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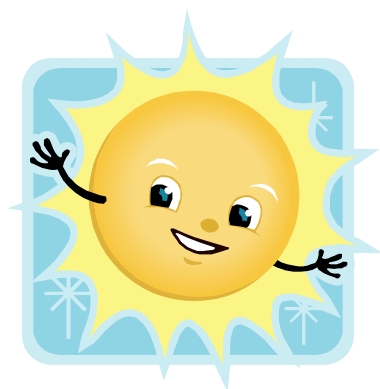


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1. Website factoids for the month of JULY!

July's unique web hits through July 31st (first time viewers) were 2421 visitors. **Of these visitors, 1160 of them (47.9%!!) added the website to their favorite's list!** July's total visitors were 3565.

These visitors looked at a total of 38,381 pages, with 167,301 hits. Behind the USA, Norway was the country with the most pages viewed. Monday was July's most active day, and 2PM was the most active time of day. The calendar was the most viewed page, 398 visitors opened up the Island Guide. The average visit was 315 seconds.



2. Chamber POWER: Thanks to the following sponsors of this month's Newsletter.

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3. From the President's Desk:

July has been an incredibly busy month with the Fair and Logging Show preparations. A small, exhausted army of volunteers are trying to catch up on their real jobs this week.

Thank you once again to the businesses and individuals who supported this annual event; it would never happen without you. That support comes in many forms, not only money for prizes and overhead, but services, tools, equipment and other inventory.

The biggest contribution is that of time, and there are a few volunteers who have logged over 1000 hours EACH during this past 12 months to put together this year's successful event. Right now they are very tired and hopefully they will get some positive feedback from the public, so they feel like keeping on...and on....and on... more volunteers to share the load would be so much appreciated. There are many pieces to the big picture and a few more hands willing to take on one of those pieces would make a big difference.

Thanks to the businesses that joined the Chamber ad that will appear in those 85,000 copies of the 2008 Milepost. We have expanded the ad with three more inches!

There will be glass display cases added to the office soon, so be thinking about what products you have created that could be displayed there!!

Denise has the Notary blessing, and as soon as she receives her stamp and record book, she can start notarizing!! (She was also called upon to perform a wedding ceremony this past weekend, so she is building quite a unique resume!)

Speaking of building, the agenda is being built for our August meeting. If you have anything to add, please contact the office soon.

Please consider joining a committee: MEMBERSHIP and ISLAND GUIDE work are imminent! The annual campaign for both of these needs to be launched by the end of August and the forms, rates, etc need to be reviewed and updated. More minds working on these items will result in better results!! Please lend us some of your time and talent to improve our products and delivery!

4. CHAMBER SEEKS FEEDBACK ON FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW EVENTS

As the sponsoring organization for the annual Fair and Logging Show, the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce seeks feedback from the public who attended (or not) this year's annual event which was held in Thorne Bay on July 28th and 29th.

The Fair and Logging Show Committee will be meeting in a couple weeks to do a wrap up meeting on the 2007 event and will consider all suggestions offered. Feedback can be sent to the office or emailed.

5. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW REPORT

The weather outside was sometimes frightful, but no big surprise for anyone from Southeast Alaska! Attendance was good in spite of the wet stuff, in large part to the extra events that were a part of the 2007 show: the expanded Carnival Court, the Bear Mountain Blue Grass Band, Charlie Brown Day and Honor Ceremony, the awesome New Archangel Dancers from Sitka and the incredible TOP COVER Band from Elmendorf Air Force Base. The covered seating areas provided by Three Kings Productions and the POW Off Road Club were especially appreciated. With the revenue from the Entry Button sales, the committee will be looking at improvements in this area as well as anything else that will improve the show.

Of course, there would be no show at all without the competitors in the Logging Show and the exhibitors at the Fair. We congratulate them all for their efforts and thank them for sharing!!!

