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- Wellington Pumpkinfest weigh off results
- 2009 PECPG seed sale
- GVGO News

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# Prince Edward County Pumpkin Growers Fall Newsletter

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## 13th Annual Pumpkinfest a Roaring Success

What a beautiful day we had for the 13th annual Prince Edward County Pumpkinfest in Wellington. A huge crowd turned out for the annual parade.

21 pumpkins and 3 squash were weighed in, from as far away as Ormstown, Quebec.

Todd Kline reigned victorious with his 1185.8 lb giant, grown off on a 1385 Jutras. John Vincent and Brian McGill, placed 2nd with their 1059.6 lb beauty, winning the Bill Greer Memorial Award for largest grown in Prince Edward County. The pumpkin also won the Howard Dill Award for prettiest pumpkin.

This pumpkin was grown on the 993.6 Vincent-McGill seed, that won the HD award last year!

Top squash was exhibited by Brant Timm from Pembroke ON, at 890.2 lbs! This squash was grown on his own 1065\* seed, he grew in 2008. The 890.2 set a new site record at Wellington for largest squash.

Top Long Gourd also went to Todd Kline with 121.75"

Largest Tomato was exhibited by Brant Timm at 4.41 lbs



# The Winners Circle



John Vincent and Brian McGill with their 1059 lb, Bill Greer and Howard Dill Award winner!



Above Todd Kline and his champion 1185.6, Right Todd's 121.75" LG. Below Right John Vincent's 165" Sunflower. Below Brant Timm's 4.41 lb Tomato. Left, Brant Timm and his Champion and new site record 890.2 lb squash!







Jim Ives 337 lbs



Shelia Huffman 494.2 lbs



Joel Dempster 122'



Elmer Daley 710.4 lbs



Gladys Webb 595.4 lbs



Gerry Cavanagh 771.2 lbs



Kirk & Jacob Chenier 737.8 lbs



Carrie Gill 871.6 lbs



Josh McGill 785.0 lbs



Noah McGill 839.8 lbs



# More Highlights!



Glen Huffman 979.4 lbs



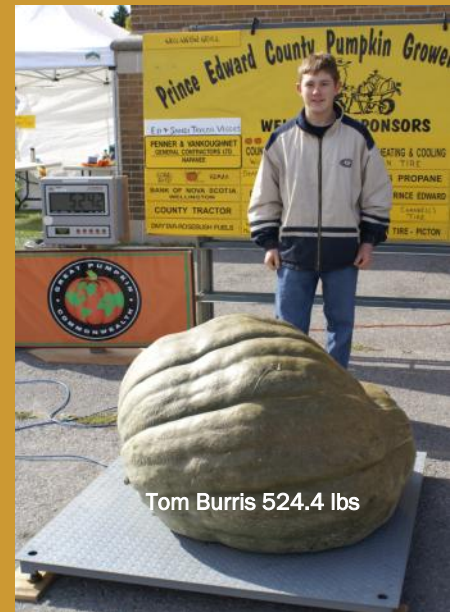
Shannon Langridge 661.6 lbs



Harley Sproule 1019.4 lbs



Max Johnston 854.6 lbs



Tom Burris 524.4 lbs



Mary Vader 632.0 lbs



Shirley Vandor 648.4 lbs



# Good Times...Good Friends



Al Eaton 116.38"



Phil Joynson 1043.4 lbs



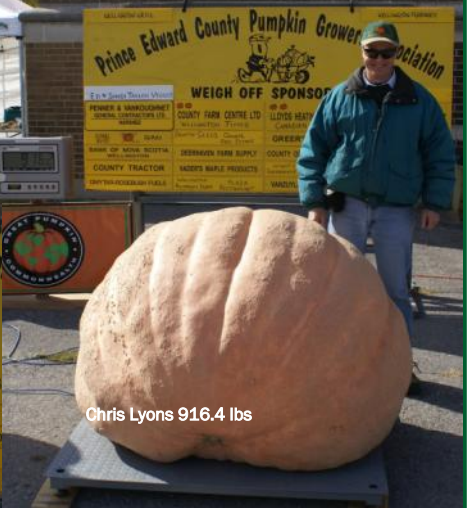
Tom Burris 786.8 lbs



Arnold Vader 702.2 lbs



Cliff Webb 811.2



Chris Lyons 916.4 lbs



Erv Gill 1052.8lbs



John Vincent 112.5"

# Wellington Official Results



Mark your  
Calendars for next  
years Wellington  
Pumpkinfest  
October 16th  
2010!

