

WRECK BEACH DECLARED ONE OF CANADA'S TOP 52 WONDERS OUT OF 25,000 NOMINATIONS IN THE JUNE 7, 2007 CBC "WONDERS OF CANADA" CONTEST!



## 2008 WRECK BEACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Early registration appreciated!

Sunday, August 17 - 12th ANNUAL WRECK BEACH BARE

BUNS RUN! A 5km course and officially-timed event where walking is also welcome. Registration fee covers run participation, designer T-shirt, certificates, with ribbons and medals for top runners. Registration begins 9:00 a.m with the run starting at Noon SHARP rain or shine. Contact Dena, Our Registrar, Par Excellent or Judy, the Buns Master.

Saturday, August 23- FIRST ANNUAL CANADIAN BODY ACCEPTANCE DAY, A DAY TO CELEBRATE YOURSELF AS NATURE INTENDED! BRING A SPECIAL PICNIC, PLAN FUN AND GAMES, BUT JUST PLAN ON HAVING NAKED FUN! Only your imagination will be your limit. Let's body paint, play pentangue and volleyball, party naked, and celebrate the body electric! We'll also have some Body Attitude Celebration machines (BAC). We'll have special offerings for the naked people so come along and win some fabulous naked prizes! We also hope to have some skin cancer screening available for those usually unexposed areas of your body. If you want to branch out to textile city beaches and liberate them for a day, bare it if you dare it! If they can do it in Spain, why not in Vancouver?!!

Sunday, August 24- Beach Clean-Up, Bottom of Trail 6, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own gloves.

## A DAY WITHOUT BATHING SUITS-FIRST EVER WRECK BEACH/VANCOUVER BODY ACCEPTANCE DAY-AUG. 23<sup>rd</sup>:

If the Spanish Naturist Association can call for a day without bathing suits as it did in July 2007 and 2008, for members, and citizens in general in Spain to any beaches they chose, why not do it here in good old Vancouver, or maybe even across the country? The Spanish media pre-publicized it, it was covered positively by press, radio and televised media during and afterward. Most Spanish beaches are topfree and myriads of nude beaches abound. Let's have fun with August 23, 2008 if you dare to be bare even if for only one day! Bring lots of sunscreen and get checked out at our skin cancer screening checkpoints!

TAKE YOUR GARBAGE WITH YOU! Please do not leave your garbage on the beach along with your empties. While can pickers will pick up your empties, they will not pick up your garbage. We have no garbage cans on the beach on purpose! We do not want cans that MV would have to service because that would bring a road and just as importantly, garbage draws

<u>Sunday, September</u> 14 (Rain Date September 21<sup>st</sup>) - <u>26TH ANNUAL END-OF-SUMMER BLOW-OUT RAFFLE</u> Contact <u>Judy</u> for information. We need your contributions either in the form of services or donated merchandise. Maybe you would like to paint a kitchen, provide a box of homemade chocolates, donate a day of housecleaning, a picnic for two basket for the beach, a t-shirt, jewellery, artwork, and on, and on...only your imagination need be the limit! All profits will go to the beach fund.

Saturday, September 20, 2008- Vancouver Aquarium Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up as Part of the International Coastal Conservancy Clean-Up and Inventory of Beach Debris: Saturday, September 20-Noon to 4 p.m. Collect the most cigarettes and win money, honey!

Friday, December 12 - CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER PARTY. Location will be either Vancouver's Heritage Hall at Main and 15<sup>th</sup>..or at Watermelon's New Theatre Venue! Watch the website for updates. Doors open at 8 p.m. and party goes until 1 a.m.! Get your Christmas shopping done early at the Wreck Beach store! Contact Judy for information. Fabulous Wreck Beach musicians and a tremendous kick off to the holidays.

Tuesday, January 1, 2009 - NEW YEAR'S DAY APRÈS BEACH PARTY AND JAM SESSION -Location to be determined in next few months. Contact Judy for information. If you have some great ideas for a venue, let us know! judyw@wreckbeach.org or www.wreckbeach.org

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Rainbow Paths

The loss of a parent is never easy and several of us have had to say goodbye over the past year. To those of you who have had to take that final step, myself included in the loss of my mother, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Don, Deb, Jimbo, John, Marilyn, and so many others in the Boomer generation. And, we congratulate Dave and Debbie for holding a beer ball tournament July 20<sup>th</sup> in Dan Scott's memory after his motorcycle was cut off by an 18-wheeler. We all miss him. And, we have just learned that Rick (The Plumber) Jackson always accompanied by his faithful and adoring Jack Russell terrier, Moose, passed away from pneumonia several months ago. In his 40's, Rick was the little guy with curly hair and million-watt smile. He will be missed. We also bade farewell to two old eco warriors of the Fraser River Coalition who fought tirelessly beside us to keep Wreck Beach development free. Our beloved June Binkert died in January 2007, and Dr. Bert Brink who nude bathed at Wreck in 1937, passed away in November holding not only the Order of BC, but also the Order of Canada. Arrivals! And, everyone, extend a welcome to the world to Denise's Lisandra's Xavier who arrived on Earth Day 2008; to Mathew Michael, Anna and Steve's May 12 arrival; to Parch and Beth's Naomi who arrived on July 4, and to Taisha and Danny's Daniel Jordan Gerard Grant, Grandfather Lance's first grandchild, who made his entrance after 38 hours of hard labour on Bastille Day, July 14. Welcome Back to Michael, Sarah Wellington (Merry Old England), Nancy Babz (Chile) and numerous other folks who have returned to the fold, so to speak after an hiatus of many years! No one can stay away from these beloved shores for long. And, Please Send Healing Wishes to Trifle Matt who had a major stroke on March 10 and is now in rehab at Holy Family Hospital: he has made an amazing recovery considering the severity of the stroke, his second. Also, congratulations to Bob on his good news which has perhaps inspired him to travel. Watch for major articles related to Wreck Beach coming up in the Georgia Straight and the September <u>Vancouver Magazine</u>. A special thank you to Gerry who flew all the way from Houston, Texas just to help us on our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreck Beach Day-See accompanying article! And, to Rain Gurl along with Claytone and his lady, Deborah, who helped out all day at the Wreck Beach table

