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Temperatures are expected to dip this week, hitting freezing Thursday night. During the day, expect sun and clouds. Highs to 12 C.

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Marina 'genie' put back in bottle

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

First the "barge" at Ganges Marina received its marching orders from the Trust; now the same verdict has been decreed for the float camp.

At the October 3 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, trustees turned down a tempo-

rary use permit (TUP) application that would have allowed the two-storey, 2,400-square-foot floating building to be used for a retail store, games room and guest lounge while the upland portion of marina property is redeveloped.

In accordance with Trust staff recommendations,

trustees David Borrowman and Bev Byron voted to reject the application.

The report said the building does not conform to the official community plan because of its excessive size and height, did not meet the objectives for issuing TUPs and was premature because it was tied to future marina

lands redevelopment the Trust had not yet been able to consider.

The trustees' decision followed a presentation by Jim Robertson, who has worked for Rick Barbieri of B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. in a management capacity for the past few months, and submissions by members of the public.

Robertson urged all "stakeholders" — the community at large, business people, Trust and marina — to join together to make the development something everyone could be proud of.

He said that in his time with Barbieri he had seen real sincerity and good faith in the

MARINA A2

Shooting victim back for benefit

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

After struggling with months of pain and paralysis following a gunshot wound Charles Ward received at his Salt Spring home last November, he is now excited about a Beaver Point Hall benefit planned in his honour Saturday.

"I'm really stoked about it," Ward said. "There's a lot of people I haven't seen and this will be a great chance to see them."

Ward hasn't made many trips to the island since he was shot outside the doorway of his Beaver Point Road home on November 15, 2001.

"The whole experience of getting shot and paralyzed is pretty anti-social."

Police haven't apprehended a suspect for the shooting and Ward doesn't know who attacked him. Consequently, he doesn't feel that it is safe to come to the island very often.

"Salt Spring was an oasis for me for 10 years. It just goes to show that you never know what can happen. A lot of people feel immune on the island but there's been home invasions there in the past."

Prior to the attack at his Fulford house, Ward had assumed most victims of home invasions knew the perpetrators, but his personal experience has now shown otherwise.

"Contrary to certain opinions, I'd never seen these guys before. And if I'd known there was somebody there to shoot me, I wouldn't have tried to protect my property."

CHARLIE WARD A3



BLOWING IN THE WIND: Cousins Maja and Emeris Nordine take a few minutes out from watching an FC soccer game at the lower high school field last Sunday to play with dandelion seeds.

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OUT ALREADY? Maggie McWarbey is out by one vote — the first to fall — in the Driftwood's Survivor. See details, Pages 14 and 15.

Lactic Acids place second in triathlon

A team of local athletes placed second in the Sooke Challenge Triathlon on September 29.

Team "Lactic Acid," composed of Ben Cooper, Doug Fraser and John Nilssen, divided running, paddling and cycling between the three members.

Cooper ran 10 kilometres along the Galloping Goose Trans Canada Trail in 37 minutes, Fraser paddled five kilometres along the Sooke River in 23 minutes and Nilssen rode the 30-kilometre cycling course in an hour to complete the race.

MARINA: Floathouse out

From Page 1

marina owner's actions. "He wants to come up with a project to benefit the community not just for the short-term but for the long-term as well."

Barbieri said that because he had been forced to spend \$600,000 on a new breakwater — as opposed to \$100,000 for the old one — the float camp was needed to bring in more revenue.

In defending the building's appearance, Robertson said, "I'm hard-pressed to see it's an eyesore in the overall scheme of things, irregardless of its size."

When questioned by an island resident, Robertson said the float camp was originally intended for another marina purchase that did not occur. He also confirmed that the company hoped the float camp building could remain even after the marina's other developments were completed.

But little sympathy was forthcoming from the residents who spoke.

"Normally when you purchase a business, you look at

the conditions," said Tony Threlfall. "The storms of the '90s had happened and all of the other conditions were in place . . . so now why does the responsibility to make it viable lie on the shoulders of the Islands Trust and the community?"

Nearby resident Elizabeth Dring said, "They should have consulted the people more . . . and now you're crying in your soup."

Churchill Road resident Gwen Albhouse said most people know a viable marina was necessary for the island, but said Barbieri had gotten off on the wrong foot.

"We hope he remembers that area doesn't exist solely for his business, or local business, but is there for all of us."

Barbieri replied that when the first breakwater was brought in, his legal advice was that it could be legally left there.

A visiting boat charter operator spoke in favour of Barbieri's float camp and how he has improved the marina.

"A year ago people wondered if they wouldn't go

back there because the marina had deteriorated . . . This year the word I got was 'you should see what they've done with the marina.'"

Timing of the decision was awkward because a comprehensive development permit application had just been received at the Trust office from Barbieri, but staff and trustees have not had a chance to really look at it.

"I think we need to issue a challenge to our local commercial sector and thinkers to achieve something better than [Barbieri] imagines now. We have to keep Mr. Barbieri's temporary uses closely tied to a bonafide application," said Borrowman.

Some applications go through at breakneck speed," he said. "With this particular application we find ourselves playing catch-up and putting genies back in bottles . . ."

The LTC had initially ordered removal of the float camp along with the ship's hull breakwater, but held off on bylaw enforcement action to see Barbieri's proposal on paper.

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Park commitment remains

The federal government reiterated its commitment to the coming Gulf Islands National Park and new marine conservation areas as part of its Speech from the Throne in Ottawa last week.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien said his government would create 10 national parks and five national marine conservation

areas in the next five years.

The Gulf Islands National Park has been in the works for several years, and covers a significant part of the southern Gulf Islands in the Islands Trust area.

Parks Canada personnel were unable to provide more details on the plans by presstime. Alison Woodley, federal campaigner for the

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, said, "We are particularly pleased that the prime minister has committed to both establishing new parks and to protecting their ecological integrity in the long term. It is not enough for us to create new parks and then leave them alone. We must also invest in their long-term protection."

Official election list still 'skimpy'

People wanting to see their names in black on November 16 local election ballots have until Friday to submit the required papers.

Outside of the school board race on Salt Spring, the official list was pretty skimpy as of Tuesday morning.

Incumbent local trustee David Borrowman was the only person to file his Islands Trust papers, although Tom Pickett has also declared his intention to run for a trustee position.

Gary Holman has announced his candidacy for regional director to the Capital Regional District and said he intends to file his papers before the deadline, but no challengers have yet

come forth.

Candidates for Salt Spring representatives on the Gulf Islands School Board are incumbents Judith Boel, Garth Hendren and Charles Hingston, along with challengers Mike Krayenhoff and Vaughan Walters.

All incumbent school trustees are running again: May McKenzie on Mayne, Bonnie MacGillivray on

Galiano, Susanne Middleditch on Saturna and Russ Searle on Pender. Searle so far faces a challenge from Joan Harper.