## Pumpkins

1. Todd Kline	Shawville, Quebec	1185.8
2. John Vincent	Northport, Ontario	1059.6
3. Irv Gill	Napanee, Ontario	1052.8
4. Phil Joynson	Enniskillen, Ontario	1043.4
5. Harley Sproule	Ormsdown, Quebec	1019.4
6. Glenn Huffman	Ameliasburgh, Ontario	979.4
7. Chris Lyons	Scarborough, Ontario	916.4
8. Carrie Gill	Bowmanville, Ontario	871.6
9. Max Johnston	Picton, Ontario	854.6
10. Noah McGill	Northport, Ontario	839.8
11. Cliff Webb	Seeley's Bay, Ontario	811.2
12. Tom Burris	Consecon, Ontario	786.8
13. Josh McGill	Northport, Ontario	785.6
14. Gerry Cavanaugh	Ennismore, Ontario	771.2
15. Kirk Chenier	Lakefield, Ontario	737.8
16. Elmer Daley	Wellington, Ontario	710.4
17. Arnold Vader	Cherry Valley, Ontario	702.2
18. Mary Vader	Cherry Valley, Ontario	632.0
19. Gladys Webb	Seeley's Bay, Ontario	595.4
20. Sheia Huffman	Ameliasburgh, Ontario	494.2
21. Jim Ives	Picton, Ontario	337.0

## Squash

1. Brant Timm	Pembroke, Ontario	890.2
2. Shannon Langridge	Picton, Ontario	661.0
3. Shirley Vandor	Ormsdown, Quebec	648.4
4. Tom Burris	Consecon, Ontario	524.4

## Long Gourd

1. Todd Kline	Shawville, Quebec	121 3/4 in.
2. Al Eaton	Richmond, Ontario	116 3/8 in.
3. John Vincent	Northport, Ontario	112 1/2 in.

## Sunflowers

1. John Vincent	Northport, Ontario	164 in.
2. Joel Dempster	Wellington, Ontario	122 in.

## Tomato's

1. Brant Timm	Pembroke, Ontario	4.41 lbs
2. Brant Timm	Pembroke, ON	4.39 lbs
3. Chris Lyons	Baltimore, ON	3.16 lbs



# Vincent-McGill Team has Record Year!

2009 was a record breaking year for Prince Edwards own John Vincent and Brian McGill. First this dynamic duo, broke the County record Pumpkin with their 1339.5 lber. This pumpkin was weighed in at Port Elgin Pumpkinfest and took 1st place at the Sunday weigh off .

Then two weeks later, John and Brian broke the World Squash record with there 1236.0 lb "Green Monster"! This squash toppled the old record, held by Brad Wursten of the Netherlands, by a mere two lbs.

## Growing Details:

"The 1339 was grown on the 904 Stelts (1370 Rose x 1068 Wallace) seed and crossed with the 998 Pukos.

The 1236\* was grown on the 800 Neily\* seed and crossed with their own 1132\*.

Both fruit we grown on 750 ft<sup>2</sup> plots, approximately 22' x 35'.

The fall before, the patch was amended with 5 yards per 1000ft<sup>2</sup> of mushroom compost. The patch was ripped with a sub-soiler to a depth of 2 feet, every 4 feet, followed by a mold board plow.

In the spring the patch amended with 20 lbs Humic acid, 20 lbs kelp meal, 7 lbs Ammonium Sulfate (21-0-0-24s), 3 lbs MAP (11-52-0), 17 lbs k-mag (0-0-20-10mg-20s), per 1000ft<sup>2</sup>

All amendments were worked in with an s-tine cultivator, followed by one pass with a roto-tiller.

Both plants were grown in a spider pattern (see spring 2009 newsletter), with very little plant allowed past the fruit set..

All vines other than the main, were buried after being inoculated with RTI PumpkinPro Mychorrizial Fungi and JumpStart inoculants. Tertiary vines were allowed to grow back from the first two secondary's, to fill in the empty

space. Other than that, no other tertiary's were allowed to grow.

All vine growth was stopped by July 31st. Any new growth was carefully removed, a minimum of weekly, right to the end of the season.

The plants were foliar fed a 3% solution of Neptune's Harvest seaweed every 10 days, applied along with disease and insect control. Also applied every 10 days was actively aerated compost tea, made with worm castings, seaweed and molasses. This material was applied 5 days after the regular foliar feeding program.

The fruit were set on the main vine. The 1236\* was set on July 5th at 10' out. The 1339 was set on July 6th at 13' out. Both were placed on paper mill fabric for ground protection.

All fruit were covered all season with both a sheet and a blue tarp structure.

Late in the season, a Reemay row cover was erected over the Neily plant, to try to extend the season and capture some late season growth.

