

Town Talk

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CHERRY CHEERY: Linda Poole celebrated another Cherry Blossom Festival by staging Sakura Night in the Stanley Park Pavilion. Seven restaurants, from Benkei Ramen to Zen, served Japanese-themed cuisine, and five beer and wine purveyors helped attendees wash it down. Among the latter, Stanley Park Brewing general manager Doug Devlin said that the firm's long-gestating restaurant-brew pub should open in the park's 2016-closed Fish House premises by mid-June. Ten location-only beers will be served alongside the firm's six existing one, Devlin said. The 260-seat restaurant will be managed by Andre Bourque and Ryan Moreno's Surrey-based Joseph Richard Group as the first Vancouver operation in their Richmond-to-Chilliwack chain.



Linda Poole, who stages the Cherry Blossom Festival's Sakura Night, always counts on be-gowned friend Daphne Crocetti to fly in from Switzerland. *MALCOLM PARRY / PNG*



Plying beer at a Cherry Blossom Festival event, Neesha Hothi and Doug Devlin said Stanley Park Brewing's brew-pub reopening of the Fish House is nigh. *MALCOLM PARRY / PNG*