

## **Bert Gill Retires**

After 35 years in the pipeline industry, Bert Gill has decided to “take it down a notch” and officially call himself “retired.”

Bert is retiring as a manufacturer’s representative for Tuff-N-Nuff Industries, a company he co-founded in 1988. Bert introduced Tuff-N-Nuff Rockshield to their first pipeline project for Pacific Northern Gas in Prince Rupert BC, providing protection for 10” and 12” pipelines. Bert recalls Tuff-N-Nuff’s first “big” project was for Pacific Gas Energy’s (Terasen Energy) Vancouver Island Pipeline, a 10” pipeline carrying natural gas from the mainland to Vancouver Island. To date, the TNN protected pipelines have functioned without incident or interruption. One of Bert’s final Tuff-N-Nuff projects is the Whistler pipeline from Vancouver to Whistler BC. The Whistler pipeline is an 8” mainline through a very mountainous region of British Columbia that will provide natural gas to Whistler in time for the 2010 Winter Olympics. I guess they need that natural gas pipeline to fuel the Olympic torch...

Born in Toronto in 1932, Bert started his career with Caterpillar tractor dealer, Finning tractor in 1949 at the ripe age of 17. After 7 years with Finning, Bert worked for Bechtel and then, Marine Pipeline. In 1963, Bert and a group of partners founded Scepter Dredging. For 22 years, Bert helped to build Scepter into a premier dredging company in North America. After leaving Scepter, Bert co-founded Tuff-N-Nuff Industries. In 1999, Greenstreak, Inc. acquired Tuff-N-Nuff Industries and Bert was retained as a technical consultant and Canadian Sales Manager. From 2003 until the end of 2005, Bert served as an independent manufacturer’s representative for Tuff-N-Nuff in Canada. Along the way, Bert managed to raise 5 sons of whom he is immensely proud and who are also involved in the construction industry.

Bert is an avid and talented gardener and plans to devote more time to his hobby and spoiling his grandchildren. He and his wife Sandy also plan to travel and take a few cruises.

Tuff-N-Nuff is successful today because of Bert’s hard work and dedication and the patience and understanding of his long-suffering wife, Sandy (just kidding Bert). I have worked closely with Bert since 1999 and he is a mentor, teacher, wise council and a close personal friend.

Thank you Bert and Sandy for your guidance, leadership and friendship. Everyone at Greenstreak and Tuff-N-Nuff wish you both a happy and fun filled retirement!!!

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