

Birch Bay Roller Rink History and Memories

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Birch Bay roller rink (Shore Acres Resort)

A post from my father Chris Gaudette, from a post Fred Gaudette made elsewhere

"Shore Acres Resort Birch Bay, as it was around 1961. My grandmother Amy Vogt Jacobs was born here in 1885 and built the resort on her share of her father's Birch Bay homestead property. At this time, she had the cabins on the north side of the rink called North Shore Acres. My mother had the skating rink and we lived in the house seen behind the rink. Amy's son, Ernie, ran Shore Acres Resort on the south side of the rink which is now Jacobs Landing.

My sister found this photo behind a picture of her boyfriend, now husband's Blaine 1972 summer baseball photo so it has not been seen for almost 50 years!

For dating purposes: the beach building had not been extended the 15 feet added in 1967. The little figure-8 car track is on the south side of the rink before the trampoline center went in. My uncle's 56 Buick is parked in front of the store in an off-season location."



D'Linda Laird

I also skated there a lot, as well as swam in the public pool and enjoyed the carnival and train ride around the rides.

Diane Peterson

Every Friday night at the roller rink in the 60's. My Dad was Jack Washburn

Heather Hughes Veljacic

Skated there every weekend of every summer in the 70's. So many great memories. Arcade was across the street with take out fish and chips.

Lani Zeigler

I spent hours in that rink as a teenager and even babysat for Chris and his sister.

Connie Dueckman

I spent my summers skating at the roller rink in the late 70's. Such an awesome memory! It had a wooden floor!

Tom Mershon

I skated there often

Mike Smith

Skated there a lot as my step dad's mother Melba German owned the first cabin on the right on pine tree lane just down the road towards the fair.

Barbara Phillipson

A group of us from Vancouver used to go down on Saturday night skating. I think I still have my roller skates that were stamped when we went through the border. I still have the stamp on it as far as I know. Oh we had so much fun we all enjoyed it. It was in the early '50s

Dusty Laine

I skated there and played at the arcade across the street. This is way before tho, very cool! Thanks for sharing 💜

Jennifer Weeks

Where I learned to Roller skate 🛼 😊

Ken VanderPol

Found this in my family's photos



Lisa Terhaar

Skated there many time miss it huge

Sally Allen

I learned how to skate there. 1967

John Paul Prater

Too bad it's not still there!

Diana Richmond

We loved skating to the organ music!

Emily Weaver

That's where I learned to skate!! Lots of good times ahead

Miva Hendricks

Many memories from Friday night skating.

Donna Lee Holmes Bidwell

We sure do. Very special place.

Kristi Goddard

My Grandad was Jack Stratton who was married to Betty Vogt. I grew up skating at that roller rink and playing at the arcade. I love seeing this history as I spent every summer since birth in Birch Bay.

Fred Bonin

I believe Bill and Betty Vogt owned the Edgewater resort. I think Gary Vogt still lives there in what was his parents house.

Chris Gaudette

For the record, Grampa Jack was married to my mom, Betty Gaudette Stratton. Her maiden name was Jacobs as in Jacobs Landing. Edgewater was owned by my cousins Robert and Ann Vogt and now by son Gary Vogt.

Harry Oxford

I remember that rink well, I used to skate there often in the late 50s and early 60s

Kookaburra Setter

My parents first date was at the skating rink at Birch Bay! She was a Halverson and worked at her Uncle Al's SeaShore Inn. My dad's family rented a cabin from my great uncle Al. The rink was so special for thousands who got to skate there over the years...even me!!! Wendy Grunhurd

She Laughs

I learned to ballroom dance there

Genee Haws

Wonderful history! Thanks for posting!

Beverly Hill

Thank you for sharing this!