

# The Scott Family Gazette

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Merry Christmas all!

The year started with us spending our time near and around home. We celebrated New Years itself at some friends who have a child in Kayla's class. Over the Christmas holidays we went geocaching a few times around the lower mainland.

In January the girls were back in lessons, taking skating lessons, swimming lessons, snow skiing lessons, gymnastics, and Kayla in ballet and Melissa in music every week.

Late January Glen's parents came to visit for a weekend, travelling from their home down in Arizona.

Late February we had a short visit from Susan's cousin Doris from New York as she was on her way to Whistler for a spring ski trip.

Our own spring break ski trip was in March and we went to Big White again and had an enjoyable time with our friends Jen and Zack and their kids who are the same age as Kayla and Melissa. With all the lessons, both girls' skiing skills had really catapulted ahead this year and had no problem keeping up with mom and dad. The more bumps the better!

The first trip to our cabin was made on the Easter long weekend, this year in mid April. Glen's brother's family had also chosen to go to the interior so we enjoyed lots of fun visiting with not only Glen's parents but also his brother's family.

Not to be left out of lessons Susan too started some late spring. Wanting to pad out her resume a bit in the hopes of getting a job more suitable to a parent with kids in school, she took a few months of



Scott Family wishing you a Merry Christmas from Golden Gate Bridge, summer of 2014

accounting a few nights a week.

The Victoria Day weekend Glen had to work and so spent some time in Long Beach California where a medical conference was happening. While there he ran into his sister-in-law Helen who was attending the same conference.

For the May Day weekend we again were at the lake. Most people would say the water was too cold for swimming,

unless you happen to be in the Scott family. Glen, Kayla, and Melissa all spent some time in the water. Melissa the most, swimming around the boat a couple of times. Who said that a little screeching can't be part of swimming?

Early summer Glen and his dad spent a weekend working on the cabin and giving the girls' room actual flooring, thanks to Jim having some old left over laminate flooring that he wanted to get rid of. Kayla moved to the top bunk as well.

We also did some hiking and biking. The girls both did extremely well hiking the 10km Lynn Headwaters Loop, and biking around Barnston Island.

By taking an extra day off work, we did make the Canada Day holiday into a long weekend that we spent at the lake.

Glen did some mountain biking with friend Zack on weeknights.

Mid July we took our tent trailer out for the first

outing and spent it on the annual trip to Alice Lake with Jen and Zack and a group of about 10 families.

While Melissa was in daycare for her last month in July, Kayla spent her days at Susan's parent's place, and also did some summer programs such as pottery. Both girls were taking piano lessons late afternoon on a weeknight.



Kayla and Melissa in Disneyland

At the start of August, Susan left BC Housing, where she had worked in the Homeowner Protection Office for the last 10+ years. She was interested in spending more time with the girls, and would be looking for part time work once the girls were in school

Mid August was our primary summer vacation. We spent a little over two weeks in our tent trailer as we drove to and from Southern California where we spent a wonderful few days in Disneyland. The majority of our days were spent driving from spot to spot, but we did get to spend 2 nights in San Francisco allowing us to see more of the city as well as our 6 nights beside Disneyland. Favorite rides of the girls were Splash Mountain (good for keeping cool in the hot California summer), Autopia (where Melissa took pride in getting in only about 10 accidents while she drove me around the track –



Splash Mountain in Disneyland

less than Kayla), Radiator Springs, and Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. We of course also met and chatted to many Disney princesses.

On the way back we didn't spend double nights anywhere, as we had in San Francisco on the way down, but we did get in to Seattle early enough that we went down to one of our favourite old restaurants, the Crab Pot, to have some wonderful seafood.



Melissa Dec. Piano Recital

When we got back home, it wasn't directly back to work, but instead to organize and put on a large family barbeque. Susan's brother's family had been visiting while we were away, on a camping trip on Vancouver Island, and so the day after getting back we cut the lawn to get our yard back in party ready state and then hosted a large family barbeque.

September had a delayed school start for both Kayla, entering Grade 2, and Melissa who was entering Kindergarten due to the BC teachers being on strike. Thankfully the strike didn't last too long and they were in school in the third week of September. Kayla was in a class with a large set of new friends in a grade 2&3

split. Melissa was in a dedicated kindergarten class. Both girls took well to their classes.

Mid September Susan found part time work as an event coordinator in the HR department of Calkins & Burke, a food import/distribution business. One of her first jobs was to finalize the organization for a company wide social cruise, and we were invited. Susan did a wonderful job sending the whole company off, even though we didn't get to go as it conflicted with Glen's parent's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration weekend. But a cruise? Certainly a good first impression for a good place to work.

As hinted, we travelled to the interior in late September to partake in Glen's parent's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and all had a good time.

In October we continued the tradition of taking along Richard and Grace and their family for Thanksgiving, both to shutdown our cabin and to do some yardwork at Glen's uncle Earl's property.

Through the fall the girls continued in various lessons. Both going to gymnastics every week. Both took swimming and skating lessons. Kayla was in drawing class every weekend, while Melissa was taking piano. Melissa performed in a small piano recital just before Christmas. Both girls start snow skiing lessons in January (we are hoping the snow arrives soon, it hasn't been great so far).

We are staying around home for Christmas itself, then going to Glen's parent's place after Christmas where we'll see both his parents and his brother's family. We'll stay there until New Years Day and then we leave to go skiing at Sun Peaks for a few nights with Eddy and Pauline's family. Go where the snow is ☺

We don't have the details planned, but we do plan to go to a Bird Family reunion this coming summer, taking place in Lethbridge, Alberta.

We also have planned a ski trip for spring break to Big White with Jen and Zack and family. That will be fun!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Kayla doing yard work