Pat Rochester did her usual masterfully beautiful work in setting up the Fair displays with coordinator Mark Jaqua, who filed this report.

Hundreds of Prince of Wales residents, visitors and guests were treated to a fine selection of arts, crafts, baked and preserved goods at the 2007 Prince of Wales Fair. Over one hundred entries in both adult and youth categories covered the range of exhibits including photographs, quilts, cookies and cakes, carvings, basketry and Native art. This year photographs were the most popular entry and displayed the rich subjects available on Prince of Wales such as wildlife, scenery, people and still life compositions.

While blue and red ribbons were awarded to exhibits entered for judging, the grand prize awards are determined by popular vote of Fair visitors. This years People's Choice awards went to Lorraine Pierce of Craig for her cedar turned bowl in the Adult Division, and to Thorne Bay's Rebekah Benson in the Youth Division for her color scenic photograph. Visitors were also enchanted by a non-judged display of the gowns and accessories worn by Mrs. Alaska, Brandi Prefontaine of Naukati at the 2006 National Mrs. America competition. This included perhaps the most photographed item, high heeled X-tra Tough boots made especially for the the Mrs America competition. Visitors were also interested in a display of photographs of early Thorne Bay from the 1960's presented by Thorne Bay resident Pat Rochester.

Fair organizers noted the low numbers of garden and produce items this year, possibly due to the cool and moist summer that has delayed the growth of vegetables and flowers. Next year's fair will again be during the last weekend in July and is open to all Prince of Wales residents.

Cody Hillis took top honors in the logging events as he scored the highest marks of all the contestants in 15 events. This is Cody's 6th time to be awarded the coveted "Bull of the Woods" trophy. This year's special trophy axe was a first for this award. Competition was open to Men and Women alike. A special burling pond was constructed on the logging show grounds to bring back an event that had not been available for many years. Log burling was introduced this year and ended up as an exhibition event for the men when it was determined that it would not affect the all around scoring. Several brave individuals gave it a try after the crowds had dispersed.

Cody's all around victory was a result of two first place finishes that came with an extra safety point for wearing a hard hat. His three second place finishes gave him six points, and those four third place finishes added four points to the 18 point total. Truly an around logger who placed in nine of the 11 scored men's events. He got help from his dad, Don Hillis in winning the Men's Team Handbucking contest, third place partner Julie Isom in the Jack and Jill Wheelbarrow event and from third place partner Jan Bush, who agreed in the final moments of sign up, to partner with him

in the Jack and Jill Handbucking event!!!

In second place with 12 points was Justin Seley with three first-place finishes in the Jack and Jill Handbucking event, Firewood Stacking, and the Jack and Jill Wheelbarrow event. His sister Kristen was his partner in both the Jack and Jill Events.

Third place finisher was Mike Coats with a first place finish in the Chaser Race and a second place finish in the Men's team handbucking with Justin Seley.

The results in the logging contests were:

