

Merry Christmas to everyone! In place of our usual G&S Gazette newsletter (there just hasn't been enough time to produce one lately), we're sending a much shorter one-pager to let everyone know what we've been up to the past 6 months.

As I'm sure you all know, the big "humdinger" of the last 6 months was that Susan and myself (Glen) got married! September 16, 2000. The weather was great! We had a great bunch of attendees! And (most importantly), a good time was had by all (at least we had a good time, and people tell us they had a good time...). The ceremony was very smooth, 3:00p.m. at St. Nicolas-Christ the King Anglican Church, just three blocks away from us here in Burnaby. Admittedly, our church doesn't hold a lot of weddings, and so we were a bit surprised when our minister skipped the signing of the registry. Oh well, we can do without that red tape (we did sign the book later that evening at the Reception Hall). The reception was a blast down the road at the Atrium Inn. They supplied some great food! And we all had fun dancing well into the night.

For our honeymoon, we had a great trip passing through London, and on to Dubai in the Middle East. In London we stayed in a wonderful little hotel called the Park Regency Hotel. We'd recommend it to everyone since it was a good room, reasonable price, and close to lots of tourist attractions. We were lucky enough to see our Queen, zipping down the street in her well armoured limo, while out sightseeing near Buckingham Palace. In Dubai, we stayed in the "once-in-a-lifetime" Jumeirah Beach Hotel. This resort is unequalled in it's "posh pleasures". Susan was in bliss with the daily fruit dropped in our room by the hotel staff. After staying there for a few days we moved in with Susan's brother Richard and his wife Helen at their place. We had a great time touring the country, riding camels, camping in the desert!

Other than our wedding? In July we had a great time on the Starlight Dinner train for my birthday! We left on this class train from North Vancouver at 6:00. Dinner was served on the way to our destination Porteau Cove (just this side of Squamish). We wandered around Porteau Cove as the sun was going down, just before taking our train ride back. I highly recommend that if you haven't taken this timeless method of transport lately, that you make the effort to take a train ride (even if it is only a short three-hour ride like ours was).

In August we were busy getting ready for the wedding. We had some very nice Sunday nights playing softball with some friends in one of the local parks.

After getting back from the honeymoon the start of October, we spent the month moving things out of Susan's old place into OUR place. Boy, two apartments full of stuff, plus stuff from the wedding, it was quite the challenge. Thanks much to my parents big basement, we were able to ship off quite a bit of stuff to be stored until we get a house for ourselves. We repainted Susan's old place, and had our nice renter move in the start of October.

In November, we took a trip to our Shuswap property again. We arranged to have the property cleared for the installation of the septic tank come spring (and maybe the start of the cabin depending on finances). We've supposedly still got quite the pile of logs, if anyone is looking for some firewood?!? We also had some friends over visiting, to make up for not seeing them enough due to all our wedding madness this past year.

During this month of December, the cleanup of our place has continued. The secret to putting the pressure on? Have people over. One of our friends Rita has commented that it gets better and better every time she's been over. This past weekend we had a successful pot-luck with a total of 20 people attending with all sorts of good food. Our place is finally looking respectable. Now we're wrapping gifts and sending off Christmas cards (later than we would have planned). It certainly has been a busy year.

Hope to see you all soon,