



Seabird Island

First Nations Festival

**\$5.00** Program

Program sales  
helps offset  
festival costs.

# Seabird Island 50<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nation Festival



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## Welcome from Chief & Council

**Ey swayel!** *Good day!*

Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> Seabird Island Annual Festival! This year, we celebrate our Golden anniversary, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> year we invite one and all to unite in festivities!

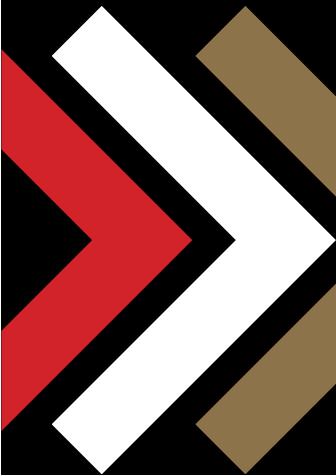
Join us as we celebrate this incredible milestone, sharing with you not only cultural activities and friendly competition but also a peek into who Seabird is and how we bring together people from all over to once again greet great friends and loved ones. Join friends and family over a traditionally barbequed salmon dinner, or alongside a fast-paced soccer game or perhaps cheer on relatives beside our majestic Maria Slough as they gracefully paddle their canoes across its surface.

This year, we raise our hands to those who have continued to come out and enjoy the event through busy lives and schedules. We give additional thanks to those who have been a part of our event since the beginning, such as the family of Grand Chief Archie Charles and their salmon barbeque cooked with love and friendship. We have also brought back the missed baseball games and even offer free parking for our guests this year!

As a community, Seabird Island is committed to excellence and continued growth while recognizing where we have come from through our traditions and culture. We continue to tweak our event based on your feedback and enjoy your full participation that results in that ability. Recognizing the festival as a family friendly, drug and alcohol-free event, we encourage all to have fun, be mindful of others and take in the atmosphere that is present during the weekend. We look forward to seeing friendly faces at the soccer games, canoe races, traditional barbeque, vendor stalls, cultural craft tables, traditional bone games and baseball diamond.

Good luck to everyone in their respective competitions, especially our young ones who always bring a smile to our faces.

Yalh yuxw kwas hoy!  
Thank you!



## A word from our new Events Coordinator

**Kweleches!** *Greetings!*

Thank you for attending our **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Seabird Island Festival**. I am Charlene Point; my mother is from Seabird Island and my father is from Skowkale First Nation. I have been attending this event my whole life and planning this event has definitely been a challenge. Angie sure is missed but will never be forgotten; the festival was her time to shine and she did it well year after year. I am grateful to have worked with Angie's younger sister, Kim Chapman. She has been a tremendous help and I would not have been able to do this without her, thank you Kim. I would also like to thank the participants, fans and Elders. You have all helped me prepare for this event by providing ideas and feedback on suggested changes.

Without the dedication from the Festival Committee, Chief & Council, staff and Community Members the Festival would not be possible. I hope this year goes well and I look forward to planning the 51<sup>st</sup>.

With appreciation,  
Charlene Point

## Did you know?

### **Maria Slough - Background Story**

At one time these hills echoed with the sound of paddle steamers that tied up a half mile down stream from here and exchanged their cargoes for farm produce to be shipped to Yale and other points on the river to Vancouver.



The origins of the name of the slough are many. However, the one that is most frequently given is that it is named after a daughter of one of the very earliest white settlers on the island.

The first bridge over Maria Slough was built in 1894.

