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- 4646 N. Piccadilly Rd. \$1,998,000
- 6465 Wellington Ave. \$1,895,000
- 818 Younette Dr. \$1,780,000
- 415 E. 11th St. N. Van. \$1,758,000
- 4695 N. Piccadilly Rd. \$1,689,000
- 1356 Fulton Ave. \$1,685,000 **Buyer + Seller by Tom**
- 910 Kings Ave. \$1,599,000
- 715 Crystal Ct. N. Van. \$1,550,000
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**More than 40 years** after reeling in a 19-kilogram chinook, Tom Hassan and his father Les landed the same sized fish on a trip to Vancouver Island this past week. (Right) Tom and his brother Doug pose with the fish caught in 1969. » A8

## FOUR-HOUR FIGHT

### A fishing trip down memory lane

Realtor, father return from north end of Vancouver Island with 19-kilogram chinook — just like the one they caught in 1969 **BY GERRY BELLETT, Vancouver Sun**

There's nothing more charming than fishing stories, and every father and son who ever dipped rods in the water together will have their favourites. Realtor Tom Hassan and his dad Les, a retired North Shore doctor, are no exception. On Tuesday, they returned from a four-day fishing trip to Quatsino Lodge on the north end of Vancouver Island after catching a 19-kilogram (42-pound) chinook. For Tom, it brought back memories of his most memorable day's fishing — a summer night in Pender Harbour long ago when he and his dad and his older brother Doug pulled in another 42-pounder after a four-hour battle. Hassan was only five at the time and the monster they hauled into their boat that night was almost as big as him. "That was the first time my father and I pulled in a fish that size and 43 years later we've managed to do it again," said Hassan. A lot of fishing trips have come and gone since that night in 1969. "Fishing was a big part of our family life. It's been a pastime

since I was five and it was something that's bonded us," said Hassan. Five years ago, his dad suffered a stroke that limited his activities and when Hassan took him fishing last year, it was a bit of a challenge. "He's quite frail and last year he wouldn't even pick up a rod," he said. But this year, after the operators of Quatsino Lodge installed a special chair in the stern of one of their fishing boats, father and son could once again enjoy fishing together. "It's not the same watching someone else fish. Dad is unable to stand up in the boat, but with the chair he could sit down and land a fish. "At 78, he was the first guy in the boat to see we had a fish on the line — the rest of us were just sitting there eating peanuts," he said. Each of the four days they fished they caught their limit and both came home with plenty of chinook and coho. But no fishing experience could surpass that night in Pender Harbour when he, eight-year-old Doug and their dad went out for something to do

before the two brothers were put to bed. "We left at about six or seven o'clock and right inside Pender Harbour we had a fish on the line. It took us four hours to land it in the dark because we were only fishing with a 12-pound test line. "I'll never forget it. In the end the fish came off the line but it was so exhausted that it lay on the surface and dad and Doug scooped it into the boat." This was in the days before cellphones so while they fought the fish, Hassan said his mom was ashore worrying why they hadn't returned before dark. "She thought the boat had sunk so she was very relieved to see us and the big fish we had," he said. Their fishing tale would make the pages of The Vancouver Sun along with a picture of the two brothers sharing a bathtub with the fish. "The week before, my dad had entered The Vancouver Sun Fishing Derby and hadn't caught a thing," Hassan said. "Then we caught this fish. It would easily have won first prize if we had landed it a week earlier," he added. [gbellett@vancouversun.com](mailto:gbellett@vancouversun.com)