For the Southern Gulf Islands regional director position, Rich Tamboline of Mayne Island has filed his papers. Tamboline is currently an Islands Trust rep.

Incumbent trustee Rosemary Bennett is running

for Trust again on Mayne, along with Gary Rowe.

Incumbents on North and South Pender — Em Round and Wayne Wright, and John Henshaw and Alma Lightbody, respectively — have also filed.

Three new candidates and no incumbents have come forward on Galiano: David New, Elizabeth Ann Nicholls and Roy Smith.

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AUXILIARY CROP: Salt Spring RCMP Const. Martin Beardsmore presents auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton with his souvenir badge, while fellow auxiliaries, from left, Jean-Paul Krauss, Bruce Dow and David Covell, look on. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Auxiliary police sworn in

Four island men were sworn in recently as Salt Spring's newest auxiliary constables.

Jean-Paul Krauss, David Covell and Bruce Dow joined former auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton in a swearing-in ceremony last week.

The men have undergone hours of training for their positions, in which they will aid local police in various areas.

On Sunday, Hamilton was presented his old auxiliary badge encased as a souvenir.

New badges will be handed out to the auxiliary constables early next year.

CHARLIE WARD

From Page 1

Ward was startled to enter his home and find three armed robbers.

"I tried to make some time to get out by pushing the guy with the gun but it wasn't enough. That split-second I needed wasn't there."

He didn't hear the first two shots as he ran from his house but he felt the last rip through his body.

"It blew a hole right through my kidney, it grazed the liver and ricocheted off my spine."

Since the gun was fired at such close range, he didn't even need surgery to remove the bullet.

"It just ripped right through me."

Another shot narrowly missed a friend, who witnessed the scene.

"It whistled by his head and hit the windshield."

Ward was puzzled by the extreme level of violence involved in the shooting attack.

"There was no need for it. We were just trying to get away."

Following a rapid police response only minutes after the shooting, Salt Spring RCMP scoured the island for three assailants and their vehicle. But they had no success despite days of searching with extra officers, a dog squad and helicopter.

Even a motive for the attack was unclear. Though a small marijuana growing operation had been found at Ward's residence, police deemed it unsophisticated and designed solely for personal use.

Ward recently learned that the RCMP Major Crimes Unit had reopened the case.

"It's the police's job," he said. "There's no way I could possibly avenge myself in this condition."

Even though Ward's life has revolved around recuperation since the shooting, he is still bound to a wheelchair.

"I've had some return of feeling in my right leg but I'm still nowhere close to walking."

And while he's trying to hold onto a positive view of recovery, doctors have not been encouraging and he recognizes the possibility that he may not regain the ability to walk unassisted.

"I'm trying to get used to being in a wheelchair."

Another factor within rehabilitation has been extensive pain associated with the spinal injury.

"When the spinal cord is damaged, the signals are all scrambled to the brain and anything it doesn't understand it sends as pain."

However, pain is also an indicator that there might still be some hope of recovery," he said.

"Incomplete injuries lead a door to recovery but they also hold pain."

Now rehabilitation is his prime focus.

Surprisingly, Ward believes his situation would be harder if his injuries weren't the result of a malicious attack.

"Of all the people in G.F. Strong (a rehabilitation hospital), I was the only person who hadn't put myself in there. Of course you've got your anger about someone doing this to you. But it's a lot easier to get angry at yourself."

Many of the people he'd met in rehabilitation were recovering from accidents involving sports, he said.

"Imagine how foolish you'd feel if you decided to jump a four-foot bank on your mountain bike and put yourself in this spot."

As an outdoor-oriented person himself, Ward misses hiking, swimming and

fishing.

"Now that's only available on a limited basis."

Currently, he's living on Vancouver Island and getting into a pool as often as possible.

He's also waiting for a claim before the provincial government for victims of criminal injuries but police must first close the file.

Fortunately, he made his claim before the Campbell government discontinued awards for pain and suffering in April but he will still have to wait for the investigation to conclude.

"I'm going to need a lot of special equipment, like a wheelchair-accessible vehicle."

The island benefit might assist with these expenses. But Ward is focusing more on the reconnection with local friends and fellow band members at the gig.

"I have good friends in all of them. I used to play with a lot of musicians in there. I'm glad it all came together."

As a "night of groovin, grinnin, grubbin and givin thanks," the Charles Ward benefit will feature local bands Dub Central and the Escape Goats. Adham Shaikhwill DJ for the event and a full kitchen will provide south-end cuisine. Beaver Point hall doors open at 8 p.m. Saturday.



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Conference urges pumpkins for peace

A peace conference held last weekend on Salt Spring has declared a national action day, and called on Canadians to carve "pumpkins for peace."

Some 150 people from across Canada attended the Escalating Peace conference, which ran Friday to Sunday at the Harbour House Hotel.



Peace conference participants join hands

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The focus of the event was finding ways to escalate peace during the current climate of war.

To this end the conference declared October 26 a National Day of Action to oppose aggression against Iraq.

It also urged Canadians everywhere to adopt the peace symbol as a sign of opposition to war. "Carve pumpkins for

peace," says Marion Pape, Salt Spring resident and national co-chair for the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace.

"Put signs on your lawn, hang them in your windows and in your trees — even paint them on your faces."

The Escalating Peace conference was organized by a coalition of the Canadian Peace Alliance, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Further information can be obtained from Pape at 537-4567.

Trust meeting discusses 'offenders,' density plan

Islanders received an update on a proposal to help reimburse the provincial government for purchase of Burgoyne Bay lands through a density transfer plan.

Dean Strongitharm from CitySpaces Consulting Ltd., who has been hired by the government to deal with the required Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment, explained that about 1,500 acres of the Texada lands purchased by the province, the Capital Regional District and The Land Conservancy last year contained 73 units of density that could be put in a "density holding area."

Those densities would be sold by the government and applied to other properties if approved through rezoning.

Trustee David Borrowman had announced the scheme at a previous LTC meeting.

Trust staff are revisiting a wetland boundary set out in the OCP after Channel Ridge Properties owner Bryce Chapman asserted no

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development permit was needed to expand an existing pond on his land.

According to a Trust staff report, Chapman's surveyor indicated the area does not fall into Map 21 of the OCP.

"On this basis he will not make application for a development permit and he is prepared to defend any legal action by the Trust," states the report.

In another bylaw enforcement matter concerning logging done on Walker Hook Road, trustees agreed with staff recommendations to advise owner Michael Mooney he must undertake any necessary corrective measures on the land, and not approve a development permit exemption unless a report slated for the October 31 Trust meeting deems it advisable.

In both the Walker Hook and Channel Ridge cases,

staff will prepare reports on whether or not taking legal action against the property owners is advised.

Trustees presented Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards to winners Jeff Lederman of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, and Maureen Milburn of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Winners were announced by Trust Council in June, but plaques not distributed until last week.

