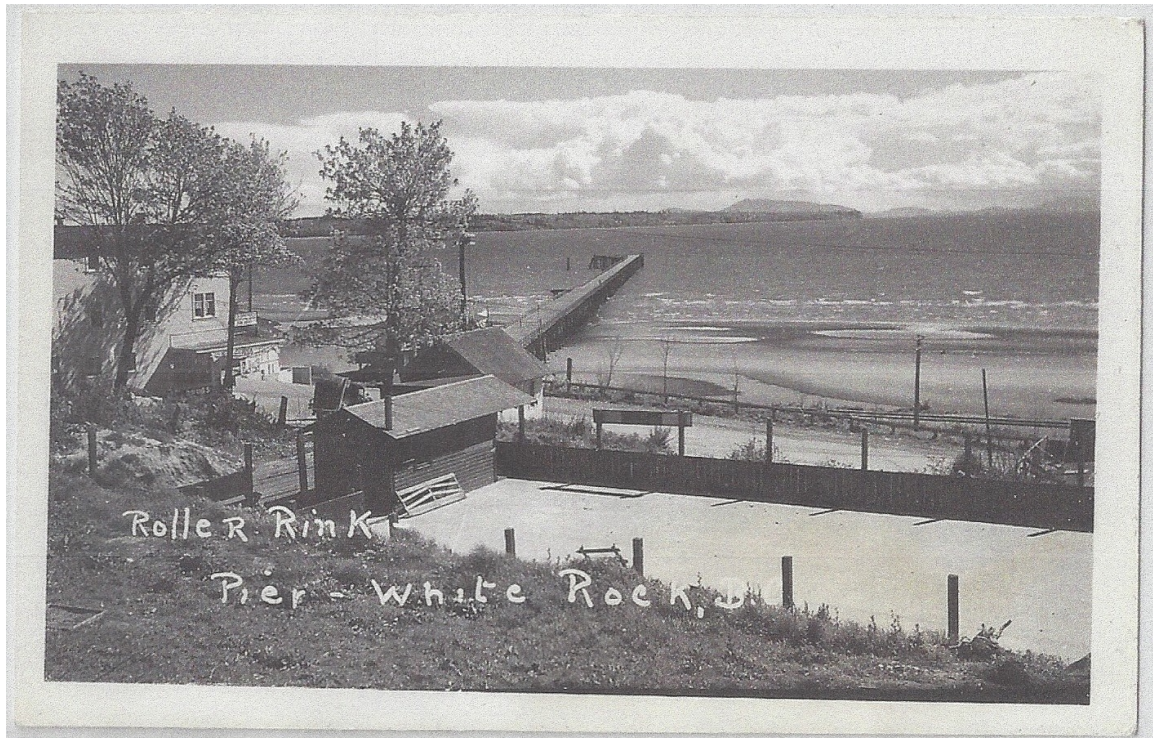


PACC's lunar beginnings

Did you know that Peace Arch Curling Club's roots can be traced back to the Silver Moon Roller Rink that officially opened on May 5, 1950 just west of the White Rock Pier?

Pictured below is the original outdoor roller skating rink in 1938.



The roller rink was converted to a combination curling facility and upper level community hall in 1956 and flourished for several years as a private enterprise owned by Mr. Len Long. Mr. Long ran into financial difficulties and had to close down the facility at the end of the 1960/61 season. Tony Folk and George Klotz bought the Silver Moon and curling returned for the 1962/63 season.

"I remember the Silver Moon Rink," stated Art Whittet in his short written history of the Peace Arch Curling Club. "(There were) three sheets of ice with the lights hanging down on drop cords, and as one fellow said, 'If you do not know who is curling at the other end of the rink, you couldn't tell by looking.' However it was curling and it was fun."

Tony and George reluctantly closed the Silver Moon at the end of the 1965/66 season and the rocks were sold to Ladner.



ART AND ELLA WHITTET . . . diamond fete

Art Whittet, pictured here in 1985 with his wife of 60 years, Ella, was an active Senator with Peace Arch Curling for many years...and as a carpenter was known to wield a hammer during finishing construction of the PACC in the late 1960's.