# 2019 Seabird Island Festival Committee

## Category

Baseball  
 Communications  
 Concession Sales - Band Gym  
 Concession Sales - Mill Hall  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Finance  
 Information Booth  
 50/50  
 Maintenance  
 Parking  
 Salmon BBQ  
 Soccer-Youth  
 Soccer-Adult  
 Volunteers/Vendors  
 War Canoes  
 First Aid  
 Security

## Name

Teresa Peters  
 Sandy Bobb  
 Sandra Haukeland  
 Carlene Brown  
 Dianna Kay  
 Nigel Selvadurai  
 Sara Silver  
 Connie Joe  
 Art Andrew  
 Teresa Harper  
 Rose Charles  
 Lolly Andrew  
 Jen Andrew  
 Charlene Point  
 Erna Paul  
 St. John's Ambulance  
 Griffin Security

## Apparel

**Umbrella**  
**\$40.00**



**Hat**  
**\$20.00**



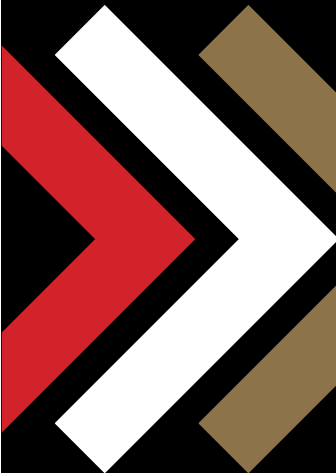
**Fleece Blanket**  
**\$25.00**



**Travel Mug**  
**\$15.00**



**Jacket**  
**\$80.00**



# Itinerary

**Slhq'átses - FRIDAY**

**T'óqw'tem - SATURDAY**

**Sxexelhát - SUNDAY**

- |       |      |  |
|-------|------|--|
| 6:00  | p.m. | Baseball games begin   |
| 7:00  | a.m. | Main concession opens<br>ATM   |
| 8:00  | a.m. | Soccer tournament begins<br>Vendors  |
| 10:00 | a.m. | Opening ceremonies - <i>Main stage</i><br>Welcome - <i>Chief &amp; Council</i><br>Sts'ailes<br>History of Seabird Festival<br>Spindle whorl dancers<br>Commencement of games |
| 11:00 | a.m. | Canoe races begin  |
| 12:00 | p.m. | Salmon BBQ   |
| 1:00  | p.m. | Pow Wow grand entry - <i>Band office gym</i>   |
| 4:00  | p.m. | 50/50 & Program Draw - <i>Grandstand</i>   |
| 7:00  | p.m. | Pow Wow grand entry - <i>Band office gym</i><br>Slahal game - ( <i>Indian bone game</i> ) beside Mill Hall   |
| 7:00  | a.m. | Main concession opens<br>ATM   |
| 8:00  | a.m. | Soccer tournament begins<br>Vendors  |
| 11:00 | a.m. | Canoe races begin  |
| 2:00  | p.m. | Entertainment - <i>Gerald Charlie - main stage</i>   |
| 4:00  | p.m. | 50/50 & Program Draw - <i>Grandstand</i>   |

## Did you know?

### Slahal Game - (Indian bone game)

This is the traditional guessing game used by Indian tribes in all parts of the country. The game is played with two sets of bones. One set is all white while the other is white with a black stripe. The white stands for the female and the black for the male. In a short game, seven sticks are used, while in a long game twenty-one are used. The game is played with two teams with one person being the leader or guesser for each side. The object is to get all the sticks. This is done by guessing where the female bone is.

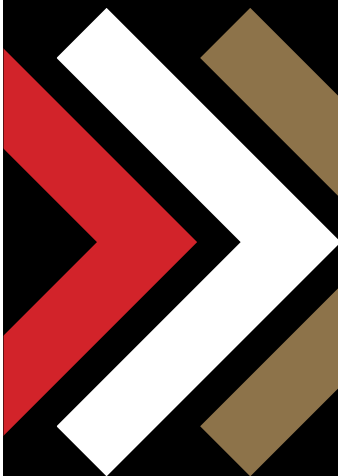


**Information  
booth (located  
in front of  
Millennium  
Hall)**

**Location of  
events: Map  
located on the  
back of this  
program**

- Site Maps / Routes
- Schedules of all games updated after each game
- Seabird Island Souvenirs
- Program Draw Entries
- 50/50 Sales
- Lost and Found

