

GREETINGS from the Ranch!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Once again it is that time of the year to let you know what's going with the Atherton/Tolhurst clan. We hope that you take the time to catch up with us and wish you and your loved ones **ALL the VERY BEST in 2024!**

Scott Palmer and Rosa are on the move! After more than fifteen years in Prince George they are leaving to go to work for the city of Medicine Hat in Southern Alberta. It was not any easy decision and his friends and his baseball community will surely miss him. Not to worry, they have a senior men's baseball league (he has already checked it out) and a much longer golf season. When baseball is in your blood, you always find a place to play. We are certain he is ready for the new challenge and wish him all the best! We look forward to spending New Year's 2024 with him & Rosa!

Wrigley Field



PEACE



Caitlyn, Stef, Noah & Finn had an exciting year! They bought their 1st house, a bigger boat, the boy's changed schools and Stef is now working full time in Nanaimo as a radiologist. So lucky Caitlyn is there to keep everyone organized and on time. Their new house sits on top of a hill overlooking departure bay, what a spectacular view they enjoy! The boys are now full time into ice hockey and between school, hockey and boating, it is full steam ahead in their household! When Stef is not working, you can usually find C and him out on the local waters hauling in prawns, Dungeness crabs and of course, salmon. Looking forward to spending more time w/ them.



FAMILY



GG Rum turned 92 this year and has had a very eventful year starting with a fall off our treadmill prior to last Christmas resulting in a dislocated shoulder. Next in February, she fell again and dislocated and broke her other arm. Not easy taking care of yourself when both your arms are pretty much immobile. Now, after a tenacious schedule of exercises and physio she is back to her busy life at her residence in White Rock. We look forward to sharing Christmas with her @ the Ranch but promise to keep her off the treadmill!

Matriarch



Gramma TT 2023 has been quite a year for me, full of family, friends, fishing and surprises. **March** found us in Nanaimo visiting our grandsons and family. Of course much of the time was spent on the water, fishing and prawning. **Fun! Fun! Fun!** **May** we enjoyed some of the best fishing ever, catching and releasing over 100 Ranch rainbows! **June** brought us the Lindeman's, complete with their 42 foot motor coach! What a sight that was coming down our road! What a lovely visit and what great friends, Lauryn and Bob have become. **July** and **August**, RT and I constructed the pergola and deck on the lakeside of the house, so proud of what we have built together. And just when things are going really well, someone tells you that you have cancer. Not a great conversation piece but I am grateful to report it was caught early and I can now say I am cancer free! **Autumn** brought more good fishing and another trip to Nanaimo where I spent a fun week with my bestie, Edith! Gawd! I miss that girl! In **November**, RT and I started back on the interior trim on the ceiling and decorative glass, talk about fine details! Finally, **Winter** is here, the decorations and tree are up and I look forward to having my son and Rum visit us @ the Ranch! **Stay safe, stay healthy and stay close!**



LAUGH, LOVE, FORGIVE, SHARE, BE KIND & BE HUMBLE!

RANCH REPORT

Each year brings a new project or two to our table. As soon as the lake was clear we refurbished and repaired the main boardwalk across the marsh. Many of the original logs supporting the walkway were rotting but instead of replacing them (most were too big to move) we placed a 3x4 beam on them and secured them with GRK screws. Next we removed all the planks and flipped them over and reattached. Presto! Big job of 2023 was the pergola and deck. Using logs from our property, we milled, planed, stained and "got her done!" For 2024, we will build a deck around the pergola and firepit. January through March, the **Ranch house** kept us busy installing live edge trim around our pine ceiling. One more room and the ceiling trim is done. Final job in the coming winter will be the trim around the interior decorative glass! Always busy @ **the Ranch**!



RGT Update Time really seemed to fly this year @ the **Ranch**! Getting the boardwalk done took us into a spectacular month of fishing in **May** followed by a great visit from old Rossi friends, **Lauryn** and **Bob** and then back to work on our pergola. It's rewarding to see and share all we have accomplished here @ the **Ranch**, I truly am indebted to my partner, **TT** for keeping me grounded and on a positive path. As we all eventually realize, it is not that life is never easy or not, but rather what you make of it. I couldn't be prouder of our three sons and the lives they are busy building and look forward to spending more time with them in the future. Tracy's health scare this summer and a recent diagnosis for me (which will send me for surgery in January) reaffirm the importance of grasping and enjoying every moment! This is our plan for 2024! **LOVE, LIVE, ENJOY!**



Tolhurst/Groce Clan



The Graham's



Rossi Bob



Clifford Clan



Tolhurst/Groce Clan

MOMENTS

WSR 2023 Fisherman of the Year! Is always a special moment each year! We had a couple of months of spectacular fishing, catching and releasing over 100 **Ranch** rainbows the month of May! We were happy to give all our family and friends a chance to enjoy our lake and encourage all of you to come out and visit for a chance to win this prestigious award. Spring and fall are definitely the best times but we promise to get you out on the lake, no matter the time you visit the **Ranch**! This year it was a very close race between myself and my partner, **TT**. Lots of good size fish but no lake records broken. After meticulous calculations, the **WSR 2023 Fisherman of the Year** is 7 time winner, **Tracy E Atherton!** CONGRATULATIONS!

