

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Scott Palmer's highlight of the year is buying his first home. With steady work as a GIS technician at Triton Environmental, he felt it was time to settle down. He, his partner Laura, who runs the Bear Awareness program in the Prince George region and their family of pets, Grisome, Keira and Outdoor Kitty are really enjoying their huge yard in a quiet outer suburb of Prince George. Big "Thumbs UP!" on your new pad!



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



Palmer's front porch!

It was once said that time is really perception... well! seems like it has been flying by! 2012 has been a busy year for us, a major move, weddings, work and of course, time at the Ranch! We hope that this finds you and your loved ones enjoying each moment and wish you **ALL the VERY BEST** in the coming New Year! In the meantime, hope you enjoy our update.....**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Message from TEAA

This year has just flown by! It seems our children are all doing so well. My oldest, **Scott** and **Laura** bought their first house and as you can see it's a cutie, with two dogs and the newest member of the family "Out Door Kitty" they are filling it up nicely. Our hope is to spend Christmas Day with them in Prince George. **Tor**, looking so handsome in his tux, gave the most heartfelt speech at his brother's wedding, I couldn't have been prouder. We are looking forward to going to his defence speech for his thesis in the spring. **Stefano** and **Caitlyn's** wedding was just beautiful and Caitlyn looked absolutely gorgeous and by the look on Stef's face I think everyone will agree he is the happiest man on earth. What a lovely day it was for the kids! **Now, for me**, with so much going on this year, Robin and I did not take a vacation except to the ranch which I don't consider a vacation as it is a lot of work. The boardwalk took three days of

manual labour and one of us feels that is a holiday; can you guess which one? Rum and Pop moved in with us at the end of April and I have nothing but the deepest respect and love for both of my Mothers as they have shown me what it is to truly love and take care of their husbands. Watching my dad slip away and now watching Pop go through his illness with dementia has been extremely hard to watch. I love you so much Rum, God bless you and God bless everyone. Tracy_atherton@msn.com



TEAA lands another!



TEAA BIRTHDAY WSR!



TEAA Garlic patch!

Masters in Ag Ec. We will be going out to hear his final presentation and defense in late April. He is already in the process of sending out applications for his PHD and we have our fingers crossed that he ends up closer to home. He will be with us for a couple of weeks over Xmas so we look forward to spending time with him.

Way to go Boog! enduring the Eastern climate!



It was a big year for **Stefano & Caitlyn**, getting married in late July was for sure one of our highlights of the year. Stefano continues his love for flyfishing and we enjoyed spending time on the lake



Working the Flats!

this past summer and fall. Stefano continues his studies at UBC Med School, you may even run into him if you end up in the Kelowna or Vernon hospital. Caitlyn is really enjoying her new job as office manager for a Doctor in Kelowna. **Congratulations!** to them both and to **Stefano** on being awarded "**WSR Angler of the Year!**" You fished hard! ☺

Rum's "Clan" @ Stef/Caitlyn Wedding!



Rum & the Captain



March 2012

made the decision in late March to leave the Island and move in with us! Hard decision for Rum however the Captain's slide into Alzheimer's has been rapid and she needed support. Watching him slip away mentally has been very difficult for all of us but especially Kitty. As we go to press, Pop has been admitted into the hospital and on his Dr.'s advice, he has been placed in full time care. We feel for Rum, understanding that after taking care of him for over 60 years, it is not easy to see him in this condition and step back and watch someone else take care of him. We realize that this is how it will be and know that the Captain is in safe hands and Kitty will be able to spend time with him and the rest of the family. Rum can be contacted at tolhurstkm@hotmail.com.



Our new home @ Hillcrest – After four years of living in the trailer and need for more space for Rum and the Captain we found what we feel is the perfect nest for the next 5 or so years. Hillcrest is a new development on the Langley/Cloverdale border and offered a floor plan which is almost impossible to find these days. It is 1550 sq. feet duplex with a master bedroom, ensuite on the main floor and a secondary master and ensuite upstairs. So, no stairs for Rum and even a spare room for visitors! Look forward to sharing with you in the future! ☺

There is nothing better than catching a fish!