Lederman earned the organization or business award, while Milburn won as an individual for her work on the Maxwell Lake watershed covenant.

The Piers Island Land Use Bylaw was given first reading by the committee, with three residents from the island in attendance.

Trustees and staff have spent much time on the bylaw in recent months.

"Piers is a tight-knit community and is largely built out and it's easy to speak to the entire community," noted trustee Borrowman.

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Off-island vendors turfed

Sticking with the "official" Saturday market has paid off for one off-island vendor.

David MacGregor is a long-time vendor at the market who chose to take his chances getting space each week rather than make arrangements to set up shop in front of Gasoline Alley stores like other off-island vendors this summer.

As PARC manager Dave Gibbon explained to the last PARC meeting, even though the Capital Regional District bylaw regulating the market stipulates vendors must be Salt Spring residents, when PARC took over managing the market "there were a small number of non-resident vendors with long-standing involvement and they were allowed to continue to apply for day-vendor stall space on an availability basis."

Gibbon said market vendors must have lived on Salt Spring for 183 days in order to be considered a "local producer" under terms of the bylaw.

For the 2002 season, rather than wait each Saturday to see if there would be space for them at the market, the individuals made separate arrangements to rent the Gasoline Alley space. With

more space now available in the market's "shoulder season," it was anticipated the off-island vendors might again apply for day permits in the regular part of the market.

Commissioners decided those vendors should be considered to have left the market and not eligible for day-use permits in future.

Commissioner Scott Howe said, "I don't think there should be any consideration of these six people. They are not Salt Spring residents and they've moved on."

Victoria vendor Karin Duchene said, "None of us were surprised at the result because it's a case of them wanting us out for a very long time."

Duchene and Terris Frampton of Brentwood Bay said they were encouraged by market personnel to rent from the merchants in order to assure their weekly participation this year. The 2001 summer had been so busy, said Frampton, that they felt getting a guaranteed spot each week was unlikely.

Frampton said she was treated well at the market for the first few years. "Then it started getting busier, and then we were treated like we had the plague."

Frampton said PARC set the precedent years ago by letting the off-islanders participate contrary to the bylaw.

"There is such a contradiction of words and terms and it's just ridiculous, and it's just so unprofessional," she said. "The customers hate it. They think it's absolutely ridiculous."

In other market news, coordinator Jennifer Demery has informed PARC that she will not seek another term in the 2003.

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Liquor tickets issued

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Two males and a female each received \$58 tickets for possession of alcohol and three other female youths were instructed to pour out bottles of liquor when they were stopped at 8:30 p.m. along McPhillips Avenue.

In other police news:
• A 32-year-old Coquitlam man received a \$115 ticket for speeding near the high school entrance on Rainbow Road at 6:20 p.m. Saturday.

• Failing to display a new driver sign netted an \$86

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fine for a 19-year-old local female at 9:50 p.m. Friday.

• An 18-year-old Salt Spring male also received an \$86 ticket for driving contrary to a restriction at 10:15 p.m. Thursday.

• Island residents are advised to exercise caution with dialing and make sure 911 is not included on speed dial programs following an unusually high volume of 911 calls during a three-day span last week.

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Provincial park operating changes worry newly-formed island group

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

People with an interest in how B.C.'s provincial parks are run are being urged by the new Friends of Salt Spring Parks (FOSSP) group to give the government their opinion.

Proposed changes include consolidating parks management by private contractors into nine regions and 26 "bundles" of parks — instead of the present 110 smaller operators — and more focus on raising provincial revenue through recreation.

Nora Layard is a spokesperson for FOSSP, which recently incorporated as a society to support the island's parks and ecological reserves with an initial focus on the new Burgoyne Bay lands. She said several question marks arise from the policy changes' impact on Salt Spring.

"There's some good stuff for sure," she said, such as stating conservation is a priority in parks, that the lands should remain publicly owned and that interpretive programs should be reinstated in some parks.

"But then you get into the question of recreation services and access. They are saying people who use recre-

ation services should be paying for them."

Placing fees on day use of provincial parks would mark a major change from traditional views on public park access in B.C., as would creation of some "destination resorts."

While it was initially not known if the nascent Burgoyne Bay park was involved with the Vancouver Island "bundle" of parks, it has now been included on the list as part of Mount Maxwell.

"[The government] doesn't want to deal with a bunch of small operators, they want to deal with a few big ones," said Layard.

Fred King, the Galiano resident who currently holds the contract to look after nine southern Gulf Islands parks, including Ruckle and Mount Maxwell on Salt Spring, has submitted the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) required to take care of the Vancouver Island parks, as have many other current contractors and interested parties.

The list on B.C. Parks' website ranges from groups such as the Campbell River leisure services department to the Friends of Cortes Island to the Executive Hotels and Resorts chain.

Some companies have indicated an interest in running all of the province's parks.

The question of large corporations operating parks is an unsettling one for Layard.

King's management of Ruckle, for example, is "very local," she said. "What would [Ruckle] look like if a hotel chain ran it?"

The subject was also discussed at the October 3 FOSSP meeting, where group members criticized the "rushed process" that was being done before the government-initiated Recreation Stewardship Panel releases a final report at the end of November. The panel has been charged with finding ways to maintain or increase "outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting sensitive ecosystems and fish and wildlife habitat."

It was also suggested the short timeline could give an advantage to entities with "inside knowledge."

Red flags are also waving around the new Burgoyne park because its own management plan, which is being made with ample local input, won't be complete for at least two years.

"FOSSP is asking folks to write to minister Joyce Murray to ask for a guaran-

tee that no decisions are made before a management plan is in place so that we can rest assured that this is not going to be made a park of a commercial nature before the management plan process is done," said Layard.

FOSSP also recommends the government hold off on the RFQ process until Recreation Stewardship Panel conclusions are heard.

At the Trust Council quarterly meeting on Hornby Island last month, Trust Fund Board member Kathy Dunster wondered if the Trust had been alerted to the provincial government's proposed changes to B.C. parks, which is "totally contrary to the [Trust] mandate."

The Trust and B.C. Parks are about to create a protocol agreement concerning provincial parks in the Trust area.

FOSSP recommends people send concerns to Joyce Murray, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection (fax, 387-1356); and John Block, acting director of the Parks and Protected Areas Branch. (Fax, 387-5757) E-mail messages can also be sent from the provincial government's website: www.gov.bc.ca.

Hydro concerns at Thursday meeting

People concerned about issues surrounding the potential privatization of B.C. Hydro are encouraged to attend a meeting tomorrow night.

Jim Campbell, who has followed the issue of Hydro privatization extensively, will host the meeting, set for 7 p.m. October 10 (Thursday) at the United Church in Ganges.

"With the fate of B.C. Hydro hanging in the balance this fall as our provincial

government pursues the breakup and privatization of core assets of the public utility, concerned citizens around the province are finding ways to organize and voice their concern," notes a press release issued by Campbell and island Green Party member Andrew Lewis.