And, miracle of miracles, a heronry of 10 nests have moved from the ecological reserve to UBC land and have been cordoned off until the chicks leave the nest. In the meanwhile, what a privilege it is to watch the young being fed in this ages old dance of life. Applause, Please! Congrats to the PSPS Board for passing the following WBPS motion after impassioned pleas from Lance, Judy, James, and Captain Don on July 21, 2008: "Pacifical Spirit Regional Park supports the Wreck Beach Preservation Society in its opposition to personal watercraft along the Pacific Spirit Regional Park forestore due to the part of the processor.

and kiosk. And, thanks to Stormin' Norman who has started selling Wreck Beach postcards and

shirts for the WBPS.

environment." Banning of Smoking at Wreck Beach- In addition, watch for updates on the possible ban of cigarette smoking on the sands of Wreck Beach. If you want to witness fire works over this issue, plan on attending the September 3, 9 a.m. Parks Committee meeting at the second floor board room of the Metro Vancouver headquarters, 4330 Kingsway. PSPS staff went before the Park Committee several months ago to ask for funding for beach pocket ashtrays when they had their hands slapped by a local mayor for supporting smoking, not their intent at all, but politicos, after all, can really twist the truth of a matter. This would make Wreck Beach one of the first non-smoking beaches in Canada and would certainly increase friction between authorities and beach users. You can watch these pages for updates on UBC and our precious Condo's. IN THE MEANWHILE, please do NOT camp or drink booze Condo's. Your Condo's Working Group (Dena, Steve, Judy, Leslie, Don, Parch and James) have worked their butts off with Metro Vancouver and the RCMP this past winter toward a peaceful solution to keeping the Condo's. This is a complex issue and one that is not going to be solved overnight. However, for the next 3 to 5 years, we hope to maintain condo's usage

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreck Beach Day!

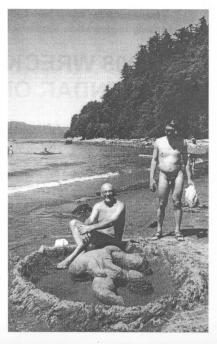
The day dawned beautiful and clear on our 27th annual Wreck Beach Day, a day timed to coincide with International Nude Day which morphed into International Nude Week started by the Naturist Society almost 20 years ago! This year, we had no entries in our annual nude art show, body painting, or kite flying events, but there's always the challenge for next year. However, we added an International Wreck Beach Volleyball Tournament organized by Eric and assisted by Lance. Lance also created a special driftwood trophy thanks to the driftwood donated by Jacques of Jacques Castle fame. The trophy was presented to Eric for being the most inspirational player and organizer of this inaugural event! The blue ribbon winning #1 team included lonut (Romania), Adrian, Adriana, and Randall. The red ribbon winning #2 team consisted of David, Uzi, Edgar, and Jonathan (Guadalahara). White ribbon #3 team members were Eric, Kovras (Persia), Fred and Edgar. The #4 Team included Keith, Dan, Sharron, and John while the #5 Team included Ron, Rodrigo (Guadalahara), Dieter, and Lance. Where we really had an enthusiastic crew was in the Sandcastle Event, with over 13 official entries and several just-for-fun ones. The problem was the tides caught us this year, so we promise better calculations for next year. We had five categories of the Circus, Fantasy, The Sea, Peace and Animals for this year with six age categories: Over the Hill (OTH)-60+ Trophy went to Stan Langtry, 78 for his "Mother and Child," which he dedicated to Judy Williams for her nurturing of the beach for the past 42 years. The adult or 20-59 age category went to the couples category of Chris and Erin for their "Dream Scene." In the youth category of 11-19, the



Eric receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> Spirit of Wreck Beach Volleyball Trophy from Judy- July 12, 2008-Photo by Don MacLean.

"lunch." Creators were Josheph (12), Jacque (11), Tanisha (11). In the 1-10 category, the "Flower Power Lion" trophy went to Thomas (6) and Raymond (5) Dunsdon, Watermelon's little nephews. Finally, in the family category, Elliott (40), Reena (10), Sadie (8) and Addison (03) won for their group creation of the large sea star ornamented with shells. And of course, honourable mention must go to Todd, Shelley and Jo who created the "Moon over the Moons, one very anatomically correct rendition of the crescent moon and three mooning bottoms!

Other sandcastles included the Aztec Temple, the Crab's Castle, the "Octavia Ocotpus" made by Britta, the wonderful "Flyng butterfly" created by Aunika Stark, Leah Anne Shimensky and Jade. Finally, last but not least, kudos go to Blake (6) and Travis (4) Woykin for their "Catfish" and to Eitan (3-1/2) and Daniel (7) Nurick for their "Crab's Castle." A special thank you to Gerry who flew all the way from Houston, Texas to help judge sandcastles. And, to Gary W. for anticipating needs, to Lance, Zeus, Ralph, 50-50 tix sellers, and anyone else who helped set up. Congrats to Dean for winning \$325 on the 50-50 draw and to all of you who bought tix.



Stan with Gerry admiring "Mother and Child,"