



Delta Retired Teachers' Association

Newsletter **THE TRUANT**

April 2025

"Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." ~Franz Kafka

DRTA SPRING '25 LUNCHEON & AGM

Celebrate Spring with your retired school colleagues and friends.

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Sharkey's Seafood Bar & Grill
4953 Chisholm St. at the Ladner Government Wharf
(inside dining room)

Menu Choices:

1. Pub Burger (Beef, Salmon, or Vegetarian)
2. Pasta (seafood, chicken chorizo, or vegetarian)
3. Fish & Chips (cod)



Coffee, tea, or juice/soft drinks are included with the meal.

Other beverages are available at your cost.

COST: Members \$20 and Guest \$25 -- Payment by CASH or CHEQUE (made out to Delta Retired Teachers Association).

Invite a guest to help us reach 35 attendees for DRTA's exclusive use of the Sharkey's indoor venue.

RSVP with your food choice to Yvonne Chard (deltaevents@gmail.com)

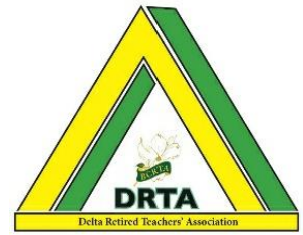
Deadline is May 4, 2025.

There will be a brief formal DRTA AGM to elect our new Executive Board for 2025/26 and to elect DRTA delegates to the BCRTA Conference and AGM in September.

Delta Retired Teachers' Association

Call for Nominations

AGM on May 7, 2025 at Sharkey's in Ladner



The DRTA needs YOU! It can only exist with members to form an Executive Board. Elections to fill these positions will take place at our Annual General Meeting, being held in conjunction with our Spring Luncheon. Please consider putting your name forward for one of the following positions. (The Board meets three times throughout the year and attending meetings is optional for most Committee Chairs and Members.)

Call for Nominations

1. Board Members, to be elected *(All positions can be combined/shared)*

President: leads the Board and meetings; maintains communication with the membership and BCRTA

Vice-President: assists the President and acts in their absence

Secretary: maintains a record of decisions made through minutes taken at Board meetings

Treasurer: keeps proper accounting records of all financial transactions

Members-at-Large (2 or more): participate in Board discussions and decision-making

2. Committee Chairs and Members *(to be appointed once interest is expressed)*

Social - assists in planning luncheons and other social events

Membership - maintains an up-to-date list of members

Communications - maintains an up-to-date list of members' e-mail addresses and sends messages to them electronically.

Truant Editor - publishes newsletters prior to each luncheon for members for distribution through members' e-mails and Canada Post.

Heritage - helps complete research on the history of Delta and its schools.

Christmas Outreach – during Christmas contacts by phone those members who are 80+ years of age.

3. BCRTA Conference/AGM Delegates

Three delegates (President and 2 others, with a designated alternate) to be elected to the BCRTA Conference/AGM. This year, it will be held at the Richmond Hilton Hotel on September 25th (in the evening or registration and getting to meet other delegates), the 26th (8:00 am – 4 pm) and the 27th (8:00 am to noon), 2025. Accommodation and meals are provided.

You can forward your name either before the AGM by contacting the Nomination Committee Chair or in person during the Delta AGM.

Pat Thiesen

Nomination Committee Chair

deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com

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Service

by Georgia Douglas Johnson

*When we count out our gold at the end of the day,
And have filtered the dross that has cumbered the way,
Oh, what were the hold of our treasury then
Save the love we have shown to the children of men?*



President's Message

The DRTA Board has been busy organizing luncheons for our members during the past term. Presently, we're planning the Spring Luncheon/AGM to be held on May 7. Last September, we had an informative presentation from BCRTA President, Caroline Malm, on the Advantage Program. At the Christmas Luncheon, this year's highlight, we were entertained by our very own BTO, Backer Turner Overdrive Revival, a band comprised of Delta retired teachers. What made this Luncheon even better was that it was a fundraiser with all of the members' lunch money donated to the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund. DRTA is considering doing the same thing next Christmas or perhaps even at all three lunches this coming year. We'd like to hear your thoughts on this.

This year, instead of having small pop-up events as we have done in the past few years, we planned one big event. Through a tour company, we arranged a day tour in April to the Legislature in Victoria, a top choice from our Christmas lunch survey. Even with a DRTA subsidy of \$50 provided to our members, registration was low and the company canceled the tour. This was disappointing to both the Board who worked hard in organizing it, and those who signed up. Looking ahead, DRTA would love to have your input. What events would you take part in? Let us know.

As President, I would like to extend my gratitude to my fellow Board Members for your commitment, dedication and patience. I'm also grateful to the many volunteers who served on the various Committees. Without you, there would be no luncheons, no Truant newsletters, no DRTA messages sent out, no Christmas phone calls.... Your contributions are much needed and appreciated. Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank all of you who have attended our events.

DRTA has always been about connections/reconnections and making things happen together. We need your involvement. Join the Board or a Committee. Share ideas. Come to our events. Bring a friend. Your presence and participation matter. Let's come together to keep DRTA alive and strong.



