

# THE MOUNT SEYMOUR HISTORY PROJECT

## July 2017 NEWSLETTER

### **THE 25th ANNUAL PIONEER SKIERS REUNION HOSTED BY HOLLYBURN HERITAGE SOCIETY and MSHP**

**Wednesday, Sept 13th, 2017, from Noon to 4 pm.**

In September pioneer skiers and cabin owners from the early days of the North Shore Mountains will gather for friendship and memories. If you built a cabin on Hollyburn, Grouse or Seymour, or were part of the ski or hiking scene during the 1940's, 50's 60's 70's and even 80's then you should attend and meet many old friends. **LOCATION:** Mt. Seymour Day Lodge, in Mt. Seymour Provincial Park

**Important changes:** The reunion date has been changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday to the 2nd Wednesday of September. Also, there will be less snail mailing of the reunion newsletters. We'll continue to create it and e-mail it out, but there will be a limited print edition. If you don't do computers I'd suggest asking your children or grandchildren to email me, and I'll add them to the e-mail list and then they can print the newsletter for you. Alternatively, you may view the newsletter at the [www.mtseymourhistory.ca](http://www.mtseymourhistory.ca) web site. Anyone who has not been to the reunion in the past 2 years or written either HHS or MSHP will not receive this mail out, so it's OK to call family and friends and remind them of this reunion. As more and more people are using computers, your E-mail address would be appreciated. If you got this newsletter by E-mail why not forward it to family & friends and suggest they also get onto the e-mail list.

The Mt. Seymour Day Lodge is wheelchair accessible. Event can be both indoors and outdoors. There will be coffee and tea available. There will be NO food services open on the mountain.

### **Introduction to the Hollyburn Heritage Society Website**

Rather than put any HHS printed news in the newsletter I've decided to just copy a section from the web site. The web site is right up to date and if you don't do computers then get your grandchildren to call it up on their computer, I-pad or phone and let you see all the fantastic information collected on this informative web site.

### **Introduction to the Hollyburn Heritage Society Website**

Although the website includes content far beyond Hollyburn Lodge at First Lake, it is all linked in some way to the Lodge, the people that owned, operated and/or worked at the Lodge, and to the succeeding generations who have enjoyed and continue to enjoy its unique character and recognize its prominent place in the history of our community.

There is much on the website for you to peruse & enjoy. (Currently there are 220 web pages!) A recommended starting point is the "[Site Map](#)", which gives you an overview of the entire website and links to all the pages. Tony Flower's nostalgic, heart-warming tribute to Fred Burfield and the Burfield family, "[Called To Higher Ground](#)", is a good introduction to the colourful history of Hollyburn Mountain.

**Hollyburn's past history, (pre 2011)**, is the main focus of the pages listed under "[Historic Lodges](#)", "[Historic Cabins](#)", "[Competitive Sports](#)", "[Skiing](#)" and "[Hiking](#)", while **Hollyburn's more recent history, (post 2010)**, is the main focus of the pages listed under "[Cypress Now](#)".

HHS book "Hollyburn, The Mountain and the City" is still available at local bookstores. And "Flight was in his Spirit" The life of Harry Burfield by Marion Ann Burfield was issued in 2012 and should be on the coffee table of anyone interested in Ski History.

Do visit HHS website <[www.hollyburnheritage.ca](http://www.hollyburnheritage.ca)> - over 180 pages; this is a fantastic web site. [www.facebook.com/HollyburnHeritage](https://www.facebook.com/HollyburnHeritage) is also a good site.

## OTHER SKI HISTORY NEWS

The Deep Cove Heritage Society have published their book "Echoes Across Seymour" The book is available for \$39.95 from DCHS office at 4360 Gallant Ave in Deep Cove, purchase from DCHS and get complimentary membership. I'll have copies available on Seymour.

The MSHP continues to receive articles for its archives. As I always say: "I don't want your stuff, but don't toss it out. Give it to me or give it to the museums/archives of the north shore. Simply, don't throw it out and make sure your children know not to toss it."

Also, along with the Outdoor Education Department of Mt. Seymour I've started **Uncle Al's Cabin Tours**. I've created a small museum and after a 10-minute introduction; I lead the group on a 2-hour tour of the Goldie Lake area visiting two old cabins and a few cabin sites. See [www.mtseymour.ca](http://www.mtseymour.ca) for tour dates and registration. I'm more than happy to do any special groups or specific tours for any pioneers or their families.

Uncle Al's Cabin Tours run now until the end of September. Visit [mountseymour.com/guided-hikes](http://mountseymour.com/guided-hikes) or call 604-986-2261 x217 to register for a scheduled tour (\$20 per person) or to book a group. Visit [mtseymourhistory.ca](http://mtseymourhistory.ca) for more information about the Mount Seymour History Project.

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