The 1339 was harvested on October 2nd for Port Elgin. Originally it was planned to take the Neily squash to PE as well, but it was still gaining and only taped in the low 1100's at that time. Although there was

\$2000 first prize, the decision was made to hold the squash until Cornerstone, to try to challenge the WR.

About a week after Port Elgin, measurable growth on the squash slowed to a crawl. A killing frost on October 11th, pretty well defoliated the plant, further slowing the fruits growth."

The shape of the fruit indicated to me that it would go heavy . I was really hoping for a World Record, but I was pretty sure it wouldn't make it. When it finally hit the scales, I was really surprised that it went that heavy!

Neighbours Vincent and McGill have been growing together for about 4 seasons. Each year their patch best has improved. Brian has a natural green thumb and got john growing big pumpkins back in 2004. John's background as a certified crops advisor has been a big advantage. "John is a bit of a fanatic when it comes to the pumpkins", says McGill who admits that Vincent takes the lead with the pumpkins. "Its been great to have a growing partner" says Vincent. "Having someone to back you up, when you can't be home to do a critical pollination, or cover/ uncover fruit when necessary, makes a big difference. "



# PECPG 2009 Seed Sale

The Prince Edward County Pumpkin Growers are pleased to bring you their best seed offer ever. This is our main fundraiser for the year. All proceeds go directly to fund the Wellington Weigh Off. This year's package includes 15 seeds! Each set is \$50.00 CDN or \$50 USD for international customers). Please add a \$5 per order shipping and handling fee. That's less than \$4 per seed folks! In addition, we are offering a limited number of proven seeds for sale individually. If you are not already a member of PECPG your purchase will include copies of the fall and spring newsletters.

**2009 Seed Package:**

- 1 seed**                    **1339.5 Vincent-McGill 09**  
 Female: 904 Stelts  
 Male: 998 Pukos  
[Note: New Prince Edward County Record. 9% heavy, pollinating plant grew 1127lbs. Both 904 and 998 have grown 1600+ pumpkins.](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **1185.8 Kline 09**  
 Female: 1385 Jutras  
 Male: 985 Werner  
[Note: 1<sup>st</sup> place at Wellington in 09, 6% heavy. A cross of two of today's top seeds. 1385 grew the 1725 World Record!](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **1059.6 Vincent-McGill 09**  
 Female: 993.6 Vincent-McGill 08  
 Male: 904 Stelts 06  
[Note: Howard Dill and Bill Greer Memorial Award winners. Super orange, symmetrical pumpkin. Pollinating plant grew new PEC record 1339.5 lb +9%.](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **1043.4 Joynson 09**  
 Female: 1056 Joynson 08  
 Male: 998 Pukos 05  
[Note: 6% Heavy, Pollinator grew the 1689 Jutras World Record. Pollinating Plant grew 1150 4% heavy.](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **1019.4 Sproule 09**  
 Female: 1472.5 Werner 08  
 Male: 1142 van Kooten 04  
[Note: 7% Heavy, Pollinator grew the 1536 vanKooten, 2008 World Champion](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **979.4 Huffman 09**  
 Female: 1385 Jutras  
 Male: 847 Vader  
[Note: Grown by 4-H member Glen Huffman, 10% Heavy. Same seed that grew the 1725 Harp 2009 World Record.](#)
- 2 seeds**                    **925 Lyons 09**  
 Female: 1689 Jutras 07  
 Male: 985 Werner 06  
[Note: Chris lost half the plant to wilt in early August. This plant was the Lyons main pollinator in 09.1689 was the 2007 World Record!](#)
- 2 Seeds**                    **1263 Pitura 2007**  
 Female: 1093 Hunt 2006  
 Male: 1219 Colbert 2006  
[Note: First Place at Wellington 2007, Grew 1229 Sundin & 1152 Vader 08](#)

Only 50 of these sets are being offered. There are a limited number of proven seeds available below that you can add to your order. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

**Proven Seeds Available**

- 1343 Lyons 08**  
 Female: 1385 Jutras 07  
 Male: 1470 Wallace 07  
[Note: Grew 1410 Meier 09, Swiss Pumpkin Record, and 3 others over 1000 lbs first year out!](#)  
**\$30/ seed**



**1229 Sundin 08**

Female: 1263 Pitura 07

Male: LaRue

Note: Grew 1451.5 Sundin, second largest pumpkin in Canada in 2009

**\$30/ seed****Proven  
Orange  
Producer****993.2 Vincent-McGill 08**

Female: 772 Poirier 06

Male: 998 Pukos 05

Note: Dark red orange and perfectly shaped and 2% heavy, pollinating plant grew 1170 lbs. Howard Dill Award Winner!

**\$30/ seed****1156 Hunt 08**

Female: 1631.5 McKie 07

Male: 1689 Jutras 07

Note: Grew 1250 Vincent-McGill 09. These are very limited. Sorry folks only one per order.

