

Lions Bay  
Historical Society

May 2001

Jennifer Roberts, the contract archivist who visited the Lions Bay Archives in March wrote to say she was "pleased to see such interest in your community's history and such care obviously being given to your records".

Tony Cox is arranging for more stickers (3 x 1.5 inches) of the Lions Bay flag to be printed. There is a steady demand for the stickers and over 500 have been sold since they were created in 1996.

Everyone is welcome to attend our next meeting Monday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. in the library.

*Suzanne Spohn*

## Looking Back Loutet Family History

*Taken from the speech third generation Lions Bay resident Myron Loutet at the Howe Sound Community Tour.*

I am Myron Loutet. My grandfather emigrated from Scotland in the early 1900's. My father was born in North Vancouver in 1910. Grandfather and two other North Vancouver businessmen decided to build their summer cottages at Brunswick Beach. To do this they had to barge men and materials up Howe Sound to Brunswick. My father, seven brothers and sisters, and their friends used the cottage, (called Pack Em Inn), as a base for swimming, boating and hiking the Lions. There were competitive swimming races from the beach to the point and back. Often the Loutet family was in the winning circle, probably because there were eight children. I have photos of myself at Brunswick in the late 1940's skipping rocks on the Sound.

The Loutet family kept the cottage. The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were able to enjoy summers at Brunswick Beach.

Susan and I moved from North Vancouver to Lions Bay in 1981 as we were drawn to the Village atmosphere, and great community spirit. In the early 80's a large Loutet family reunion was held at Pack Em Inn. In 1990 Susan's relatives from England stayed in the cottage, and were overjoyed by the beauty that Howe Sound had to offer.

Brunswick Beach has changed. A year-round residence replaces Pack Em Inn at Number 31 Brunswick Beach Road. Miranda, our daughter, is 10 now. She is the great grandchild of the Loutets who came up the Sound to Brunswick many years ago. Miranda enjoys the Sound on the beach with her friends, and participates in Village activities, as the Loutets did generations

before.

Our family still walks the tracks from Lions Bay to Brunswick, remembering how important Howe Sound has been to our family. Our wish is to ensure that Howe Sound stays this way for Miranda's great grandchildren.

*Myron Loutet*