- Opening Ceremonies – Saturday 10 a.m. - *Main Stage*
- Salmon BBQ – ready at noon
- Men's Soccer - *Field 1 & 2*
- Women's Soccer - *Field 3, beside Elementary School*
- U16/U13 - *Field 4/5/6, behind Band Office*
- U10 - *Field 7/8, behind Band Office*
- U7/U5- *Field 9/10, behind Band Office*
- Concession - *Millennium Hall & Band Office*
- First Aid - *College #2*
- Security - *College #2*
- Elders Lounge - *College #10*
- Lost and Found - located at the *Information Booth*.
- Griffin Security 604-703-0888 - Notify in case of drug/alcohol use, theft or concerns.
- Grievance- Submit your grievance in writing to the designated tent.
- Seabird Island Communications/Apparel Booth - *College*



## Authorized ticket sales

Seabird Island Band holds the ultimate authority to do all raffles and 50/50s, good luck! Anybody caught selling raffle tickets or 50/50 tickets will have tickets taken away. Seabird Island Band is not liable for any draws that have not been approved by the Festival Committee.

**50/50 Tickets:** Proceeds help offset costs of the Seabird Island Festival. Price: \$1.00 each Draw: 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Grandstand and will be announced. You do not have to be present to win.

**Program Draw:** Proceeds help offset the cost of the Seabird Island Festival. Please fill out the information ticket inside and drop off at the Information Booth. Draw: 4:00 p.m. Sunday at the Grandstand and will be announced. You do not have to be present to win.

**Note:** Approved sellers are wearing Seabird Island Band t-shirts. Please print clearly on all tickets and include your phone number.

Good luck!



## Concession menus

### Breakfast (Main

Concession Only)

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Lunch (Main

Concession &

Band Office)

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Hot Dog Stand

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Traditional Salmon

Barbeque

*(SOLD OUT by noon)*

Combo #1 (Sausage breakfast sandwich, hash brown, juice/coffee)	\$6.00
Combo #2 (Muffin, yogurt tube, piece of fruit, juice/coffee)	\$5.00
Hash brown	\$2.00
Fruit	\$1.00
Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Combo #1 (Plain burger, fries)	\$6.00
Combo #2 (Cheeseburger, fries)	\$7.00
Combo #3 (Deluxe burger, fries)	\$7.00
Combo #4 (Deluxe Cheeseburger, fries)	\$8.00
Plain Burger	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Deluxe Burger (lettuce & tomato)	\$5.00
Deluxe Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Large Fries	\$4.00
Small Fries	\$2.00
Gravy	\$1.00
Fruit	\$1.00
Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
50 <sup>th</sup> Festival Souvenir cup (free coffee/tea refills)	\$15.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Smokie	\$4.00
Pop	\$1.00
Gatorade	\$3.00
Water / Juice	
BBQ Salmon Dinner (1 piece salmon, potato salad or Rice)	\$12.00
BBQ Salmon (1 piece)	\$10.00
Side Potato Salad or Rice	\$4.00