The Salt Spring meeting will discuss concerns islanders have for Hydro — including the potential loss of jobs, higher utility rates and erosion of public

revenue — and to find out what people can do about it.

Everyone concerned or simply curious about the issues is welcome to attend.

Campbell has asked that people bring along a copy of their Hydro and telephone bills, "so that we can have some fun."

The meeting is being sponsored by the Salt Spring Greens, Green Party of B.C.

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Unleashed but controlled dogs OK in most parks

Duck Creek Park signage is currently out of step with the latest bylaws when it comes to the dogs-on-leash laws.

That means dogs out for a stroll with their owners in the popular north end park don't need to be leashed, but they must be "under control" at all times, says the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

PARC vice-chair Alix Granger used the September 30 commission meeting to clarify the rule about dogs and Duck Creek.

Granger later told the Driftwood that the Capital Regional District (CRD) brought out a new bylaw last year concerning dogs in parks. "In essence, what applies to Salt Spring is that you can take your dog in any park off the leash if it is under control — voice control — except if the park is specifically marked for no dogs."

On Salt Spring the two PARC domains prohibiting dogs are Centennial and Rotary parks. The main dog-related problem in those two parks is that owners "aren't very meticulous about cleaning up after their dogs."

Granger was responding to a September 25 Driftwood Viewpoint article by Peter Vincent which described being chastized for not having his dogs leashed in the park, in accordance with the posted sign.

PARC manager Dave Gibbon said updated signs are in the process of being installed on PARC properties.

"Mouat and Duck Creek are good dog-walking parks," noted Granger.



FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN: Six-year-old Anna Rithaler presents Queen Elizabeth with flowers after travelling to Victoria last weekend to see members of the Royal family near the Legislature.

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PARC looks at trail development issues

Problems with the current trail development system on Salt Spring spilled out at the September 30 Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting.

From the need to set trail construction and maintenance standards, to an alleged lack of monitoring by the Islands Trust when developments are done, and the limits they perceive from not being in a municipality, PARC commissioners wrangled with their limited options when touching on various related topics.

When the discussion turned to a roadside pathway next to Atkins Common on Lower Ganges Road and how it did not appear to match PARC's understanding of what it should be, commissioner Wayne Fraser pointed out that PARC was only a referral agency and could not do anything about it except be mad at the Trust for being "lax and not doing what we pay them to do."

Commission member Bob Francis suggested that even if PARC was just a referral agency, someone from PARC could check to see if developers followed through with their promises.

Regional director Kellie Booth became frustrated with the conversation at that point, saying, "I can't believe a group of volunteers [on PARC] has to ensure the paid staff of the Trust do what they're supposed to do."

Amenities such as the Atkins Common pathway are under the purview of the Trust through the development permit issued in August of 1999.

For a pathway project in the same neighbourhood, commissioners decided they could not provide funds to help extend an off-road foot path related to the Meadowbrook seniors residence project on Atkins Road.

PARC's parks planning committee felt the funds should not be provided because the proposed corridor is within the Ministry of Transportation's right-of-way, the adjacent lands are not being developed

and PARC does not have any money for that purpose.

Booth said it would be natural to extend the pedestrian path, but "because we are not a municipality we have no ability to do that, nor does anyone else."

The commission also rejected a request for an off-road horse riding trail in the five-acre Bullman Road park reserve.

PARC manager Dave Gibbon noted that no long-range improvement plan had yet been approved for the park reserve.

A 1999 Madrone Consultants Ltd. report also states "any development on this site would be likely to significantly impact on the relatively high ecological values."

Feeling that trails dedicated to PARC through the subdivision process have not always been up to snuff, commissioners agreed to look at creating standards for trails and

investigate the cost of bringing existing ones up to the standard.

A problem heard for years at PARC meetings also surfaced again: how PARC must avoid receiving park dedication lands that are not appropriate or fit into an overall plan.

"In this community this is not a small problem. It's a huge problem," said Fraser. "We shouldn't be bamboozled into taking land we don't want."

He also said that because Salt Spring is not incorporated, the community cannot benefit from development cost charges and has only the five per cent parkland dedication to work with.

The Local Government Act states that for subdivisions of four or more lots where the smallest lot is not larger than two hectares (five acres), five per cent of the land value must be granted to the regional district or an equivalent amount of cash donated to a reserve fund.



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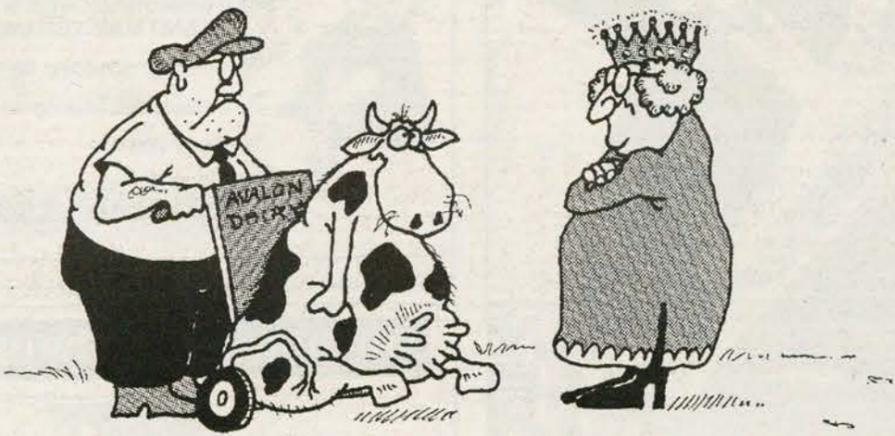
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Pool dreams

It's tough not to dive into a pool of cynicism. It's challenging not to splash water on sparks of hope.

But it seems unlikely that the Salt Spring community can dig yet again into its pockets and come up with enough spare change for a \$4.5-million indoor pool facility.

PARC has rightly concluded that island taxpayers will not go for the massive tax hike necessary to fund construction of a recreational facility on Salt Spring. Instead, PARC says, maybe we can fund operational costs via taxes, and fundraise to build the facility itself.

After all, we got ourselves a real nice arts centre by pumping the local purse a few years ago.

Never mind that it took 10 years to build that structure. And don't worry about myriad other fundraising needs out there — such as the \$600,000 Lady Minto Hospital drive — not to mention bids for money by just about every association and society on the island.

A recent and intense two-year drive to save Texada lands on Salt Spring managed to raise over \$1 million. It was an amazing feat, but it has probably left those environmentally leaning islanders who have deep pockets completely donated-out.

Yes, there is lots of private money out there on Salt Spring. But are these people going to come forward to the tune of \$4.5 million to build the island a recreational facility? (Most probably have their own pools or live elsewhere for half the year.)

And what about funds that other entities like the tennis association or the ice rink group are going to need to fund their Rainbow Road dreams?

