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PREPARED BY BEACH VOLUNTEERS **BODY ACCEPTANCE IS THE IDEA- NUDE RECREATION IS THE WAY!**

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# DON'T BE SHARK BAIT!!! TAKE OUT YOUR OWN GARBAGE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO!! THANX!!

WRECK BEACH VOLUNTEERS  
There is no scheduled garbage pick up so  
Please help us keep Wreck beautiful



## A National Geographic Moment...NOT!!

*(Another Reason to Pack Out Your Own Garbage and to Not Feed the Wildlife)*

Michelle of Metro Vancouver Ops cleans up after our messes between 6:00 a.m.-10 a.m., most days. She is privy to a walk on the wild side most of us don't see because of the throngs of visitors normally on the beach later in the day. But, early mornings, Michelle sees coyotes licking food off logs and geese trying to shake plastic from around their necks. Some vendors are giving away food which others then throw away. This attracts hornets, rats, and coyotes. A few mornings ago, she witnessed an incredible life and death saga because of our carelessness. Our garbage has attracted coyotes who have since discovered the annual batch of baby goslings raised in the marsh grasses to the south of the breakwater. She watched as a coyote slunk through the tall grasses sheltering the babies too far away for her to photograph or to stop. The lookout geese spotted the coyote and sounded the alarm, but four of the babies weren't fast enough to make it airborne and were slaughtered. The coyote grabbed one of the dead babies when an eagle swooped down and swiped it right out of a very puzzled coyote's mouth. Please take your garbage and plastic with you. Everything's connected.

## PACK IT IN? PACK IT OUT!

Sometimes people at Wreck Beach see others throwing their cans on the ground, and they get the mistaken idea that we toss our garbage on the sand. But cans are not garbage; they are recyclables. Remember: There is NO garbage collection at Wreck. Traditionally we pack out our own garbage, and some of us even take up an extra bag or two if we see any lying around, especially at the foot of the trail. If you notice anyone leaving trash, please remind them that we all need to be responsible and keep the beach clean. Politely ask them to take theirs up to the bins at the top. If you really love the beach, you could also bring down a sifter and pick up small bits of debris, such as cigarette butts. And please, NO glass bottles -- they can easily get broken and cut bare feet. Please help keep the beach beautiful. Let's have a happy and safe summer! And, remember. Do not leave food for the wildlife as you do them no favours by feeding them and making them dependent on fickle human beings. Marilyn Hogan

**FOR SHAME...RAVES, SCHMAVES!**

## SHORT and SWEET!!

Amplified music and microphones have no place on Wreck Beach any more than do RAVES in the quieter, less accessible areas (Acadia and Trail 3) of the 7.8 long shoreline of Wreck Beach. Regardless of your opinions of bongo's, drums and quieter music on the beach, boom boxes and amplified music are far worse than whatever sound space our regular musicians may affect. Wreck prides itself on being the original Vancouver quiet zone beach with the first large-scale use of head phones. Fires and strobes going all night at Trail 3 or elsewhere along nesting bird and surf smelt spawning beaches are a sacrilege to the spirit of Wreck Beach. Please take your raves to the gravel pits or to populated areas of the City where they belong ... not along sensitive shoreline habitat wildlife beaches! Judy Emily Williams

Canada's Second Body Acceptance Day to be Part of 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreck Beach Day & Sandcastle Event with Wreck Beach Family Post Card Portrait also on July 19<sup>th</sup> (Cloudy Day or Rain Date set for July 26<sup>th</sup> if the 19<sup>th</sup> is a Bust!) Get those shovels ready and call 604-308-6336 as to whether or not we are going ahead on the 19th!

# The AANR World Record Skinny-Dip Guinness World Record™ Challenge at Wreck Beach

Sponsored by The American Association for Nude  
Recreation

Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 12 Noon on the Nose, Pacific  
Daylight Savings Time, Nudist Time

(Please come at 10 a.m. so you have time to sign the  
participation sheets being circulated on the beach and  
at the WBPS Table. These sheets must be witnessed to  
be used in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Everyone who is going to participate, must be in the  
water by noon in the designated area...follow the  
photographer's ladder!)

Thank you for your commitment to participate in what may be the most extensive public relations effort in history. We need your support and cooperation. This Guinness World Record™ was the concept of Randy Savage, an AANR Marketing Consultant and member of the AANR Marketing Team. Thanks to his persistent effort, Guinness has agreed to create a new category for the largest number of people simultaneously skinny-dipping. Participating clubs and legally-sanctioned nude beaches throughout North America will simultaneously skinnydip on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Nudist Time, or 12 Noon on the Nose here at Wreck Beach. The event will dovetail with The Nudist Society's International Nude Recreation Week to focus the attention of the world on the joys of wholesome, happy skinnydipping as a N. American tradition proudly recognized by the Guinness World Records™ Company. Participation will also provide a fun-filled event for club members – adding to your club's summer activities' schedule. This event will help unite skinny-dippers into one big community across North America from AANR, the Federation of Canadian Naturists ([www://fcn.ca](http://www://fcn.ca)) and The Nudist Society ([www://naturistsociety.com](http://www://naturistsociety.com)). This project will involve considerable effort and coordination, but the potential benefits to clubs and nude beaches is enormous. By standardizing the event, it will be as uniform as possible across North America. The goal is to increase general public participation, enhancing value, building event series continuity, increasing memberships and promoting nude recreation. If you have any questions: Judy Williams 604-856-9598.