Sincerely,

Annie Coblin

Your Current (2024-25) Delta Retired Teachers' Association Board

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President	Annie Coblin
Vice-President	Angelika Hedley
Secretary-Treasurer	Lois Wilkinson
Past President	Peter Yang
Members-at-Large	Yvonne Chard and Suzan Egan-Olsen
Truant Editor	Pat Thiesen

DRTA Committees and Committee Chairs

Social:	Yvonne Chard
Communications:	Carryl Koe
Membership:	Pat Thiesen
Christmas Outreach:	Joanne Thauli
Heritage:	Peter Scurr

Notes from DRTA Executive Meeting March 31, 2025

- The Treasurer's Report showed a very robust balance.
- An update was given regarding the Day Tour to the Parliament, planned for April 9th. It was cancelled by the tour company due to the low sign-up number.
- Plans for our Spring Lunch and AGM, set for May 7, were finalized. The No Bell Luncheon date has been set for September 3.
- Moving forward, the plan is to illicit ideas from members, through the Truant and at the next Luncheon, on what activities they would actually participate in and ways to utilize our budget. These ideas will then be discussed at our next post-lunch meeting in May and Board meeting in June, to help the new Board plan future events.
- Several Board and Committee members were designated as Delta delegates for the Super Zone Meeting on Zoom on April 7 (President Annie Coblin and Communication Chair Carryl Koe), and the BCRTA in-person Zone Meeting on May 21 in Langley (Annie and Vice-President Angelika Hedley)
- A brief report was given regarding the information given to all BCTF AGM delegates (active teachers) regarding the Teachers' Pension Plan



Submitted by Annie Coblin, President

2024-25 Treasurer's Report - to end of March, 2025

Receipts (2024/25)	July-Sept	Oct-Dec.	Jan-Mar *
opening bal.	\$13,165.54	\$12,335.91	\$14,803.31
lunches	\$60.00		25.00
BCRTA - DRTA membership fees		\$4,064.00	
Total Receipts	13,225.54	16,399.91	\$14,828.31
Disbursements			
Lunches (Restaurants)	428.76	\$1,434.60	
Table Centres/prizes	72.09		182.06
Envelopes & printing	32.19		13.06
Gift Cards	140.00		200.00
Name tags	77.60		
Fall Truant	76.62	99.63	
Canada Post	62.37	62.37	
Christmas Cards			
AV Rentals			161.23
Paper Statement Fees			
Interest Chargeback			
Pop-up Events			
Cheque re-order			
President Exp. Lunch			
Total Disbursements	889.63	1,596.60	556.35
Balance	\$12,335.91	\$14,803.31	\$14,271.96

Change of Address or Circumstance or E-mail Service Provider

Email or other change of address? Here's what we need from you ...

Email or call the BCRTA at office@bcrt.ca

Phone: 604.871.2260

and/or

Email Membership Chair (Pat Thiesen): deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com

“RETIRED TEACHERS OF DELTA” Scholarship Fund

If you would like to support the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund, please read the following and use it when donating money to the Fund.

Deadline for submissions, with our thanks, is January 16, 2026.

Send the following information to:

Delta School District,
4585 Harvest Dr.,
Delta BC V4K 5B4
c/o Finance Department

Enclosed is my cheque for \$_____

Name (Please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the “Retired Teachers of Delta” scholarship fund. A tax receipt will be issued to you by the Delta School Board for donations of \$25.00 or more.



Membership Report

HOORAY!!! The Delta Retired Teachers’ Association membership numbers remain strong. As of April 1, 2025, the DRTA has **558** members including 22 Life Members (those over 90 years of age) with 2 new members who have joined us since December 2024.

We hope they will join us at our May 7th Luncheon and AGM at Sharkey’s in Ladner.

Please consider whether you could be part of DRTA Branch Leadership. Little effort for great rewards.



From the BCRTA

BC Retired Teachers' Association has continued focusing on the future of the organization and the needs of its members. On-going concerns about small Branch viability, encroachment by the Ontario Retired Teachers group into BC, changes to the current insurance plans available to teaching retirees and their families, and BCRTA Travel were all addressed by appropriate committees and the Board of Directors.

A major focus has been the up-coming Federal Election. ACER/CART had created a preliminary information booklet whose intent was to help us (the Canada-wide RTA membership and seniors generally) focus on specific senior voters' concerns. Please feel free to use the information in the booklet to help you decide who should lead Canada into the future. The booklet is available directly from the BCRTA website.