There is nothing wrong with dreaming big and envisioning a facility that has enough "bells and whistles" to attract a broad demographic of people to an indoor pool facility.

But in the meantime, Salt Spring's only pool is nearing the end of its life expectancy. If something isn't done soon, islanders will be dreaming big indoor pool dreams, without having any place to actually dip their toes into the water.

Maybe an island facility doesn't need bells and whistles — such as a wave pool in addition to a lap pool — and islanders would be just as happy diving into a standard, no-frills version.

A smaller total bill, backed by energetic, well-organized fundraisers, might help turn the dream into reality.

But don't count your laps before they're swum.

Salt Spring musicians deserve decent paycheque

By MONIK NORDINE

I am writing out of concern for the business of live music on Salt Spring Island.

There seems to be an attitude shared by owners of certain venues that live music shouldn't necessarily cost anything, or at least not very much.

I was recently offered \$40 to pay my wages and an entire band at a Salt Spring venue. For a quartet we would have made \$10 each for an evening's worth of work. Another Salt Spring promoter actually said to me, "Musicians don't always have to be paid."

I'm here to tell people that musicians do always have to be paid. If they're not worth paying then they're not worth listening to.

Since moving here a year and a half ago my performance career has taken a few turns but I've managed to maintain my integrity

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as an artist through the help of family and friends. (I am a single parent.) I do a lot of travelling and have become more versatile out of necessity.

There are many other musicians — hobbyists and professionals — who share island stages with me, each with their own unique talent and flavour. Most of the professionals have other daytime work in order to make ends meet but a small number are able to work solely in music. These few teach privately and/or tour as performers. There are also a few people who can earn a living here as composers.

Hobby musicians on Salt

Spring may be happy to make \$10 at a gig but if these people thought about it for a moment they would understand that they are perpetuating an attitude that serves nobody, keeps the quality of entertainment low and undermines music and musicians.

I would never expect to earn a living as a freelance musician on Salt Spring: the population here couldn't support it. But I do expect to be paid for what I do as it is what I do best and there are others here who either share this view or should share this view.

Private functions such as weddings and parties can pay well or the organizers can hire students to play for cheap. That is fair enough. But for venues making money selling food and beverages to offer \$40 for an entire band when they stand to profit from the entertainment is shameful.

This kind of problem exists everywhere. In Montreal and Vancouver there are 18 to 20-year-old music students who are happy to play for \$20 a night. This keeps rates low for everyone else and keeps some people out of work entirely.

I don't like unions for musicians; paperwork and policing are not my idea of a solution. The Musicians' Union is necessary, especially for controlling airplay rates, recording rates and large-scale productions.

But in this case all it takes is a conscience and a moment's thought. Musicians' unions generally turn a blind eye to clubs and restaurants anyway as it is too much trouble monitoring them. I have friends who will not lift a finger for anything less than \$100 and I don't blame them. Myself, I allow for special circumstances

because I love to play good music and sometimes the level of musicianship compensates for the lack in my paycheque.

I also donate my time to worthy causes such as the Salt Spring Music Guild and the Ray Newman Scholarship fundraisers.

What I would like to see is a compromise and I'm sure it will happen eventually. Owners need a guarantee that they will sell enough to cover costs and musicians need a reasonable amount of money in order to leave the comfort of their homes.

The solution is for owners to hire musicians who will draw a crowd, offer a guaranteed wage that is reasonable and, if that isn't enough, offer a percentage of sales (after costs are covered) and/or charge an admission in addition to the wage.

The writer is a Salt Spring musician.

Bill Gates. Mere mention of the name raises my blood pressure. One look at Microsoft's wavy little "Windows" logo and I want to throw the damn thing open and lose my breakfast.

Those of us who use PCs have little choice but to use Mr. Gates' products and programs — even though they drive us mad.

I'm fed up with my computer questioning my judgement every time I turn it on. It's bad enough that my kids question it, I don't need a bloody computer asking me whether I really thought things through before I hit the "delete" key.

Do I call Bill Gates and ask him if he really thought it through when he decided to hide a roulette wheel in my hard drive? Usually the little ball lands on "change

the font while he's typing" or "lose one page of the document" either of which isn't too bad, but it really pees me off when it lands on "freeze everything."

Microsoft's philosophy ("If you can't help the customer — annoy them") is reflected in the motivational signs on the desks of their programmers that say "SURPRISE!"

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calling yourself a phone company if nobody can bloody well phone you? Of course I need help! Now get off my #%&ing screen and climb back into your little digital microcave hidden in the recesses of my hard drive.

"Are sure you want to delete this message?"

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body parts and functions, the video and audio of which are using up millions of chunks or bytes or microbes or whatever the hell the little storage spaces are called?

And what happens if you hit the delete button for a program necessary for your computer to run? Nothing. No message that says, "Are you sure you want to delete this program? It's an integral part of your computer's operating system." (Don't ask how I discovered that.)

"This program has performed an illegal operation and will be shut down."

An "illegal" operation? What in blazes is that? I'd be the first to agree that if my computer does some

thing against the law — like assault somebody or rob a bank — it should be shut down just as quickly as if it were a crack house. But Bill won't even tell me what it is my computer's doing that's illegal. For all I know, it's part of an international gang of thieves, money launderers or drug smugglers, in which case don't just shut it down once in a while, put the damn thing in jail!

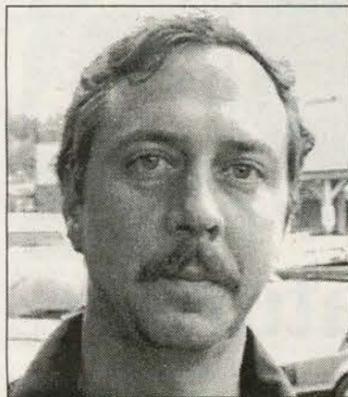
What this message really means is "I see you've almost finished this really important report that's taken you six days to put together. Say bye bye to all your work."

I'd sure like to see Bill Gates in person one day.

"Hey Bill! Look over here! Here's a digital image for you!"

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Who would you like to see run for office in the upcoming local elections?



Andrew Holmes

I don't follow local politics but the last time I voted, I voted for Dietrich Luth. Let's get him back in again.



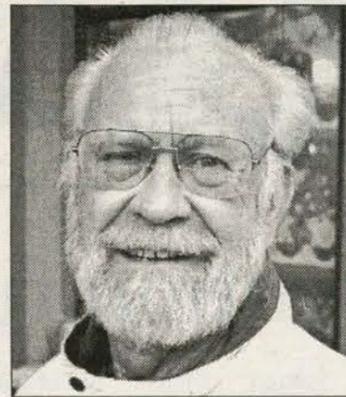
Cathie Newman

Lee Hurd, because he is very community minded and he can see all points of view. He would be best in the Trust but I don't know whether he'd do it. Those who would be really good at the job back away from it.



Irene Wright

Gary Holman for Capital Regional District director because he cares about this island a great deal and he has experience.



