



## BUGLE



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**Regular monthly meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 6:30 pm  
(except July & August)  
Craft Room, Campbell River Community Hall  
401-11th Ave  
Campbell River, BC

# RIPPLE ROCK GEM & MINERAL CLUB

## RIPPLE ROCK EXECUTIVE 2024

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## WORKSHOP

Shop located at 247 Dahl Rd.

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### MEMBERSHIPS

A single membership is \$15.00 and a family is \$25.00. Memberships may be paid at the General meetings, or by mail to the address on the Bugle cover.

**Programs:**

The Club meets at 6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month (except July and August), in the craft room at the Campbell River Community Centre, 401-11<sup>th</sup> Ave downtown Campbell River. Guests are always welcome! After each meeting we have entertainment related to some facet of the lapidary hobby.

**Workshop:**

The Club has an equipped workshop for lapidary work. New members must take a training course to learn lapidary arts and equipment before regular access to the shop is allowed. There is a minimal charge for the use of the equipment.

**Field Trips:**

The Wagonmaster organizes several family friendly field trips and camps throughout the year.

**Newsletter (Bugle):**

The Bugle is the Club newsletter. Its purpose is to inform members about monthly meeting, field trips, camps, activities, and almost anything related to RockHounding and Lapidary skills and equipment.

**Code of Conduct (British Columbia Lapidary Society):**

- I will respect private property and do no Rockhounding without the owner's permission.*
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in Rockhounding areas.*
- I will take garbage home or deposit in a proper receptacle.*
- I will leave gates as found.*
- I will do no willful damage to materials or take more than I can reasonably use.*
- I will fill excavations which may be dangerous to other people or livestock.*
- I will build fires in designated places only, and make sure they are completely extinguished before leaving.*
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.*
- I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.*
- I will obey all laws and regulations of forestry and game departments in the area in which I am Rockhounding.*
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources and wildlife.*
- I will always use good outdoor manners.*
- I will show respect to other club members.*

**Ripple Rock Gem & Mineral Club Membership Application**

Single membership, 18 years and up, \$15

Family membership, 2 adults and children under 18, \$25

Membership is for the calendar year.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: landline \_\_\_\_\_ or cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (our primary method of communication) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, I agree to abide by all Club bylaws and rules.

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Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club was chartered in 1989 with at least 10 members.



Charter Members included:

Gordon & Jean Billings	Rudy Brule	Gwen & Clarence Langill
Jack McGowan	Morris & Lily Page	Bob & Myrtle Thompson

In the history of the Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club a few members were awarded LIFE memberships for their service to the Club. This means that they receive free Club membership for life. It also means that the Club will include their names in the membership roster submitted to the British Columbia Lapidary society each year. We pay their BCLS dues.

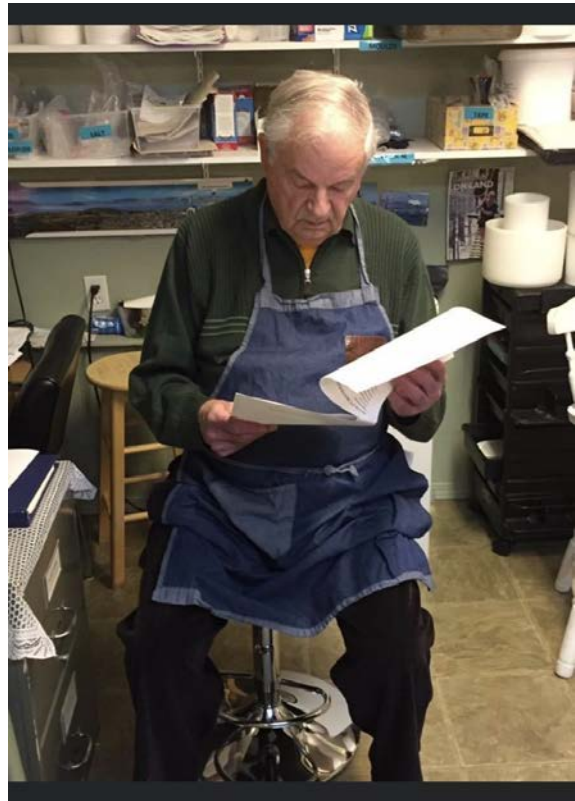


We have eight LIFE members. They are:

Beba Adams	Gord Billings	Penny Devlin
Charlie & Lena Hallstrom	Gwen Langill	Jack & Jan Boyes

Penny owns the shop we have our equipment in. Charlie's collection is an important display for our show. Beba is a vendor at our show.

### Gordon Alan Billings

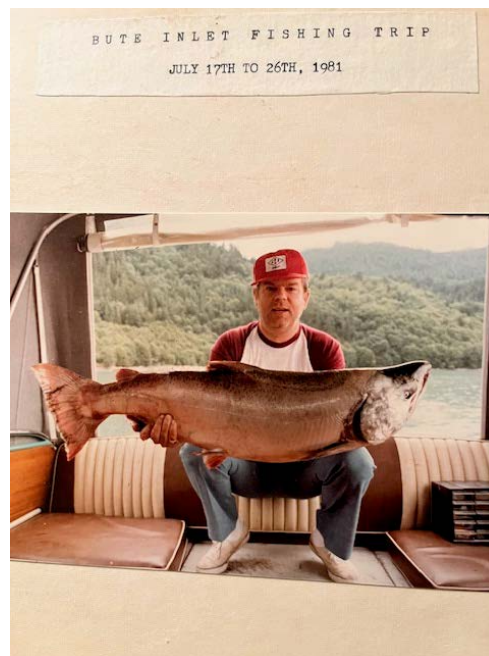


Born in Vancouver, schooled in Vancouver, worked in Vancouver (McBurney's Insurance Agency (Richmond)), retired to Campbell River. Married Jean Mclean, from one of Campbell River's pioneer families, the Mclean's. They have two children, Elizabeth and Alan. Elizabeth now oversees Gordon's care. Alan is Richmond's Fire Chief.

In the 1950s, Gordon took up competitive sailing of small sailboat class. He tried out for the Canadian Olympic team of that class in Toronto. Somebody else was chosen to represent Canada in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne Australia.

Neighbors of Gordon's in laws, Myrtle and Bob Thompson inspired Gordon and Jean to become rockhounds. They joined the Richmond Gem and Mineral club in the 1980s before He and Jean retired to Campbell River in 1990. While in Richmond he was taught basic lapidary, silver smithing and faceting by instructors of the Mineral club. He was elected to executive positions within the Richmond club and the B C Lapidary Society before he and Jean moved to Campbell River.

While living in Richmond, Gordon and Jean became charter members of the Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral club. After they moved to Campbell River, Gordon was elected as our president for four years. He instructed members of the club in lapidary and faceting. He took university courses to learn how to identify rocks and minerals.



(Obligatory fish photo)

Before excessive maturity slowed he and Jean down, they attended many rock club functions throughout B C and most of these functions are still held annually. (Check the B C Lapidary website for dates and locations of the Rendezvous, Summer Camp, club rock shows, Island Faceters meetings, Gemboree, field trips, auctions, tail gate sales and ....) Rockhounding, vacationing and recreational trips took them North to Alaska and South to Tucson, Quartzite and other places in Utah, Arizona, and Nevada. Of

course, you cannot go to those places and come home without going through Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.



Port McNeill (Cluxewe campground), Gemboree 2006

Quotes from Gordon:

We're leaving on the field trip at eight? Eight in the morning? EIGHT AM!!! ARE YOU NUTS???

Somebody fed me too much wine last night and I think was you.