<https://bcрта.ca/election-2025-issues-primer/>



Each BCRTA committee has met at least twice in person and once using Zoom since the beginning of 2025. Considerable time has been spent to improve communications with members. The addition of a new staff person, Alina Shamina, who has considerable expertise with media, has begun to update BCRTA information on the website and expanding into a variety of social media vehicles. Her presentations to the Communications and Finance committees about her work was both enlightening and wide-ranging. Applications for Golden Star awards for active teachers have been received by the Excellence Committee. 4 classes and their teachers from all over the province have been chosen to receive the \$2000 award. The Heritage Committee has been able to consolidate many of the artifacts into one collection and continue to seek documents and artifacts from Branches around the province. They have visited both the UBC and SFU campuses to see how preserving documents and records is done. This past month, Member Well-Being Committee visited the Kerrisdale Seniors Center and Vera's Housing Co-op in Vancouver to explore alternatives/options for Ageing in the Right Place for members and other BC seniors. The Travel Committee reviewed latest trips for BCRTA members, families and friends and discussed where to explore next. During the recent BCTF

AGM, the Membership Committee set up an information booth for the delegates to learn more about the benefits of being a member of our Association. Many visitors with lots of questions. All the committees will remain active until our BCRTA AGM in September when new ideas will inspire the work done by volunteers working on your behalf.



From Kit Grauer's Facebook Post

On a Personal Note - In the future, there may be less information from the BCRTA in the Truant as this is my 6th and Final Year (3 – 2-year terms) as a Director from the Lower Mainland Region to the Board of the BCRTA. I would like to thank all the people from every area of the Province who get involved with the Provincial Association and each local Branch for giving of their time, expertise and commitment to making membership in the BC Retired Teachers Association something to cherish as not everyone has the chance to become a member. Being a Director has been most rewarding personally and I encourage anyone who would like to contribute and has some time available. Start small by volunteering in our Delta Branch as a committee member and see where that might lead.

I really must credit and sincerely thank one of our Life Members, **Sheila Gair**, for encouraging me to “go for it” when I asked what I could do to help grow the DRTA. As a former BCRTA President and previous Truant Editor, she had simply said “join a committee”. Thank you, Sheila, for giving me the push to get involved. I’ve never regretted doing so.

Pat

Scammed with Suspected AI Voice Cloning

Last month, a 72-year-old grandmother was awakened by a call from police. Then, another voice came on the line.

"Hi, grandma. Yeah, I got in trouble here. The police say they need some money to release me or they're going to keep me in jail."

The senior was certain it was her grandson, John, on the phone. She was told he'd been arrested for stealing a car and that he needed \$9,000 to be sent to police for his release. Only, it wasn't her grandson. It was a scam phone call so convincing that investigators believe fraudsters used artificial intelligence to clone John's voice. John's grandma says that even though the voice sounded slightly different, it was convincing enough to agree to pay up. "I was anxious to get the money out; I'd do anything for my grandchildren," she has said. This is broadly known as the "emergency" or "grandparent" scam. And sadly, it's been a successful ploy; Canadians reported losing nearly \$3 million to this scam in 2024 alone, according to figures from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

The rise of deepfakes in scamming

In the U.S., the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network sounded the alarm in a November 2024 report, warning that such "highly realistic" deepfakes "can manufacture what appear to be real events, such as a person doing or saying something they did not actually do or say."

Protect yourself: Have a code word or phrase with family and friends, so the next time the phone rings, you can test who's on the other line. Use a ***simple*** unique word, phrase, or question that's not easy to guess. So don't use things like pet or family names or a nickname, especially if it has been used on social media. Agree on your word and speak to them face-to-face. Ensure your trusted ones know and understand the purpose of the code and know how to pronounce it even if they may be under stress.

Experts say you should ask for the codeword as soon as possible in your communication to limit engaging with the scammers. Don't get bogged down in a conversation with them. If the caller or messenger doesn't know or repeat the word or phrase, or is not able to answer a personal question, it's almost certainly a scam and you can hang up.

Follow up: Check on the whereabouts of the genuine person being mimicked and report the crime to police.

Volunteer Teaching and the Latino workers

After a few years of retirement, and more recently becoming a widow, I have been looking for something interesting to do. In Delta we have a lot of greenhouse workers who work long hours. I discovered that some of these men want to learn English. I taught ESL for most of my life, so I decided to offer my services as a volunteer for two small day groups. They are given time off from work to attend on Wednesdays and Fridays. Soon I will also visit the Wednesday night sessions which are larger and offer three levels. Sometimes there is no-one to teach at night as a volunteer substitute. If this is a passion of yours, and you have time to spare, contact Latino Workers Support Society on Facebook. If soccer is your game, eight teams compete in the summer, and you might like to assist them. The support team provide other recreation activities for the workers throughout the year. One recent weekend they were given free curling time locally. I didn't know about these services before. I knew only that bicycles and other donations were needed. Last week the Society was able to provide a worker with a new TV set which had been donated. I am really enjoying this new activity and it brightens my week.

Yvonne Chard

In Memoriam

John Cummins (March 12, 1942-March 2, 2025)

Former Delta-Richmond East Member of Parliament (1993 – 2011), former leader of the BC Conservative Party and retired Delta teacher John Cummins passed away in Kamloops Inland Hospital. He taught in the Northwest Territories and northern Alberta before coming to Delta for 15 years. Cummins taught both Grade 1 and high school math. He loved his time on the water and became a vocal proponent of the commercial fishing industry.