**Debit/ATM machine located at Band Office.**



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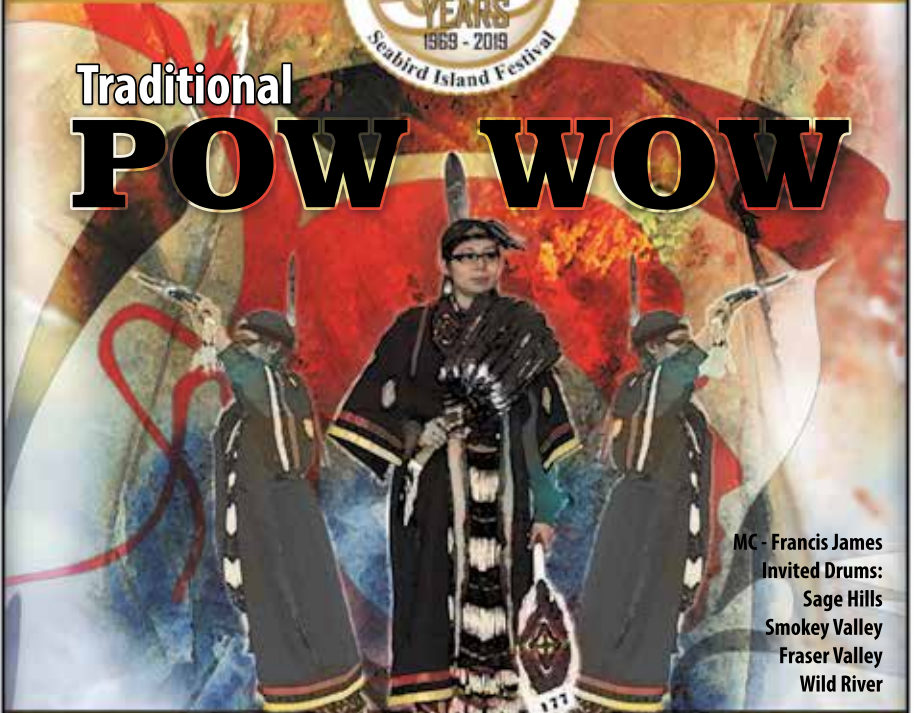


**FREE  
ENTRY!**



**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

# Traditional **POW WOV**



MC - Francis James  
Invited Drums:  
Sage Hills  
Smokey Valley  
Fraser Valley  
Wild River

### Schedule:

Grand Entry - 1 p.m.

Dinner - 5 - 7 p.m.

Grand Entry 7 p.m.

### Specials:

Men's Traditional Open Age

Women's Traditional Open Age

Women's Jingle

Men's Grass

## May 25, 2019 Seabird Island Band Gymnasium

*Committee not responsible for theft, injury or short funded travelers*

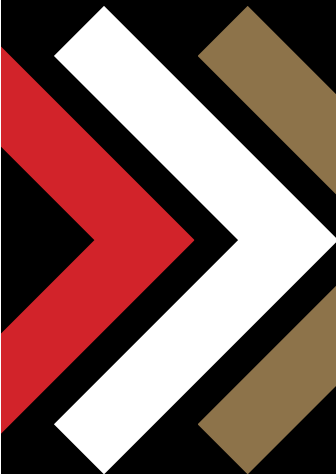
Sponsors



- Arts & Craft Vendors  
- Food Vendors  
- No Drugs/Alcohol



For more information contact: Charlene Point, Events Coordinator - [charlene@seabirdisland.ca](mailto:charlene@seabirdisland.ca)



# Remembering the history of Seabird Island Festival



*Preparation for the war canoe races for the fifth Seabird Island Festival, as shown in the Agassiz Advance on May 28, 1975. The caption in the paper reads "Someone sure got a good word in for the excellent weather during the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seabird Indian Festival held last weekend. At press time Monday, we were unable to get race results, but the turnout was described as excellent and was enjoyed by all who attended. The picture above shows a couple of two-man canoes preparing to go into the water." (Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society)*



# Sportsmanship

*Seabird Island Band's First Nation Festival concurs with and adopts the philosophy of Fair Play Canada. The following is an excerpt from Fair Play Canada's Fair Play Codes.*

**Fair play** is an attitude, a way of thinking. It can be taught and it can be learned. Once it's learned, it can apply to every aspect of a person's life. That's why fair play is so important and that's why all of us are responsible.

The fair play philosophy becomes reality through the creation of a more ethical sport system, one that is democratic and grounded in the principles of integrity, fairness and respect.

Through sport, athletes learn about setting goals, working hard and having fun. They learn to respect their own abilities, and those of their competitors, and to value the effort of all participants, regardless of ability. When guided appropriately, athletes begin to realize that the joy of sport is as much in the effort as in the result.