## Christmas Party Fundraiser

### Date Addition for Your Calendar!!

Wreck Beach Christmas Party Fundraiser, Heritage Hall, 8 p.m.- 1:00 Wreck Beach Bands, Fabulous raffle and great Christmas gifts at great prices from shirts to photos! Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009- Great David Thomas Jones art photos beautifully framed on black lacquered wood frames-\$250 each. Get your cheque books polished off! Anyone with goods and services to donate for raffle prizes or specials on local hotel rooms or nearby resorts, let Judy know at [judyw@direct.ca](mailto:judyw@direct.ca) or at 604-856-9598. Thanx



### John Wong-1923-2008

#### Dedicated Wreck Volunteer

John Wong began coming to "Wreck Beach" with daughter, Carol (1969-2005), as early as 1984 on weekends from Victoria. He loved Wreck because it reminded him of his childhood where he took dim sum by the sea in Canton, China. He shared "dim sum" with everyone at Trail 3 between 1985-1992, and later at Trail 6 until his last visit in 2005 due to health problems at age 86. Between 1992-2005 he would seek out Judy in order to help her pick up garbage or to do whatever else needed doing and was very proud to serve the WBPS. John retired from the Paper Mill in Victoria's China Town and moved to Vancouver in 2004. He passed away November 15, 2008—and will not be forgotten. Carol Wong



Meetu receives her \$171 from Judy Williams from the first 50-50 Draw of the Summer. She bought one ticket and it was her only day on Wreck for the summer! Photo by Craig Heale

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

We lost many loved ones since Newsletter #71 last Fall. They are too numerous to list in case we were to omit a name inadvertently, but if you would like your loved one added to our Rainbow Path section on the WBPS website, please do let Judy know in writing so we can add a tribute. To that end, the Fraser River Coalition eco-warriors made the June 17<sup>th</sup> trek to the Dr. Bert Brink (Wreck Beach supporter) Wildlife Management Area (WMA) named in his honour near Strawberry Island in the Heart of the Fraser. We watched a magnificent sturgeon leap and saw deer and bear tracks while we toasted Bert with Joan Stace-Smith's personalized bottled water and juice. Here's to Dorothy, Dick and Larry, in their 80's and 90's. A very special thanks to Carter in his new Comedy Venue Friday nights at

Zawa Restaurant, 920 Commercial. The food there, BTW, is excellent! He set up a special comedy night with all proceeds going to the Beach and wound up not making a cent himself and turning all \$225 profit over to the Society. Way to go, Carter. And, Rocky and his Bigfoot Band is now on every Friday night this Summer until further notice at Bigfoot's new venue at Darby's (MacDonald's and West 4<sup>th</sup>). Healing thoughts to Mary as she copes with her losses and builds a new life for her and her son. Metro Vancouver (GVRD), has requested Jacques, of Jacques Castle fame, to remove his famed driftwood sculpture just around Point Grey Scar in the Trail 4 area. The WBPS argued to no avail to preserve this masterpiece of driftwood art which Jacques has spent the last five years creating. MV says it is a legal liability in that it could catch fire and that live vegetation has been cut to make more room for platforms. Two years ago a WBPS team met with MV to save the Condo's at Point Grey. The result was an insistence by MV not to allow any other beach structures to be built. And, UBC is making noises again toward armouring our cliffs to protect buildings that should never have been built where they are today. As predicted when UBC first started building their student Marine Drive towers, a major slide occurred January 7, '09 on the cliff face below the Amenities Building which was altered to become more visible from the beach during times of fewer leaves, i.e., early spring, late fall and winter. A massive slide took cliff face, mature cedars and alders right into the marsh across from the volleyball nets, cutting off access to the estuarine section of Wreck Beach. At the UBC-Metro Vancouver Joint Dispute Resolution Committee meeting of June 17 (location changed at the last possible minute to make it even more difficult for the public to find), members of the JC expressed puzzlement as to why MV felt it necessary to give them detailed reports just about Wreck Beach and not about the rest of the park. What this new Committee failed to realize is that the former JC chair had a personal vendetta resulting in his calling for detailed reports about Wreck Beach twice a year. What we suspected...that UBC would start pressuring MV to interfere with our cliffs to protect buildings that should never have been built there in the first place, was interjected quite subtly by a C&CP spokeswoman on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for any other developments as they may arise.

Nude volunteers needed for the mock Wreck Beach Run at Sunset Beach on Thursday, July 2, 10 a.m. sharp! Call Judy at 604-308-6336. Rain or shine!

### WRECK BEACH HERO AWARD- Golden Shovel Category goes to Rich!

A Wreck Beach Hero Award in the form of a Golden Shovel goes to Rich for repairing what he could to the damage done to our carved totem poles in June '09 where the roses used to grow. The Aku-Aku face was smashed away, and what flowers had survived last year's transplantings, were also destroyed. A vendor took it upon himself to rob the beach of its artistic carvings and we have Rich to thank for mitigating that senseless damage. Thanx, Rich!