

The Scott Family Gazette

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Merry Belated Christmas! It is late Christmas afternoon as we write this, and I'm sure significantly later when we send, but tradition (even when late) must go on.

We rung in the 2015 New Year, at Shuswap Lake, at Glen's parents place – spending time not only with Glen's parents but also with his brother's family. We left Glen's parent's on New Years Day and headed to Sun Peaks where we stayed at The Grand, for a few fun days of skiing.

The trip to Sun Peaks was appreciated by all, because due to what has been known as The (weather) Blob (large mass of warm air off the Pacific coast), the snow at the lower mainland ski hills was basically non-existent for the winter of 2014/2015. The snow at Sun Peaks was thankfully good, so we had several good days of skiing. Glen spent one short afternoon skiing with Nancy Greene Raine, Canadian athlete of the 20th century, gold medallist (plus more) at the winter olympics, and

For skiing near home, we only went to Mount Seymour once in the whole year, for a rather tepid day of skiing.

Kayla and Melissa continued taking lessons in the early part of the year... Besides Kayla in grade 2 and Melissa in kindergarten, they were in Mandarin lessons after school on Mondays, swimming lessons late afternoons on both Monday and Wednesday. Melissa was in piano lessons on Saturday mornings while Kayla was in art.

For spring break Susan had a week getaway to her cousins destination wedding in the Dominican Republic. Glen's parent's helped out by being down to look after the girls while Glen worked. For the second week of spring break the family ski holiday tradition continued with us meeting up with Jen and Zack and their kids for a few days of gorgeous skiing at Big White in Kelowna.



Scott Family with Santa, December 2015. Merry Christmas!

Easter was spent with an egg hunt happening at Glen's parent's place in Anglemont, all for the last time at that location as Glen's parents had sold their place at the Shuswap to buy a place in Kamloops.

In June, as the lesson year came to a close, Melissa performed in a piano recital at Burnaby's Shadbolt Centre for the Arts. Job well

done!

In the summer we took a couple of weeks to go camping. The early portion of the trip we spent at Alice Lake, just north of Squamish, with a regular tradition camp with at the large group campsite with a group arranged by our friends Zack and Jen. The days were spent having a fun time mountain biking, swimming, biking, marshmallow roasting, and singing. After that half week of fun we looped back through home for restocking of supplies in the trailer and continued on our way to a family reunion happening just outside of Picture Butte Alberta.

Along the way some highlights included spending time at the Enchanted Forest, a little ways outside of Revelstoke; time visiting with relatives in Calgary; visit to Royal Tyrell Dinosaur Museum to see dinosaur skeletons (and to visit with Glen's old school friend Dave Shanks and his son Alex who made the trip out from Edmonton); the Frank Slide; Fort Steele (including the steam train ride); plus swimming in Lake Osoyoos.

We also visited Playland at the PNE, where we rode as a family ALL the roller coasters, including THE COASTER (the Playland Signature attraction, designated as a Coaster Classic by American Coaster Enthusiasts).

Late August, on the weekend that Kayla was to have a sleepover birthday party, the lower mainland was hit by a heavy windstorm that knocked out power to more than half the households in the lower mainland. With our power out (and trees down throughout the neighborhood),



Melissa on rollerblades

we had to postpone the party and spend the weekend in the dark. We spent a more than 40 hours without power at our house. We avoided cabin fever by taking a drive out to Kilby Museum (Kilby being just outside Harrison Mills, just outside Harrison Hot Springs). We tried to keep food from spoiling by keeping the fridge and freezer closed, and having the regular use items in a cooler we had plugged into one of our vehicles.

The fall saw the girls entering grades 1 and 3, and both taking up piano lessons; regular swim lessons; Melissa in ballet lessons and Kayla taking a dance style called Acro, a style taking moves equally from dance and acrobatics, probably seen by those of you who have seen a Cirque du Soleil performance.

Halloween saw a tour trick or treating around the neighborhood with Kayla dressed as a witch and Melissa dressed as a dalmation dog.

Kayla's birthday sleepover did eventually happen after being rescheduled for a couple of weeks after the power outage, and comparatively speaking Melissa's went off without a hitch, with the girls from her class spending a fun time at Crash Crawly's.

Both girls have been attending birthday parties and attending playdates as fall turned into winter. Their school, Montecito Elementary, has had a number of successful Christmas events, ranging from the standard (but excellent) Christmas concert, and a pancake breakfast with Santa.

For the two weeks that the girls are off from school

for Christmas holidays, Glen has the same two weeks of time off from work. Susan has worked the first couple of days, and then is taking the rest of the time off. For the few days that Susan was

working, Glen and the girls went skiing at Mount Seymour. Both days were excellent with a good base of new powder.

We held our annual Christmas brunch on the opening weekend of the Christmas holidays, with a good number of our friends over for brunch and visiting.

Once Susan was off we drove up to Kamloops to spend time with Glen's parents for

Christmas and have had a relaxing few days.

We are driving back home a few days after Christmas and we hope to get more days of skiing in, plus another extended family dinner.

In the new year both girls will be adding ski lessons at Mount Seymour to their weekly routine, and we all have our fingers crossed that the weather continues to bring regular dumps of new powder.

Plans for spring break this year has us going to Big White with our friends Jen and Zack for a ski trip. This summer we are not yet certain what we'll be doing, proposals have us either spending a few weeks camping on Vancouver Island, or flying to Toronto and touring around Ontario and Quebec and visiting family. You'll have to wait for next

year's gazette (hopefully on time) or check in at our website to find out where we eventually go.

We hope you have had a Merry Christmas and that you have a Happy New Year!



Kayla drawing at art festival in Deer Lake Park



Scott Family, fall of 2015

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