After retiring from politics, the Cummins family moved to Langley where they had a farm. They then lived in on the Island in Ladysmith before moving to Kamloops to be closer to family.

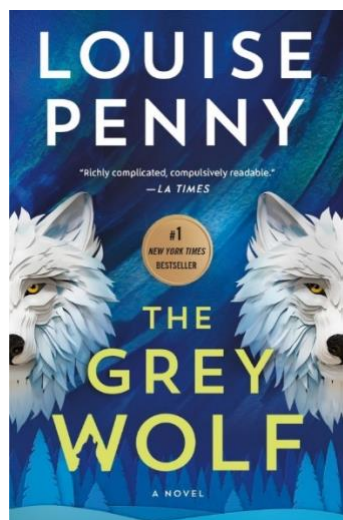
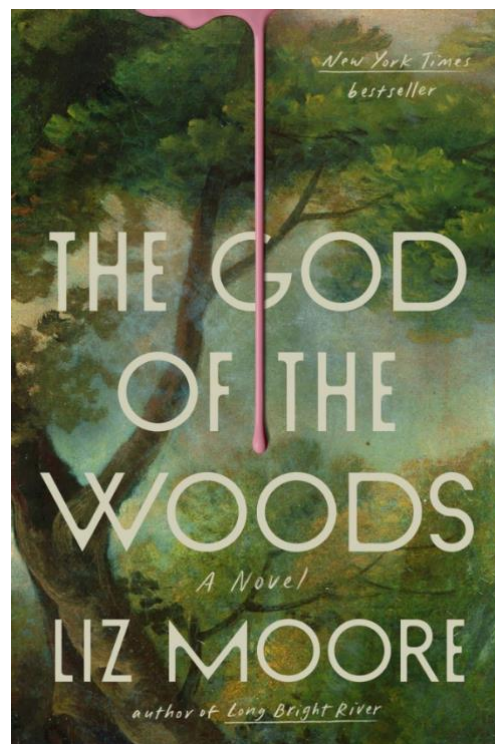


Recommended Reading for Those Lazy Summer Days Ahead

Recommended by Val Windsor

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

This book grabbed me right from the beginning. Rich people send their children to an exclusive summer camp for the summer, many so they can carry on with their lives without their teens underfoot. This is like any other camp where teenage angst and other issues play out – or is it? The daughter of the owner of the camp, Barbara, goes missing which initiates a frantic search for her. But she isn't the first child to go missing at this camp! As the search takes place, various tensions arise – the townspeople who work at the camp and the rich whose lives the townsfolk can only dream about, camp staff and their privileged charges, etc. Several stories unfold, each with its own series of events but they eventually sort themselves out in a satisfactory manner. I had a difficult time putting the book down!

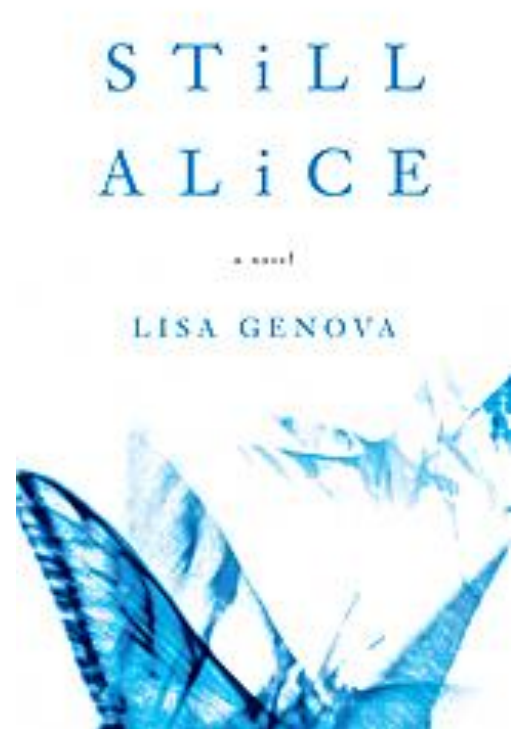


The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny

This is the latest book that Canadian author, Louise Penny, has written in the Inspector Gamache of the Sûreté de Québec in Montreal series. Chief Inspector Gamache is chilled by some relentless phone calls followed by a series of puzzling clues that do not seem to be at all related. Something dark and dangerous is about to happen but what is it and whom will it impact? The one thing that is missing is the connection to the Three Pines community that factors so prominently in the other Chief Inspector Gamache books, but I understand that the next book, "The Black Wolf", will make up for that! This is a psychological thriller that I, again, had difficulty putting down. Much as I tried to read it slowly to make the book last longer, I just couldn't do it. I'm planning on rereading it soon to see what I missed the first time!

