Together Grant
June 2017 – Co-op Community Spaces Grant - $90,000

Audubon Christmas Bird Counts
1992-2017

Picnic locations
1993 – Glen Valley – Saaltink's
1994 – Aldergrove Lake Regional Park
1995 – McDonald Park
1996 - ?
1997 – Hayward Lake
1998 – Neilsen Park
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2001 – Aldergrove Lake Regional Park
2002 – McDonald Park
2003 – Great Blue Heron Reserve
2004 – Hayward Lake
2005 – Brae Island Regional Park
2006 - Aldergrove Lake Regional Park
2007 – Saaltink's
2008 – Bunbury's
2009 – Aldergrove Lake Regional Park
2010 - Bunbury's
2011 – Fishtrap Creek Park
2012 – Aldergrove Regional Park
2013 – Great Blue Heron Reserve
2014 – Neilsen Park
2015 – Mill Lake Park
2016 – Gardner Park

Fund Raisers

1997 – Calendars	$200
1998 – Garage Sale	$377
2000 - silent auction	$919.50
Raffle	$343.50
Calendars	$240.00
2001 - Raffle	$104.50
silent auction	$919.50
Calendars	$16.00
2002- Raffle	$755.00
Book Sale	$66.50
Silent auction	$1132.00
2003 - Calendars	$230.00
Bird CDs	$200.00
2004- Bird CDs	$180.00
Calendars	$156.00
Silent auction	$426.10
2005 - Raffle	$148.50
silent auction	$557.00
2006 - Bird CD	$15.00
2007 - silent auction	$466.00
2008 - silent auction	$602.00
2009 - silent auction	$756.00
2010 - silent auction (monkey raffle)	$1110.00
2011 - silent auction	$547.50
2012 – Silent Auction	$355.00
2013 - Silent Auction	$470.00
2014 - cards & books	$32.00
2015 – silent auction	$360
2016 – silent auction	$212
2017 – bake sale	$271

Average Attendance

Highest September 1996 – 80
Lowest May 2012 – 12
First meeting Sept 1992 - 40
1994 – 30
1995 – 37
1996 – 50
1997 – 48
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2009 – 31
2010 – 34
2011 – 28
2012 – 26
2013 - 22
2014 – 24
2015 – 31
2016 – 37
2017 – 37

Membership
1997 – 68 individuals
2018 – 72 individuals

Current Members (first mentioned in newsletters or minutes on the executive)
Johanna Saaltink – September 1992 (Hon. Member)
Lynn Miller – September 1992
Stan Olson - November 1992
Anne Toews – December 1992
Wendy DaDalt – December 1992
Sylvia Pincott – January 1993 (Hon. member)
Pamela Ovington – January 1993
Glenn Poplawski – January 1993
Nanny Mulder ten Kate – January 1993
Denis Knopp – February 1993 (Hon Member)
Paul DaDalt – June 1993
George Lucas – July 1994 (former president)
Alice Roos – February 1995
Lawren DaDalt – March 1995
Keith Pincott – June 1995 (Hon. Member)
Morleene Buirs – May 1996 still a member?
Margaret Bunbury – June 1997
Gerry Powers – June 1997 (Hon. Member) built box for name tags Feb 1999
Ken Summers - September 1997
Dick Bunbury – March 1999
Heather McLean – Sept 1999
Henry Savard – Sept 1999
Jacqui Reznick – November 2002
Hank Roos – May 2002
Ken Summers – November 2010
Herman Venema – September 2005 (Herman & Joyce visitors Nov 1994)
Rita Bot – March 2013
Gail Savard – January 2014
Sheila Flavelle – March 2016
Rebecca McMurray – March 2016
John Engbers – November 2016

Junior Naturalist
Klari Aitken October 1998

Club Service Awards – Federation of BC Naturalists
1995 – Sylvia Pincott
1997 – Johanna Saaltink
CVN/AMNC – Club Award
2008 - Kathleen Wilkinson
2005 - Alice Roos
2005 - Dick Bunbury
Margaret Bunbury?
2012 – Wendy DaDalt
2007 – John Vissers
Gerry Powers
2014 – Steve Howard
1996 – Glenn Ryder
Henk Saaltink?
Johanna Saaltink?

AGMs & Symposiums
1996 April – Naturescape Abbotsford
2000 May – Nature at your Doorstep/Naturescape (AGM?)
2013 May – BC Nature AGM

This'n That
January 1999 – Gerry Powers made box for name tag

Abbotsford Mission Nature Club

PROGRAMS AND FIELDTRIPS
May to June 2018

Saturday, May 5, 2018 Fieldtrip - Pepin Brook Trail

Aldergrove REGIONAL PARK

This loop is 3.5 km in length and takes an average of 1 hour to complete. The terrain is flat and rolling with some steep sections. The park is located on 8th Avenue between Lefeuvre Road and 272nd Street. The entrance is on 8th Ave. meet in the parking lot near the picnic shelter at 9:00 am

Confirm your attendance to Alice Roos, haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283 by Friday evening 8 pm

May 9, 2018 Monthly Meeting at 7:30 pm "Black Widow Spiders" by Dr. Maxence Salomon of Douglas College

He will speak to us about western black widow spiders. For his dissertation, he investigated the dynamics of cohabitation among and between native western black widow spiders and introduced European house spiders.

BCnature FEDERATION OF BC NATURALISTS

May 10 – 13, 2018 BC Nature Conference and AGM in Vancouver "Promoting Health in Nature: Past, Present and Future"

Location – UBC Campus

May 13, 2018 Sunday Ravine Park Hatchery Annual Fish Release

Free Family Event - May 12 at Noon until 2:30 pm

On Mother's Day, Ravine Park Hatchery has its annual fish release into Stoney Creek off of Old Clayburn Road in the 31500 block. They will take a tank truck with about 10,000 Coho Fry and give pails of fish to small children to release. The kids and adults have a great time.

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 Fraser Valley Conservancy AGM

Fraser Valley Conservancy
Placing lands in trust for our future

7-9 pm in the Yarrow Eco Village, 42312 Yarrow Central Rd. Chilliwack
Guest Speaker – Sam Waddington
Topic – "The Natural Wonders of the Fraser Valley"
Everyone welcome

Saturday, June 2, 2018 Annual Hogan Family Nature Park work bee and fieldtrip at 9:00 am

Come and join in the fun as together equipped with garden tools we do some tidying up and weeding around the entrance. After the work party we'll have a pleasant walk and admire the spring flowers. Wear sturdy footwear. Refreshments will be served.
Confirm your attendance to Alice Roos, haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283 by Friday evening 8 pm

June 13, 2018 Annual Potluck Picnic @ 6:30 pm (note time)
Rita and Rudy Bot are inviting us to their place in Yarrow. We will be able to enjoy their unique property and see how they are capturing solar power.
The address is 41640 Yarrow Central Road, Yarrow.
*To get there take Highway 1 E. take Exit 104 for No. 3 Road. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Cultus Lake/Number 3 Road E/Yarrow and merge onto No. 3 Rd. Turn right onto Tolmie Road, turn left onto No. 3Rd., turn right onto Boundary Rd and left onto Yarrow Central Road. You will see the **R & R** sign on your right.

Bring a main dish or salad enough to share.

Drinks and a dessert of fruit and ice cream will be provided.
Bring your own cutlery, dishes and chairs.