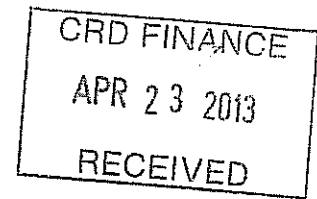




P.O. Box 65, Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0



16 April 2013

General Manager Corporate Services  
Capital Regional District  
PO Box 1000  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

To the General Manager Corporate Services,

The Magic Lake Property Owners' Society (MLPOS) recognizes, with thanks, our 2013 tax exemption and requests a further exemption from rural property taxes for the year 2014 under Section 809 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act. Our 2013 Property Assessment Notices are enclosed.

MLPOS was incorporated as a non-profit society on 29 August 1975, Charter No. 11823. The objectives of MLPOS are two-fold: (1) To represent the members in matters affecting their property or their life style in Magic Lake Estates. (2) To acquire, maintain and administer, or dispose thereof, property in Magic Lake Estates or the foreshore adjacent thereto for the recreational use of the members.

The North and South Pender Islands' have roughly 2300 full-time residents – with approximately one third of these full-time residents living in Magic Lake Estates.

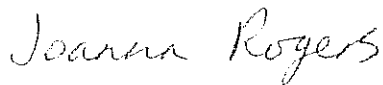
MLPOS operates and maintains a recreational marina at Thieves Bay with 180 berths for the use of members and guests of the society. Our marina provides emergency moorage for any vessel in the area requiring shelter and/or assistance. We reserve, at no charge, a designated berth for the Ambulance Service to conduct medical evacuations for anyone on the Pender Islands. The RCMP and Coast Guard have used our marina for emergency incidents. MLPOS also maintains a public launching ramp beside the marina and we have equipped the marina breakwater with picnic tables open to the public. This Thieves Bay spot has become a very popular, and spectacular, public whale watching site as well as being a favourite walk/drive destination.

In addition to Thieves Bay Marina, MLPOS operates and maintains the only public tennis court on the Pender Islands. These courts are open year round to members of the Society and to the public, on a pay-per-use basis. We also maintain a children's playground beside the tennis courts and a public park (Mouat Park) designated for the propagation of plants native to the Gulf Islands.

Volunteerism thrives on the Pender Islands and this is apparent in MLPOS. Volunteers build, maintain and manage the marina, tennis courts and playground. We keep all fees charged for the use of these facilities at break-even levels and use all funds generated solely for the short and long-term upkeep and improvement of these recreational facilities.

We hope that you grant our request for a property tax exemption for the year 2014. Such an exemption will significantly enhance our ability to maintain and provide these important recreational facilities for the benefit of our members, our community and tourists to the Gulf Islands.

Yours truly,



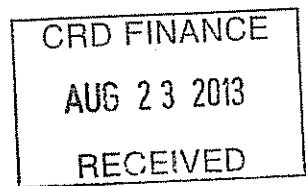
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Val Butcher  
President, Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

Encl: Copy of 2013 Property Assessment Notices

Cc: David Howe, CRD Director, Southern Gulf Islands.

Galiano Golf and Country Club  
24 St. Andrews Crescent  
Galiano, B. C.  
V0N 1P0  
250-5395533



August 20, 2013

CRD Finance Department  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Brian McDonald

The Galiano Golf and Country Club is requesting relief from taxation for the year of 201~~2~~<sup>4</sup> under Section 809 of the local Government Act.

Relief from taxation has been provided to our golf course since the year 2000.

Our club continues to operate as a non-profit society providing a public recreational facility to residents and visitors alike. We provide free golf lessons to students of our Galiano School, and are also providing free golf lessons for children age 8 years and over once a week for the month of July.

In the past we have provided documentation on the History of our Club. We would be pleased to update this information for you if it is needed.

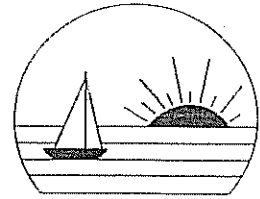
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

  
Debbie Ritchie  
Past-President

# Pender Island Golf & Country Club

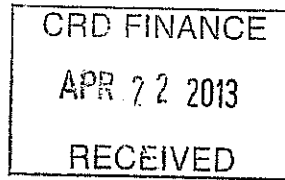
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A scenic 9 hole golf course  
located on Pender Island  
amidst B.C.'s beautiful  
Gulf Islands.

April 17, 2013

Capital Regional District  
Attention: General Manager  
Corporate Services  
PO Box 1000  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Dear General Manager:

The Pender Island Golf and Country Club respectfully requests exemption from taxes for the year 2014 under Section 809(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act*.

## Background

The Pender Island Golf and Country Club has been in existence since 1937 and, except for a period during the Second World War, the golf course has been in operation ever since. The Golf Club is a not-for-profit society and was incorporated under the *Societies Act* on July 3, 1945, Charter No. 1047671-7. The purpose of this Society as stated in the constitution is to maintain the Golf Club "for the use and pleasure of club members and the public".

## The Club in the Community

The Pender Island "community" is quite small, with about 2300 full time residents, a high percentage of whom are retired or semi-retired. The summer time community expands substantially with many short term residents and visitors coming to the island for vacation activities. In terms of recreation, Pender Island is somewhat isolated; however, the Golf Club provides an excellent outlet for recreational activities and is one of the major attractions for both residents of and visitors to Pender Island.

In terms of members, the Golf Club has junior, intermediate, social and regular memberships. As well, the Golf Club also provides recreational opportunities to many more residents and visitors on a casual green fee basis and these participants are increasing. We estimate that about 400 people regularly use these facilities. With few other recreational activities on the island other than boating, cycling and walking, the Golf Club is one of the major providers of recreation on Pender Island. There are no bowling facilities, no public swimming pool, no curling or hockey rinks and no theatre.

Other than for children under the age of seven years, for safety and liability reasons, there are no restrictions to membership in the Golf Club. While members can play as often as they wish, there is no preference given to members over green fee players-all golfers' play on a first-come, first-to-play basis.

Pender Island is very much a volunteer environment and the Golf Club is no exception. The Club was built by volunteers and volunteers continue to help maintain the course and work to continually improve its infrastructure.

Each year a "Pro-Am" tournament is held and proceeds are donated to local community organizations. For the past several years proceeds have gone to the Pender Island Medical Clinic and to the Roger Coleman Bursary Fund. As well, an active junior golf program provides free lessons to junior golfers through our involvement with the Pender Island School. Adult lessons are also available allowing senior residents to take advantage of golf as a recreational activity.


The Golf Club provides employment and training for eight full and part-time employees.

### **Tax History**

We have requested and been very appreciative to have received a tax exemption each year since 1999. We endeavour to be fiscally responsible and at the same time provide a product that is appreciated and of benefit to all Pender Island residents and visitors at as low cost as possible. The Club has maintained its fees and charges at break-even levels. A tax bill would place a heavy burden on our financial situation and would undoubtedly necessitate higher recreation costs to the community as well as reductions in services and employment.

We respectfully request a tax exemption under Section 809(3),(a) of the *Local Government Act* for the year 2014. Should you require additional information regarding this request, we would be pleased to provide it.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Testemale  
President, Pender Island Golf & Country Club

Enclosure: Copy of 2013 Assessment Notice

CC: David Howe, Capital Regional District Director  
7915 Swanson View Drive  
Pender Island, BC V0N 2M2