Still Alice by Lisa Genova

Dementia and other related cognitive issues such as Alzheimer's are on the rise as the population ages. Most of us know someone who is living with Alzheimer's so we have seen the effect of the disease in action. In this book, the main character, Alice Howland, is diagnosed with having early onset Alzheimer's. She is a cognitive psychology professor so she understands where the disease will take her on its journey. But, she denies the inevitable, fighting hard to retain what memory she has, fighting her family to retain what control she still has over her own life. This book is unusual in that it is told from the perspective of the person who has Alzheimer's and not the caregivers. It is a compelling, difficult read. I had read the book a few years ago, but with a loved one now living with Alzheimer's related dementia, I read it with a different eye this time and I was impressed with how some of her journey closely resembled the path my loved one is on even though my loved one is much older than Alice. While there is no known cure for Alzheimer's, if you have someone who is experiencing memory loss or other symptoms of the illness, the sooner you see a doctor, the sooner you can access services that may help the family learn to assist their loved one and to find support for the caregivers. Time is of the essence.



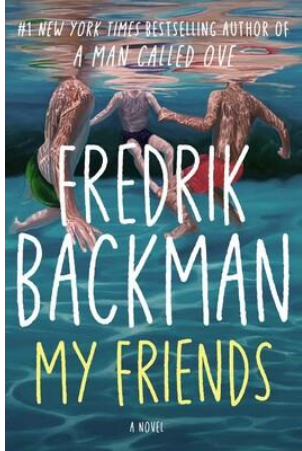
Pictures Are Windows *by Annette Wynne*

*Pictures are windows to many lands,
But a book is a door that ready stands
To him who will open and go outside,
Where the rivers and plains are free and wide.
Pictures are windows through which we look,
But the door of the world is just a book!*



Looking Forward to Reading these new 2025 Novels – Pat's suggestions

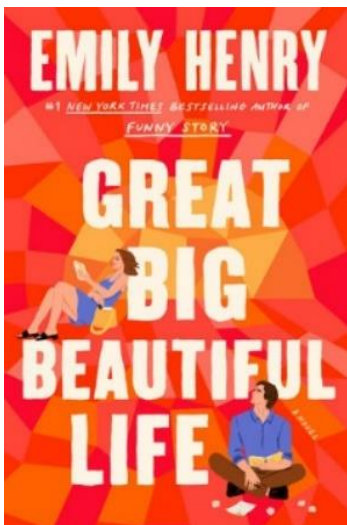
My Friends



Author: Fredrik Backman
Source: Simon and Schuster
Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Eighteen-year-old Louisa embarks on a quest to learn the story behind a painting of three friends. The three—and the painter himself—find connection and respite in their time together on the end of a pier, depicted in the painting. If you're a fan of Backman and books about friendship, this is sure to be a poignant addition to your *To Be Read* list.

Great Big Beautiful Life



Author: Emily Henry
Source: Penguin
Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Alice Scott is an eternal optimist still dreaming of her big writing break. Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-prize winning human thundercloud. And they're both on balmy Little Crescent Island for the same reason: to write the biography of a woman no one has seen in years—or at least to meet with the octogenarian who claims to be *the* Margaret Ives. Tragic heiress, former tabloid princess, and daughter of one of the most storied (and scandalous) families of the twentieth century.

The Dark Maestro



Author: Brendan Slocumb
Source: Doubleday
Genre: Mystery

From the author of *The Violin Conspiracy* and *Symphony of Secrets*, this page-turner concerns a young Black musical virtuoso at the peak of his career who's forced into hiding when his family runs afoul of a ruthless international cartel—and uses his music to fight back.

Enjoying Delta in the Spring



a) The City of Delta is excited to invite the community to experience the new **Disc Golf Course** Pilot Project at Diefenbaker Park. Now open to the public, the 12-hole course was professionally designed, with input from the local disc golf community. This replaces the old course at Winskill Park in Tsawwassen. The Diefenbaker Park course is open from dawn until dusk and is free to use. Playing discs are not provided.

- b) The **Delta Heritage Fair 2025** will be held on May 9th at the Ladner Harris Barn facility. Heritage Fair encourages Delta students to explore Canadian history and heritage through project-based learning. At the fair the students present history project displays and talk about what they have learned relating to Canadian history project.
- c) **Writers' Circles**: First Wednesday of the month (May 7), 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at North Delta Centre for the Arts, 11415 84th Ave.; alternatively on the first Sunday of the month (May 3), 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Ladner at the Douglas J Husband Discovery Centre, 4450 Clarence Taylor Cres. Delta Literary Arts Society hosts these supportive gatherings for writers of all levels with prompts, optional sharing and time for socializing led by caring and creative facilitators Anna Eastland in North Delta and Angela Rebrec in Ladner.
- d) **Ladner Bandfest**: Delta Music Makers is hosting their 19th Annual Music extravaganza at Memorial Park on June 7th and 8th. Downbeat for the first of the 18 contributing community bands is set for 11:00 am Saturday morning and will run through until 5:30 pm each day. Admission and parking are free. Bring along a chair, your sunscreen, maybe even an umbrella. There is some seating, but it's limited. Come to hear all manner of musical genre offered including marches, Broadway tunes, light classical, light jazz, pop songs and even some funky Latin rhythms played by community bands from all over the Lower Mainland.