Jeremy Sibley

I'd like to see John Chretien run for Islands Trust. It would be interesting to see him working with someone for a change.



Mark Devereux

Anybody you'd pick would be your worst enemy. That's a scary question. I can't think of anybody I'd hate that much.

Letters to the Editor

Rising above

Salt Spring FC would like to apologize for the sideline conduct of the spectators and officials of the Prospect Lake Lakers in the division match Sunday at GISS.

The behaviour of the Lakers coach was disgusting to most at the park. We have advised our league of the problems in hopes that they can be avoided in the future.

Salt Spring FC will continue to promote sportsmanship and fair play throughout their season, preferring to base their game on skill, strategy and fitness.

We are trying hard to encourage families to come out and watch and we hope that the odd unsportsmanlike opponent will not affect that.

Salt Spring FC rose above the questionable tactics of the visitors and put on a very entertaining second half of soccer.

They were very unlucky not to win but, more importantly, proved to themselves the value of keeping their heads focused on the game, refusing to be drawn into verbal battles throughout the half.

Thank you to those who came out to support us.

KEN MARR,
Manager, Salt Spring FC

Cold out there

I agree with Janet Simpson's comment in last week's Salt Spring Says that vandalism would decrease if islanders were "to put in housing above the stores downtown. Then there would be people down here after the stores are closed and they would help to keep an eye on this. It would also provide more affordable housing."

My family is one of the few that actually lives in Ganges above the stores. Unlike many, many places on Salt Spring, my place is affordable and a nice place to live with a great view. I am lucky to also have a good landlord.

As many of you know, I am a tea leaf reader. I work at Blue Moon, the Tea Room and in the Saturday market. Seldom does a week go back when I do not hear from someone who either wants to move onto the island, has been evicted (due to seasonal housing or because the landlord has decided to move in) or is trying to find a place that lives up to bylaw standards (a source of heat, no mould, meets building code standards, is structurally

sound, will allow children or pets, etc.)

It blows my mind to think (especially with the colder weather coming on) that everyone in Canada does not have a good, standard place to live. Let's do our part and end the housing crisis on Salt Spring.

As Maggie Schubart says, we do not want a "ghetto for the rich here." Most people on Salt Spring really enjoy our eclectic mix of people. Let's make it easier for all of us.

An eco-village is a great idea with the abandoned Bullock Lake Resort being an excellent site. In the short-run, though, more housing above businesses is a good way to go. It's cold out there at night.

TANYA LESTER,
Ganges

Contributors

I wish to thank the people who responded to the article on the skateboarders' request for support.

Every dollar supports a positive learning experience for the boarders at the high school. The contributors were: Geoff Swift of Swift Construction, Gene Bellavance, Sheila Sayer and the proprietors of Teddy Bears Take-out.

I also would like to recognize the past contributions of the Salt Spring Foundation and Parks and Rec.

JIM WATKINS,
Salt Spring

Editor's note: The following is a letter of apology and explanation of a crime committed by a young offender.

Not harmless

At one time I thought of graffiti as a harmless pastime done by artists (and me for that matter) with little or no consequences.

I was wrong. On grad weekend, myself and one other un-named person were spray-painting on middle school property when the police caught us. They handled the situation very seriously, which at the time to me, seemed excessive.

Being a first-time offender, I was given the option of participating with the Community Justice Program to resolve the offence. I met with a group to mediate a resolution to my problem. Part of that resolution was to write this letter as an explanation of my actions and their effects on me and others in the community.

Before meeting with the board, I was unaware of the results of my actions. I was

unaware that the time and money involved in repairing the damage done to the wall takes away from an already funds-starved maintenance allowance — and occupies the time of the school district's one and only painter.

Furthermore, I was blind to the effect of my actions on the community's view of youth and their pastimes.

I hope that this letter and my explanation will aid you in your opinions of this community's youth and their actions.

NAME WITHHELD

Goose stepping

Thanks for the marvelous September 25 editorial called Freedom of Choice.

Just one small criticism. You say that marijuana should be decriminalized so that "growers can cultivate it like any other crop, and government officials can tax it, if they must."

I believe you meant to say "legalize." Decriminalization of marijuana has come to mean the issuance of tickets to users rather than jailing them, which, to my mind, is next to doing nothing at all.

The editorial would have been perfection itself if you had asked the question: Why do governments ban some

drugs? My feeling is that the drug war is nothing less than a cynical, manipulative ploy to distract attention away from government failures in other areas and to entertain the white and the non-poor by persecuting the non-white and the poor.

Hitler showed the way and our sanctimonious political leaders are merely goose-stepping along behind.

ALAN RANDELL,
Victoria

Class act

When hearing about the windfall the owners of Calvin's Bistro received during the recent fall fair, (which by the way was outstanding) and then in turn how they donated the monies back to the community, all I can say to that, being a small restaurateur as well is: "What a class act."

This proves that the small business owners on Salt Spring Island are community minded. Each year we (small businesses) get asked to participate and donate to many worthy causes and we all try our best. This thoughtful and unselfish act of charity is proof of that.

My hat goes off to the owners and staff of Calvin's.

GREG, SHIRLEY KEITH,
Owners, Bouzuki Cafe

MORE LETTERS A14

B.C. Hydro break-up is FastCat of Liberal crew

"Personally, I think the Liberals are very vulnerable on this issue," said Sierra Legal Defence lawyer Tim Howard at a town hall meeting in Victoria on September 25. "It could drive a wedge within their caucus."

Breaking up B.C. Hydro is the issue. The wedge is MLAs realizing that public opposition is so widespread — 85 to 98 per cent in recent polls — that they could lose the next election over it.

Gordon Campbell and his bloated inner circle may not give a tinker's curse about getting re-elected, after they've made all the connections they need to sail off into the sunset in a fleet of yachts, but the bulk of his backbenchers need to keep their jobs if they want to have any power and influence after the scheduled 2005 reckoning.

SPRINGBOARD BY BRENDA GUALED



David Freeman, chairman of the California Power Authority, came to the meeting on his own dime to tell British Columbians what fools we'll be if we let our government dismantle what it doesn't own and has no mandate to do. He said that Californians "are trying to catch up to where you are, and your premier is trying to drag you back to where we were."

The Liberals say that they'll keep B.C. Hydro's core assets, just unload all the peripherals to the private sector. That's like saying we'll keep the family house, just bring in profit-motivated strangers to replace furni-

ture and kin. For B.C. Hydro, that's particularly weird, because it both saves and makes us delivering a world-class product.

Hydro's main failing, as the Campbell team sees it and Howard summarized, is that "it's so efficient that private companies can't compete, therefore we have to make it less competitive." We need to pay at least 30 per cent more for power if private firms, spinning it from dirty old sources like coal and new sources like solar and wind, are to get in the game.