## Fair play

Everyone involved in sport, from parents and spectators to athletes, officials and coaches, can and should play a part in promoting fair play. And the easiest way to do this is to lead by example; to always respect the written and unwritten rules of the game. It is also essential to learn how to constructively manage stress so that fair play skills and instincts will not be lost in the heat of competition.



# SEABIRD FESTIVAL PAST TO FUTURE

2006



1996



READY FOR YOUR NEW STATUS GARD HERE!

2006



2005

2006



1995



1996

# CELEBRATING WITH PRIDE

2011

2010

2012

2014

2009

2010

2010

2011



## Smile Seabird photographers on site!

Professional photographers employed by the Event Organizer, the Seabird Island Band, and local reporters will be present taking pictures and video footage at the event. These images may be used, without further notification, at a later date to market this event and future events, within the following printed materials: brochures, newsletters, marketing material, programs, videos and / or digital images such as those on the Seabird website, Facebook and lobby televisions.

## Safety First

**PLEASE REMEMBER** when parking your vehicle, look to see if your vehicle is blocking another vehicle to exit or enter the designated area.

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL AND ROAD SAFETY WHEN WATCHING THE WAR CANOES.** Many spectators pull a lawn chair out and place this on the pavement of the road. The road is very narrow and when two vehicles are passing by each other can become dangerous.

Drug and Alcohol Free Event

- Procedures

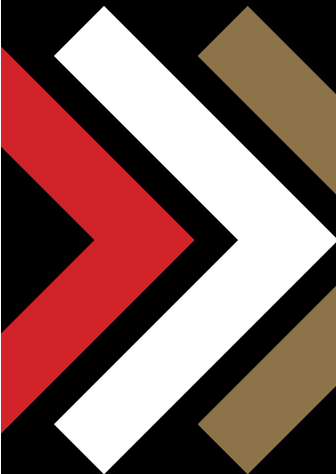
## Tune-In

**Listen to FM 87.9** for Festival broadcasts and announcements

## Liabilities

Seabird Island and the Pow Wow Committee are not responsible for theft, injury or short funded travelers.

Park at own risk! Seabird Island assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to property or vehicles.



## In case of an emergency:

The Seabird Island Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen goods, damaged property or injuries. Players participate at their own risk. In case of an emergency, staff will contact emergency personnel for you.

**Safety First:** Child safety near traffic can be affected by two major players: drivers and parents. For their part, young children have not yet developed the necessary skills to safely assess the dangers of the road.

Please keep your eyes on your children!

**First Aid:** Located at the College Portable #2. Attendants are also walking the site between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Lost Child:** Report to any Sports Tent, they will radio to MC to announce immediately.

**Child Left Behind:** MC to announce and ask child to report to Info. Booth.

**Lost and Found:** Located at the Information Tent located between Field 1 and the Main Concession.

**Security:** Police and Security will be making regular patrols 24 hours a day. Report any drug or alcohol use to security. (*Griffin Security dispatch number: 604-703-0888*).

**Grievance:** Notify committee at sports tent

### **Car in No parking zone:**

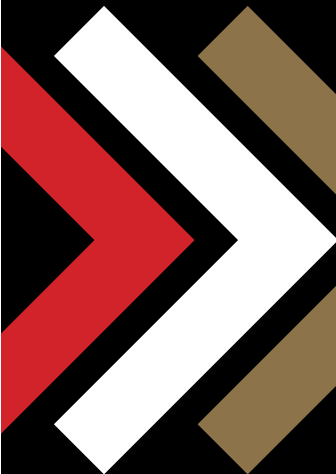
Call Pioneer Motors; tow truck 604-796-9055.

**Dial 911:** For any medical emergency, domestic/assault, or fire.

### **Emergency Vehicle Access Routes:**

- Spectators will not be permitted to park along Field #1 at anytime.
- Do not block any entrances!

These areas are to be kept clear of vehicles to ensure there is a route for emergency personnel.





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