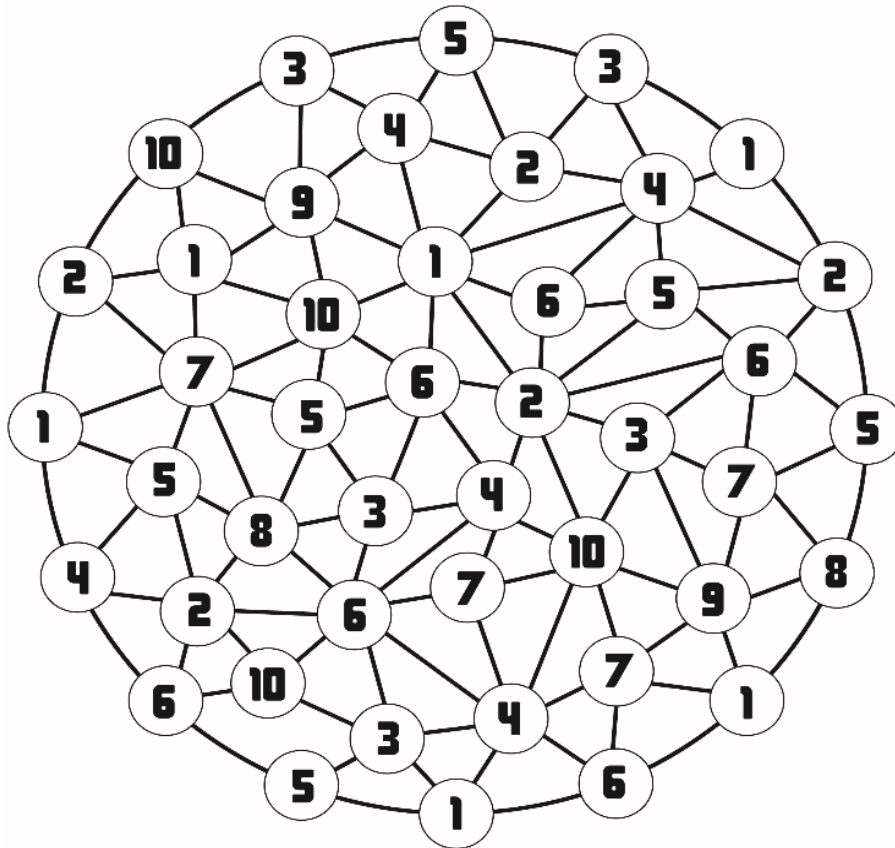


Fun and Games Pages






A Few Terrible Jokes

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| 1. What do you call a fish with no eyes? | A fsh! |
| 2. What do you call an alligator in a vest? | An in-vest-i- gator. |
| 3. What animal can jump higher than a house? | Lots of them can, a house can't jump. |
| 4. What do you call cheese that isn't yours? | Nacho cheese. |
| 5. Can February march? | No, but April may. |
| 6. What causes dry skin? | A towel. |
| 7. What do you call a bear with no teeth? | A gummy bear. |
| 8. Why did the math book look sad? | Too many problems. |
| 9. Why do plants hate math? | Because it gives them square roots! |
| 10. Why was the cafeteria clock always behind? | It kept going back four seconds! |
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1. Connect 1 to 10



2. REBUS PUZZLES

ARC TIC PAC IFIC		----- Richard ----- Hanger Jimmy -----	ICEMALT
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5	6	7	8
	OC _E AN		CCCCCCCC
9	10	11	12
BEN ✓ Ben ✗ ben ✗	$10 \times 10 = 20$ $5 \times 5 = 10$ $5 \times 5 = 10$ $10 \times 10 = 20$	WABERLLL	C
13	14	15	16
Mountain ← Mountain Mountain Mountain	S + 14lbs	EST EST EST EST	
17	18	19	20

3. Word Links Game

Connect the first word in the chain with the last one using words that link together beginning with each given letter.

Game 1

Flying

H_____

S_____

Bell

Game 2

Brand

N_____

W_____

Famous

Game 3

Cowboy

B_____

C_____

Fire

Game 4

Bad

A_____

S_____

P_____

Handle

Game 5

Come

H_____

O_____

W_____

Space

Game 6

Cell

P_____

T_____

L_____

Graph

Game 7

Saving

G_____

P_____

P_____

W_____

Ethic

Game 8

Role

P_____

D_____

B_____

H_____

Scotch

4. Brain Drain

Think of something belonging to the given category on the left that begins with the letter of the column. Many possible answers.

CATEGORY ↓	Q	U	O	T	A
Country					
Synonym for DEFEAT					
Fruit					
Made of COTTON					

5. Follow the Directions *Follow the instructions to discover the surprise answer.*

- a. Print the words THE SOUND OF SILENCE, omitting all spaces.
- b. Delete the central letter.
- c. Change the second letter to a Y.
- d. Delete all N's.
- e. Switch the first and eighth letters.
- f. Insert an R at the right end of the row.
- g. Move the sixth letter to the left of the row.
- h. Delete the last vowel.
- i. Insert an A just before the first S.
- j. Repeat step b).
- k. Insert an M just before the second S.
- l. Move the sixth letter to the right end of the row.
- m. Repeat step h).
- n. Delete the first consonant.
- o. Switch the O and the T.
- p. Insert an M at the left end of the row.
- q. Delete the fourth letter from the left.
- r. Switch letters 3-5, as a group, with letters 9-11.