So why not keep B.C. Hydro intact, put 'em on the grid, and make us pay a blended price? Or do some expensive work like burying lines (which will

create jobs and pay off in maintenance down the road), and jack up our bills.

Instead, the first chunk of BC Hydro to be privatized will be the billing. The Liberals plan to hand over the names, addresses, credit and payment-method information of every B.C. Hydro customer to Accenture, a Bahamas-based firm that "the State of California has put on a list of companies we shouldn't have anything to do with," said Freeman, because of the way it operates and the company it keeps.

Why the Liberals are doing this is a mystery. Their mantra of "all private sector good, all public sector bad" makes less and less sense after the monstrous business failures of this last year. Stock markets dropped an average of 12 per cent last month, the biggest plunge since 1937. Still,

Campbell and crew plan to unveil their new energy policy in final form in a few months — a done business deal with no public input during a time when public investors have lost a lot of faith and money in private enterprise.

Nothing from outside of the Liberal Party is going to change their collective, lock-step mind. Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy and Mines, is deaf to all dissent. Regular MLAs are, I think, the best bet for stopping the insanity. They've got the most to lose, as they see the breakup of BC Hydro becoming the FastCat ferry of the Liberal regime.

Call your MLA right now and often. Tell him/her, as Tim Howard suggested, "I vote. I don't want you to touch BC Hydro. And I'll remember you bastards at the ballot box if you do."

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 6 - 12



Fire prevention fun at open house Saturday

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Have you ever dreamed of riding a fire truck with the sirens clamouring?

Maybe you've imagined yourself drowning a raging inferno with your trusty fire-hose.

Perhaps you're curious to see just how the "jaws of life" can rip open a sports utility vehicle like a can of tuna.

Well, Saturday is your chance to experience these things and more at the Salt Spring Fire Department community open house at the Ganges fire hall.

The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and displays start at 11 a.m., said Salt Spring fire chief Dave Enfield.

The event is designed to draw attention to fire prevention week and help provide families with information to avoid the tragedy of a fire or vehicular accident.

"If we can help one family prevent the devastation of fire in this community, our time and money will be well spent for this event," Enfield said.

One highlight of the open house will be a working simulation of vehicle rescue techniques using special tools during demonstrations scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

During the auto-extraction display, firefighters will use "the jaws of life" hydraulic tools, air-lifting bags and various other tools to tear open a real vehicle, just as rescue workers would if they had to remove a trapped passenger following a motor vehicle accident.

For younger children, there will also be a special opportunity to experience the feeling of firefighting work in two demonstrations planned for 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Pint-sized firefighters will get a chance to operate a power hose with gushing water, tour the shiny tool compartments of emergency vehicles and ride around town in a fire truck.

"The big thing is to teach kids to be accustomed to seeing a firefighter in different gear," said Enfield.

It can often be intimidating for young children to see a large firefighter dressed in full turn-out gear with a mask and helmet during the terrifying sights and sounds of a fire rescue, Enfield said.

"I'm sure it's like someone invading from outer space."

Consequently, he believes it's an invaluable opportunity for parents to introduce their children to friendly firefighters who are wearing their bulky equipment in a more cheerful setting.

Tentative plans for the open house also include shows by General Motors automotive technicians, who will give an airbag demonstration to teach about vehicle passenger safety.

Firefighters also hope to provide a hands-on opportunity to learn about their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in a new SCBA demo room.

During two shows planned for 11 a.m. and noon, a handful of civilians will get a chance to feel what it's like to be in a smoke-filled room using the

specialized breathing equipment.

Throughout the day there will also be static displays on a number of topics, including fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide, lock boxes, fire hazards, first responders and wildland interface fire prevention.

"We are also trying to set up a phone with a 911 call display where children can speak to an operator."

A few short videos are also scheduled to teach children about fire awareness and prevention.

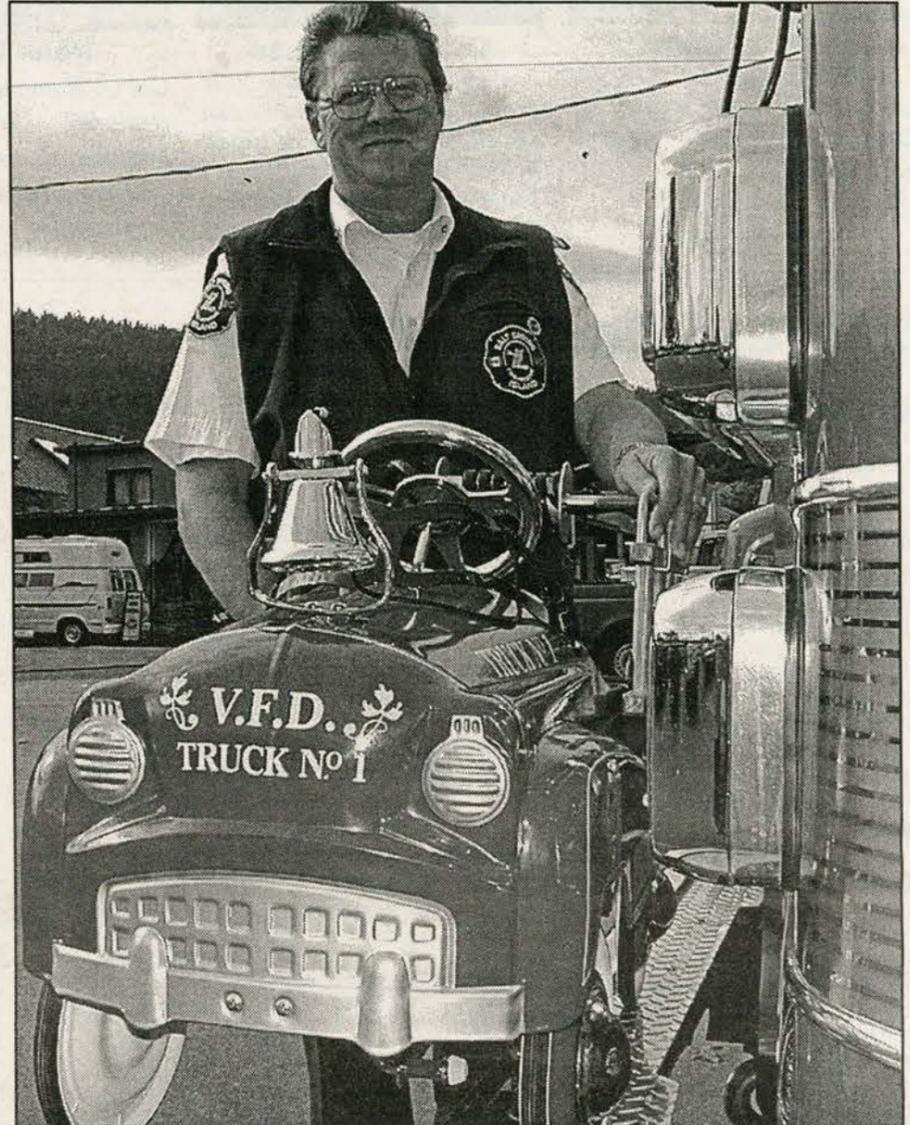
Enfield would like to encourage families to use the open house as an opportunity to reflect on current home escape plans and check household safety equipment.

