

# SEASON'S GREETING from Tracy & Robin!



The Atherton/Hystad/Tolhurst Clan Xmas 2010 at Mt. Timothy 40 minutes from the Ranch!

**Season's Greetings to ALL our friends and loved ones.** 2011 has flown by bringing good times, challenging times, times to remember and times to forget, nonetheless, it has been quite a year. We hope that you enjoy our update and we wish you and those around you, ALL the VERY BEST in 2012! Make it special!

In 2011 Scott and his girlfriend Laura, graduated with Bachelor degrees at UNBC. Scott landed quickly into the work force getting a job in his field of GPS mapping and Laura will continue her studies working on her Masters at UNBC. Scott loves his work and they both continue to enjoy the great outdoors in Prince George with their dogs, Keira and Grismo!



Time never stops! Enjoy each moment NOW!

## Message from TEAA

This year has been a year of travel for Robin and I. February we went to the Dominican Republic and in October we travelled to Australia. What an amazing trip we had. I can't thank my new friends (new family actually) enough! Robin was so excited to see all his friends, I don't think I have ever seen him so happy. Very special thanks to Beryl and Allan for their kindness, hospitality and the use of their car, to my new Aussie sister Jenn and to Cupper for making our vacation the trip of a lifetime. I will never forget your kindness to me personally, your warmth, genuine care and friendship. Thank you so much! I hope that all of you have a great holiday and I wish you the best in 2012.

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Dominican Feb. 2011



Kata Tjuta, Northern Territories



Narooma, NSW



Couple of Wild Ones

This year Tracy became a full time Assistant Steward in the work pool which finds her working on a variety of ships. After 23 years at BC Ferries it was time to move up! She enjoys the new challenge but continues to look forward to her retirement in 2018. She really loves fishing up at the Ranch and in 2011, tied with Stefano as "Top Angler".

## Rum and Pop Update

It has been a trying year for Rum and Pop. The Captain has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and it has progressed quicker than we expected. Kitty has done a valiant job caring for him but it has not been easy. Rum is really looking forward to Christmas as her oldest daughter Leslie and her son Scott will visit over the holidays and Laureen, her youngest will be spending a few weeks with them in the New Year.

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Rum's 80th ☺

After much deliberation, Tor Nicholas chose Guelph University (over Cornell) to write his Masters in Agriculture Economics. For the next 18 months Guelph will be his home and we miss him dearly. Checking out some of his Facebook entries, he appears to be making the best of it.



His Eastern hobbies include squash and he plans to spend some of his free time this winter staying fit on the XC skating track.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stefano and Caitlyn who announced their engagement in August of this year and have set the wedding date for July 21, 2012. AWESOME! In the fall of 2011, Stef started Medical school at the UBC Vancouver campus however in January, he will continue at their new campus in Kelowna where they will live for the next few years while he interns. Caitlyn completed her Bachelor degree this past Spring at SFU and will work and hold down the fort in Kelowna. Stefano has become an avid fly fisherman so we expect to see the two of them up at the Ranch often.





## Warm Springs Ranch Update

2011 was a



The "OUTBACK" shed!

busy year at the Ranch, the lake was the highest level in 30 years which meant road and trail maintenance. We finished stage two of our shed, putting up the back and building the front and we bought a 30 ft. trailer to

be our temporary home until we build our house in a couple of more years. Quite a treat for us after staying in a 14 footer the last few years. As usual fishing was awesome, including ice fishing in late December, 2011.



Stef pulls in a winter rainbow!



Papa! I see a big one!

**Memories don't just happen, they have to be made! Make the effort!**



Our new home at the Ranch!



Our 1<sup>st</sup> WSR bonfire - Dec. 29, 2011



WSR 2011 "Top Angler"

## SPITFIRE 15

After two years of love and labour, my personal project, the Acorn 15 was completed, commissioned and launched

at the Ranch in mid July. "Spitfire" is super fast rowing and I look forward to building a mast for her this winter and sailing her next summer.



July 17, 2011 11:26 am Ruth Lake

Special thanks! to my spiritual leader Murray who has shared his love for building boats, for his guidance, support and of course his workshop. You are friend and a true healer.



Gliding is effortless. The hum of the hull against the water takes you to tranquility, a peaceful haven of content and fulfillment. It just doesn't get any better!

## RGT Update

**One's focus changes as the years go by and age becomes more of an issue. Our parents, our children, ourselves all**

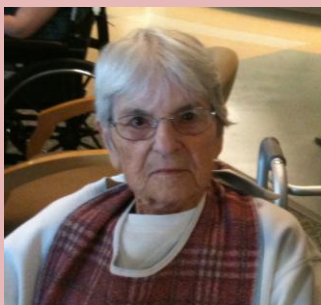
affected one way or the other by aging. For 2011, Tracy and I made the decision that it was time to travel, see the places that we wanted to see before aging bogged us down. The Dominican was a chance to see the Caribbean and we were not disappointed. But our trip of the lifetime was our 5 week visit to Australia. Awesome hardly describes our visit. Many thanks to my best friend Cupper and all his family; we were treated like royalty and we will be forever in their debt. Special friends are really family and we will never forget our Australian family. Thanks also to Jen and Stefan who opened their home and hearts to us. We look forward to returning all that kindness in the near future. Stay tuned for WSR Reunion 2012!



Our Aussie Family!

I continue to cut fairways and fescue at **Morgan Creek GC**, love working outdoors and still do some marketing work for my baseball buddies at Big League Experience. "Get it Done" will be my mantra for 2012; I will continue to believe in "No Bad Days" and I will do my best to get the most of every moment I am given with my loved ones! Make 2012 a special one for all around you! God Bless!

## Farewells 2011



Rose Atherton 1925 - 2011

**Five phrases we don't use enough:**

- "I'm sorry"
- "I love you"
- "Can I help you?"
- "I was wrong"
- "I need you"

**Be humble, helpful and believe. Make it happen in 2012!**

## Upcoming EVENTS 2012

- Dec. 29 - Winter fun at the Ranch!
- May 2 - Mammoth Race Camp Reunion!
- July - Fishing at WSR!
- July 21 - Caitlyn & Stef wedding!
- July 23 - WSR Fishing Derby!
- Aug. 21 - Lisa and Kyle wedding!



The "Dingo" continues to love fishing and riding in the boat. She is a constant companion when I am setting pins at the golf course and a wingman on any trip in the car or boat. She loves visiting the Ranch and would prefer to live there full time and always enjoys her time with Rum and Pop.

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. Gilda Radner