6. Try Out Some Tri-Bonds *What do these trios have in common?*

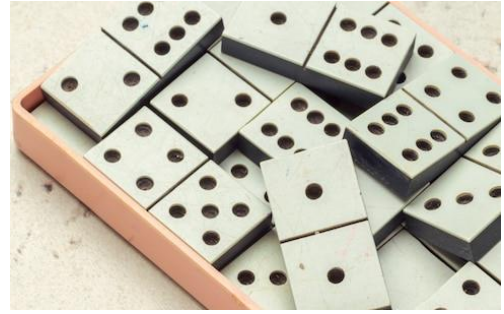
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| 1. Lily, Bachelor, Shoulder | 9. Coffee, Class, Check |
| 2. School, Skate, Hard | 10. Ant, Billy, Parliament |
| 3. Days, Continents, Seas | 11. Highway, Catcher, Astrologer |
| 4. Lungs, Brains, Ears | 12. Glenn, Henry, Theater |
| 5. Africa, Little Red Riding Hood, Matador | 13. Fishing pole, broken arm, movie |
| 6. First, Legal, Hearing | 14. Flag, tent, magnet |
| 7. Phone, Note, Cook | 15. Lime, Spot, Flash |
| 8. Freudian, Half, Sales | 16. Guide, Eared, Hot |

Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew.

Cicely Tyson

From the "Games Lady" Files

Rediscover Dominoes – Simple yet intriguing games you can play with 2 or more players.



Shuffle a Deck of Cards –

A. Games of Solitaire

- **Klondike** – the Classic single player game.
- **Island of Cards** – Aim is to complete a 7 X 7 grid of cards, filling every spot with a card. At the end of the game, you would lose a point for any card not placed. Gain one point for each card left your draw deck. Each turn you will draw a card and place beside a card that has a value higher or lower by one. As the deck become thinner and the island grows, you choices will diminish.
- **Clock** - To start the game, deal yourself 13 piles of four cards. Twelve of those piles go in a circular pattern that lines up with the hour markers on a clock face, and the 13th pile goes in the middle of the circle. Start the game by turning over the top card in the centre pile and put it under the hour pile that corresponds to its rank. (Aces represent one o'clock, jacks are 11 o'clock, queens are 12 o'clock, and kings go in a second pile in the centre, face up.) After you've moved the first card, turn over the top card of the stack you moved it to. Then move that card to its corresponding pile and keep going until you can't make any more moves.
- **Pyramid** - The set-up for this game involves arranging 28 cards face-up in a pyramid-shaped tableau of seven levels. The rest of the cards form a draw pile. The goal of the game is to remove all the cards from the pyramid by forming pairs with a combined value of 13 points. The pairs may be formed from two exposed cards in the pyramid, or by pairing a pyramid card with another card as it is drawn from the draw pile. In this point scheme, the king is assigned a point value of 13, the queen is 12 points, the jack is 11 points, and the ace is one point. The remaining cards are scored at face value.
- **Wish** - Get a standard deck and remove all of the twos and sixes. Deal the cards so there are eight columns with four cards each face up. If a row showing the entire cards has a pair, such as two kings on the first row, match them and remove them from the table. Keep matching until you match all of the cards. Keep in mind you can only match cards that are on the row where you can see the full card.