**\$20.00/ seed****850 Slusarek 07 DMG**

Female: 998 Pukos 05

Male: 1068 Wallace 03

Grew the 1343.4 Sproule 08

**\$15.00/ seed****1378.5 Pitura 2007**

Female: 1039 Leonard 2004

Male: 1231 Pukos 2005

Note: Largest Pumpkin grown in Canada in 2007. Grew 1331 Preis 08 +19% (Denmark Record), 1080 Vader 08, 806.6 Wursten 08 +20%

**\$15.00/ seed****1263 Pitura 2007**

Female: 1093 Hunt 2006

Male: 1219 Colbert 2006

Grew 1229 Sundin &amp; 1152 Vader 08

**\$10.00/ for 2 seeds****1012 Pitura 2006\***

Female: 1055 Pitura 06\*

Male: 1231 Pukos 05

Notes: Grew the 1310 Pitura 08 pumpkin! Pollinating plant grew 1346 Pitura 06 dmg

**\$10.00/ seed****1057.5 Vader 04**

Female: 1097 Beachy 02

Male: 778.6 Vader 02

Notes: Grew the 1091.5 Vader 07 (26% Heavy) &amp; the 956.5 Giffen 06

Heavy and Orange producer!

**\$10.00/ for 2 seeds****Proven Squash Seeds****1132 Vincent-McGill 08 \***

Female: 995 Vincent-McGill 07 \*

Male: 824 Brunst \*

Notes: Grew 1037 Sundin, Average top 5 variance 11.76% heavy

**\$15.00/ seed****Promising 09 Seeds Available****1236 Vincent-McGill 09 \***

Female: 800 Neily 07 \*

Male: 1132 Vincent-McGill 08\*

Notes: **World Record Squash**, 9% heavy. Pollinator top 5 average +11.76%**\$30.00/ seed****1451.5 Sundin 09**

Female: 1229 Sundin 08

Male: 1343 Lyons 08

Note: 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Pumpkin Grown in Canada in 2009, Pollinator grew new European Record 1410 Meier +5% (Switzerland).**\$20/ seed**

All are subject to availability. We reserve the right to limit quantities on some seeds. To order seeds, please send an e-mail to John Vincent at: [j.vincent@explornet.ca](mailto:j.vincent@explornet.ca) or phone 613-476-0405, requesting your set and/ or any proven seeds you would like. Then await a return e-mail giving you confirmation that a set of seeds has been reserved for you and if available you're proven seeds. At that time you will be given instructions for mailing your cheque or money order, and the total of your purchase. We will have PayPal by e-mail available.



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<http://www.pec.on.ca/pumpkinfest/>

### Patch Prep Tips from the PECPG

- 1) Remove all old pumpkin vines to the compost pile to help reduce disease pressure.
- 2) If possible use a subsoiler to reduce plow pan compaction.
- 3) Apply a good layer of leaves. 20 big leaf bags per 1000ft<sup>2</sup> is good.
- 4) Apply composted manure or other compost at up to 5 yards per 1000ft<sup>2</sup>
- 5) Till in organics and let the patch rest for winter
- 6) Build a compost pile of leaves or other organics for use next year, for vine burying or compost tea.
- 7) In the spring, as soon as soil is dry enough to work (late April), till the patch and then do your soil test.

**Need Seeds?** Contact John Vincent, 613-476-0405, [jvincent@explornet.ca](mailto:jvincent@explornet.ca)

## GVGO News

GVGO 2010 memberships are due January 1st. Membership continues to be \$25 individual or \$35 family. Membership includes:

- Full Voting Privileges, with eligibility to hold office.
- Entry into club seminars & meetings
- 10% discount on soil analysis from [A&L Canada Labs](#) in London, Ontario
- Seed giveaway - (approx 5 + seeds)
- 3 newsletters
- Entry into patch tours
- Eligible for the GVGO Championship Trophy-Largest pumpkin (Ontario Residents Only)

### GVGO Early Bird Membership Drive:

The GVGO is offering up a prize package to encourage members to have their 2010 dues paid Before January 1st/2010. Payment options are still the same with mail in or you now have the option to use PayPal on the web site.

The grand Prize is a GVGO "Howard Dill Homestead" Print, 5 raffle tickets, \$50, GVGO Toque, Don Langevine's new



book and maybe most importantly a 1093 Hunt seed which grew the 901 Hunt which grew the 1678 Hunt Canadian Record

Runner up =Membership for 2011 and a GVGO toque.

Go to our membership button on the main page of the web site to sign up on line:

[www.gvgo.ca](http://www.gvgo.ca)

Or to mail your membership to:

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