<i>Men's Axe Throw</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Don Hillis, 14 points</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Kurt Welser, 13 points</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Justin Seley, 12 points in tie breaker round</i>
<i>Women's Axe Throw</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Jennifer Coats, 11 points</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Stephanie Booth, 8 points</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Rainbow Straight, 3 points</i>
<i>Jack & Jill Hand Bucking</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Justin Seley & Kristen Seley, 26.99 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Justice Perry & Sandra Coats, 31.84 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Cody Hillis & Jan Bush, 33.3 sec.</i>
<i>Men's Team Handbucking</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Don Hillis & Cody Hillis, 20.7 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Mike Coats & Justin Seley, 29.4 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Jason Shardane & Bruce Tyler, 29.8 sec.</i>
<i>Womens Team Handbucking</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Sandra Coats & Kristen Seley, 50.6 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Sadie Currit & Cedar Jansen, 1minute, 11 sec.</i>
<i>Power Saw Bucking</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Dan Merritt, 11.76 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jeff Chapman, 13.63 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Justus Perry, 13.72 sec.</i>
<i>Choker Setting</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Bryce Tyler, 19.5 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Cody Hillis, 19.7 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Chris Nelson, 21. 4 sec.</i>
<i>Chaser's Race</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Mike Coats, 22.1 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Chris Nelson, 24.6 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Cody Hillis, 24.7 sec.</i>
<i>Hooktender's Race</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Cody Hillis, 49.95 sec.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Bryce Tyler, 53.5 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mike Coats, 54.1 sec.</i>
<i>Men's Chainsaw Toss</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Lee Harper, 87.7 feet</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Chris Nelson, 85.1 feet</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Cody Hillis, 66.1 feet</i>
<i>Women's Chainsaw Toss</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Rainbow Straight, 49'8"</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jennifer Coats, 48'3"</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Stephanie Booth, 42'10"</i>
<i>Rolling Pin Toss</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Sandra Coats, bullseye</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Kristina Welser, 8.75 inches</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Julie Isom, 1 foot, 1 inch</i>
<i>Firewood Stacking</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Justin Seley, 3 min.</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Cody Hillis, 3 min, 3 sec.</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Nick Fama, 3 min, 13 sec.</i>
<i>Jack & Jill Wheelbarrow Race</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Justin Seley & Kristen Seley, 25.5 sec.</i>

2nd Kurt Welser & Sonja Lacey, 26.2 sec.
3rd Julie Isom & Cody Hillis, 26.45 sec.

Skiff Bailing
1st Joey Fama, 35.9 sec.
2nd Cody Hillis, 36 sec.
3rd Mike Coats, 42.3 sec.

6. Alaska Air/Pacific Air Tickets WINNER

Traci Chapman of Thorne Bay was the winner of the two Alaska Airlines Tickets and the pair of tickets from Pacific Airways. Her \$35 investment in the \$1 tickets paid off. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, the office and Visitor center is going to replace some worn out office equipment and purchase some glass display cases to showcase our POW member's locally made products.

7. THANK YOU to our volunteers

Some of our Fair and Logging Show committee members logged over 1000 hours during this past year planning and preparing and multi-tasking their way through the 2007 Fair and Logging Show. If you were at the event, you saw them everywhere. Special thanks to Jim and Jeannie McFarland who helped in every aspect of this year's show from set up to clean up, and everywhere in between. A list of what they did for this year's show would take up more pages than the ones that Jeannie has filled up getting articles into the *Island News* and the *Ketchikan Daily News*.

8. AUGUST 2007 Board Meeting



The July Board meeting was canceled because of all the effort being expended on the Fair and Logging Show by the Board of Directors. The August meeting will take place Tuesday the 14th at the Chamber office, 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

9. Businesses For Sale; Voyageur Bookstore and Black Bear Store

Voyageur Bookstore in Craig. Purchase just the book/toy/gift store portion of this successful small business. Voyageur Coffee Shop will remain under current ownership. Turnkey; regionally well known. Great opportunity on POW Island. Serious inquiries only. Gail Slentz 826-2333.

Black Bear Store: Well established Convenience Store and fuel service located in Klawock at the crossroads of Prince of Wales Island. Business includes property, inventory and equipment. Have been open 365 days a year for 25 years. Serious inquiries, call 907-755-2998.

The Bait Box in Craig continues to be up for sale.

R&M Sporting Goods in Thorne Bay is looking for a new owner too!

10. ISLAND GUIDE

Have your camera ready for taking pictures during the month of August. The 2008 Guide will be looking for them soon, especially that WOW photo for the front cover.

The count of boxes left to distribute is 27 or 2700 Guides from the original printing of 20,000. Please let the office know if you are running out, or come in and get a supply for any of your guests or mailings or trade shows you might be doing before the end of the year.

11. A BIG THANK YOU to our

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12. Board of Directors, wishing all a successful month of August!

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If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....