Warm Springs Ranch Update

There never seems to be enough time for us at the Ranch! In 2012 we built what I call the "Stairway to Heaven" completing the first and second stages of a boardwalk which allows



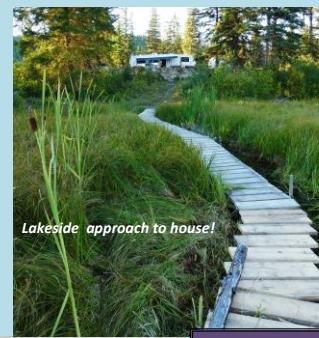
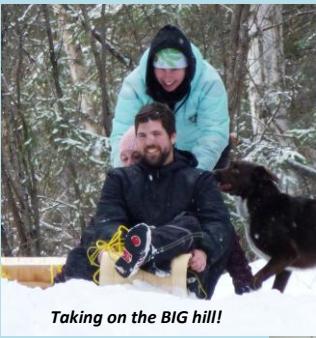
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convenient access from our building site to where we launch the boats. We used logs from downed trees on the Ranch and recycled lumber courtesy of my buddy Chris D. With 200 feet of boardwalk finished there's just 80 feet to go to the lake where we will build a dock and deck in the spring of 2013. In mid-**February**, we came up for Tracy's birthday. What a blast we had skiing and sledding around the Ranch with Scott, Laura and the doggies. Our only problem was the propane in the trailer was frozen which meant **no heat! None!!** No problem, the first night it was a **warm** minus 4 degrees, However our 2nd night, it dropped to a **frigid -14** degrees and that was inside the trailer. Our boots were frozen to the trailer floor and needless to say we were packed up and on the road by 8 am that morning. Talk about piling on the blankets, & kudos to **TEAA** for hanging in there the whole time. Bet her next birthday will be a **warm one!** Each year we learn more about fishing the lake. The highlight of the year for us was our last trip in late October where the



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fish right off of our waterfront was awesome. Sure there was a little snow falling and it was a bit cool. Awesome leech action with fish reaching 20+ inches. This period will become a yearly pilgrimage in the future, you can count on it. Our plans for **WSR** remain the same, we will build our home on the lake in 2017 and in the meantime we will pitter and patter around the Ranch, working on the road, the garden, the boardwalk and anything that draws our attention, in between our many fishing trips. Hope you consider a visit up to the Ranch in 2013. **Make it HAPPEN!**



**Memories are a part
of our future, make
one TODAY!**



RGT Message

I continue to mow fairways at Morgan Creek (great crew) and still help in the BLE office. Happy to say that my life is laying lines on the turf riding a tractor or on the lake from my boat and I am very happy & content! On the personal side –First, I am super proud of all three of my sons and the life they are building for themselves. I am also appreciative of how TEAA and all of my family have stepped up to help Rum through this difficult transition in her life. **Thank you!**

In closing I realize **life** can be cruel and the combination of watching both "**the Captain**" and "**the Dingo**" slide away has definitely been a wakeup call for me! For the last few years my mantra for those willing to listen has been "**Grasp the moment!...Family is everything!...Make a difference!... Make it happen!**" and now, more than ever, it has hit home. I will continue to focus on **TEAA** ☺ our **family and the Ranch** and do my best to appreciate and enjoy every moment given to me! **God Bless!** **#Equalizer00**



Sandra Mae aka "The Dingo" has been diagnosed with Canine Degenerative Myelopathy, a disease very similar to MS. We noticed her back paw dragging when she was walking and took her into the Vet. She will continue to lose feeling and control of her back legs and although she feels no pain, it has been very hard for us to watch how quickly the disease is progressing. She will continue to be a wingman to Robin, in his car and boat and enjoy each moment she is given to share with us. **Congratulations!** to Sandy, the 2012 "WSR Fishfinder of the Year"!



**A dog is
the
only thing
on
earth that
loves you
more
than
she loves
herself!**



Five phrases we need to use more:

- "I love you!"
- "Thank you!"
- "Can I help you?"
- "You are right!"
- "I'm sorry!"



There is a peace here, hard to explain but easy to find!

2013 Events Calendar

- February 19 TEAA's 50th (location TBD)
- April 29 Tor's Master's Defense (Guelph)
- Late May Family Round Up (Warm Springs Ranch)
- Late July Ranch Work Party (Warm Springs Ranch)
- Early Sept. Fall Derby (Warm Springs Ranch)
- Mid October Thanksgiving Derby (Warm Springs Ranch)

MAKE a difference in 2013!