B. *Play with a Partner*

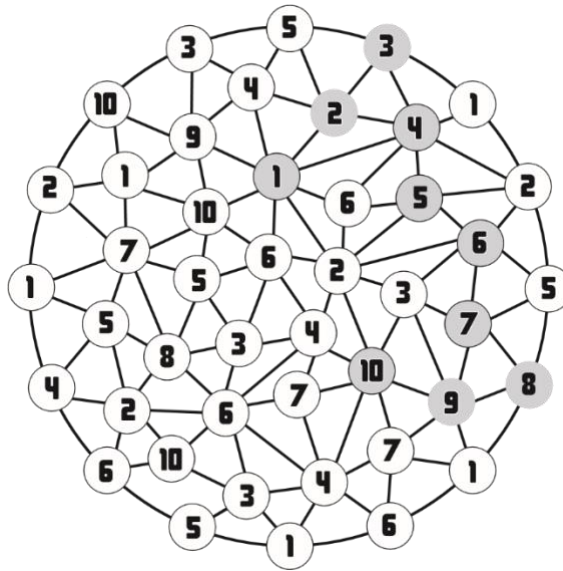
- **Honeymoon Whist** - The initial face-up card of the stock determines the trump suit for the hand. You each get a hand of 13 cards, and in turns play a card to decide who wins the top card of the stock, which is always kept face-up, while the loser of a trick gets the face-down card underneath it. In that way both players each get a replacement card each trick, with the winner leading the next trick. Once the stock is depleted, you play out your hand of 13 cards, and the person who gets the most tricks from these 13 tricks wins the game.
- **Le Truc** - Remove 2's through 6's from a full deck to play, because it uses a 32- card deck with a somewhat unorthodox ranking of values. Suits don't matter at all in this simple trick-taking game. You each get three cards that you'll use for only three tricks, each of which goes to the highest card played, and tied tricks going to whoever wins the next trick. Winning the hand requires winning two out of three tricks, and earns a point, and the goal is to be the first player to 12 points. But the genius is that before playing a card you can propose to increase the amount of points that the current hand is worth; your opponent can fold and concede rather than increase the stakes. To prevent too much luck, the person leading can also propose a redeal before the first card played.
- **Slapjack** - The entire deck is dealt at once, with each player receiving 26 cards, which are kept face-down. Players take turns turning over one of their cards at a time, with the fastest player to slap the Jack after it appears winning all of the cards that have accumulated in the pile. The game continues until someone has collected all of the cards.
- **James Bond** - The goal is to get four-of-a-kind rank matches in all your card piles. Each player will get six piles of four face-down cards each. The last four cards in the deck are placed face-up between the players. Going pile by pile, in any order but only one pile at a time, players can swap cards out with the face-up cards in the middle to create four-of-a-kind in that pile. Once all your piles are four-of-a-kind matches, you say "James Bond!" and show your cards for the win.
- **Trash** - The goal is to collect cards numbered from 1 to 10. Start by laying out 2 rows of 5 cards in front of each player. Then, create a draw pile with the remaining cards. On your turn, you'll take a card from the draw pile. If the card fits in your sequence, place it in the correct position. For instance, an ace goes in the first spot at the top left. Next, flip over the card you swapped out. If you can use it in another spot, great! If not, just discard it. The first player to collect all 10 cards wins!



Gazebo Path in Spring

Fun and Games - Answers

1. Connect 1 to 10



2. Rebus

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| 1. Oceans Apart | 7. Inland Sea | 14. Times Square |
| 2. Atmosphere | 8. Tip of the Iceberg | 15. Berlin Wall |
| 3. Cliffs | 9. Bermuda Triangle | 16. The Red Sea |
| 4. Climate Change | 10. A Drop in the Ocean | 17. Mountain Top |
| 5. Backcountry | 11. Europe | 18. Sandstone |
| 6. Highland | 12. The Seven Seas | 19. Forest |
| | 13. Big Ben | 20. Arctic Circle |

3. Word Links

Game 1 - Flying, High, School, Bell

Game 2:- Brand, New, World, Famous

Game 3 - Cowboy, Boot, Camp, Fire

Game 4 - Bad, Apple, Sauce, Pan, Handle

Game 5 - Come, Home, Office, Work, Space

Game 6 - Cell, Phone, Tag, Line, Graph

Game 7 - Saving, Grace, Period, Piece, Work, Ethic

Game 8 - Role, Play, Dumb, Bell, Hop, Scotch

4. Brain Drain – these are some possible answers

Country – Qatar, Uruguay, Oman, Tunisia, Afghanistan

DEFEAT – Quash, upset, overrun, trounce, annihilate

Fruit – Quince, ugli, orange, tangerine, apricot

Cotton – Quilt, underwear, onesies, towel, anklet

5. Follow the Directions

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| a. Print the words THE SOUND OF SILENCE, omitting all spaces. | - THESOUNDOFSILENCE |
| b. Delete the central letter. | - THESOUNDFSILENCE |
| c. Change the second letter to a Y. | - TYESOUNDFSILENCE |
| d. Delete all N's. | - TYESOUDFSILECE |
| e. Switch the first and eighth letters. | - FYESOU DTSILECE |
| f. Insert an R at the right end of the row. | - FYESOU DTSILECER |
| g. Move the sixth letter to the left of the row. | - UFYESODTSILECER |
| h. Delete the last vowel. | - UFYESODTSILECR |
| i. Insert an A just before the first S. | - UFYEASODTSILECR |
| j. Repeat step b). | - UFYEASOTSILECR |
| k. Insert an M just before the second S. | - UFYEASOTMSILECR |
| l. Move the sixth letter to the right end of the row. | - UFYEAOTMSILECRS |
| m. Repeat step h). | - UFYEAOTMSILCRS |
| n. Delete the first consonant. | - UYEAOTMSILCRS |
| o. Switch the O and the T. | - UYEATOMSILCRS |
| p. Insert an M at the left end of the row. | - MUYEATOMSILCRS |
| q. Delete the fourth letter from the left. | - MUYEATOMSICRS |
| r. Switch letters 3-5, as a group, with letters 9-11. | - MUSICTOMYEARS |
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6. Tri-bonds

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| 1. Pads | 2. Board | 3. Seven | 4. Lobe | 5. Cape | 6. Aid | 7. Book |
| 8. Slip | 9. Mate | 10. Hill | 11. Sign | 12. Ford | 13. Cast | 14. Pole |
| 15. Light | 16. Dog | | | | | |