"It's getting close to the time change, which is a great time to change batteries in smoke alarms and check carbon-monoxide detectors."

The fire chief also recommends this as an excellent time to clean up perimeters around homes to prevent wild fire hazards and clear roofs and gutters of flammable debris.

"People like their privacy on the island so they let trees grow right around the house. Needles fall on the roof, a spark from a chimney ignites the needles and then our job begins."

While conducting a fall yard clean-up, islanders should also check to make sure driveways are cleared for fire truck access and that address signs are clearly visible from the road to help speed firefighter response time.



CHIEF'S WHEELS: Fire chief Dave Enfield holds a toy fire truck firefighters are raffling off at the Salt Spring Fire Department open house Saturday.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

One other thing island residents can do to help reduce fire risk on Salt Spring is to buy a raffle ticket from firefighters at the open house.

Local firefighters are selling tickets for a child's custom fire truck valued at \$300. The mini-pumper pedal car comes with fun accessories like a real wooden ladder, bell, functional hose reel and a cus-

tom paint job.

The prize will be drawn December 10, just in time to give a junior Salt Spring firefighter the perfect Christmas gift.

All proceeds from the raffle tickets will go toward the purchase of a fire safety house, a teaching tool for the children of Salt Spring.

"It's a long-term project," said Enfield.

"But it will help children learn more about home fire safety, kitchen safety and things like how to get out of the upper storey of a house safely."

Until the fire safety house is acquired, the fire department open house on Saturday will still serve as an excellent opportunity for adults and children alike to brush up on those fire prevention tips.

Salt Spring Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Open House and Fire Fair

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- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, not to be missed! 2 shows 11am & 12 noon.
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Proceeds from the raffle will go towards community fire prevention.

Dave followed in the footsteps of his father, who was a volunteer firefighter in Surrey in the early 60s. A Salt Spring resident for four years, he enjoys fishing, cooking and golf.

Fire safety tip: Have your address properly posted and an accessible driveway. Our trucks are big and need room.

DAVE ENFIELD
Chief - 33 yrs.



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Dan became a firefighter because of the community service aspect of the job. A long-time Salt Spring resident, his hobbies are boating and hunting.

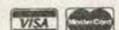
Fire safety tip: Smoke alarms do save lives.

DAN AKERMAN
Deputy Chief - 33 yrs.



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Kerry has lived on Salt Spring all his life and joined the fire department because more firefighters were needed from the south end. A farmer and a carpenter, Kerry likes camping and boating.

Fire safety tip: Have your chimney cleaned before you have a chimney fire.

KERRY AKERMAN
Captain - 20 yrs.



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Jamie wanted "to be part of a great team, rich in tradition," so he joined the fire department. He's lived on the island for 10 years and enjoys motorcross, golf and softball.

Fire safety tip: Practise fire exit drills with your family.

JAMIE HOLMES
Career Firefighter - 6 1/2 yrs



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It's been so long since Russ joined the fire department he can't remember why he did it. A heavy-duty mechanic, Russ has lived on Salt Spring for 24 years and enjoys diving and boating in his spare time.

Fire safety tip: Please drive safely.

RUSS MURCHESON
Captain - 22 yrs.



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Arjuna — also known as AJ — joined the fire department because of the variety of important life skills the experience offers. A 25-year resident, his hobbies are fishing and "enjoying Salt Spring."

Fire safety tip: Please talk and listen to your children about fire safety and keep matches and lighters out of reach of kids.

ARJUNA GEORGE
Captain - 5 yrs.



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Jim became a firefighter because his brother was one — plus he always wanted to do it anyway. He's been on Salt Spring for 37 years and works as a highways maintenance technician. He enjoys baseball and coaching his son's soccer team.

Fire safety tip: Make sure your child has reflective clothing for Hallowe'en.

JIM BUCKLEY
Captain - 15 yrs.



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Having family in the fire service is what prompted Laurence to become a firefighter. A longtime Salt Spring resident, he likes hunting, fishing and swimming. He works as an engineer for B.C. Ferries.

Fire safety tip: Keep objects at least three feet away from space heaters.

LAURENCE SPENCER
Firefighter - 14 yrs.



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Mike is a firefighter because he "wanted to do something good for the community." A 14-year resident, he is a farmer and enjoys fishing and hunting.

Fire safety tip: Seat belts save lives.

MIKE LANE
Firefighter - 9 yrs.



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The community service aspect of firefighting is what led Stan to join the department. Self-employed, Stan has lived here for five and a half years and likes skiing, fishing and golfing in his spare time.

Fire safety tip: Know burning regulations.

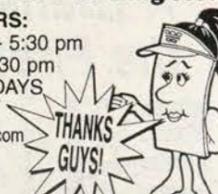
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Jeff wanted to serve the community so he joined the fire department 14 years ago. A salesman, he has lived here for 17 years and enjoys fishing and golf.

Fire safety tip: Please yield to vehicles with 4-way flashers — volunteers are responding to an emergency call!

JEFF OUTERBRIDGE
Captain 14 yrs.



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A 31-year island resident, Patrick joined the fire department to perform a community service. A funeral director by trade, his hobbies are golf and amateur radio.

Fire safety tip: Fasten seatbelts, drive safely and teach your children about fire safety.

PATRICK BEATTIE
Firefighter - 5 yrs.



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Alisa wanted to get out of the house so she joined the fire department. The mother of two boys and an office administrator at Gulf Coast Materials, Alisa has lived on the island for 10 years. Her hobbies are softball and badminton.

Fire safety tip: Keep a fire extinguisher in your house.

ALISA OWEN
Firefighter - 1 yr.



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A stonemason by trade, Amos has lived on the island for 20 years, and enjoys hunting and archery. He joined the fire department to help the community.

Fire safety tip: Burn clean, seasoned firewood.

AMOS LUNDY
Firefighter - 5 yrs.



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An 18-year island resident, Todd joined the fire department to serve the community. He is an electrical contractor by trade and in his spare time likes to play hockey and baseball and watch TV.

Fire safety tip: Supplement your hard-wired smoke alarms with battery ones in case of a power outage.

TODD MCINTYRE
Lieutenant - 14 yrs.



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Bruce's father was a firefighter for over 20 years, so Bruce has been part of the fire-fighting family for as long as he can remember. Born in Ganges in 1958, his hobby is filling out forms and his occupation is managing a village corner store.

Fire safety tip: When doing outside burning keep a garden hose close at hand.

N. BRUCE PATTERSON
Captain - 15 yrs.



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Kurt became a volunteer firefighter because he wanted to help the community. He is a third-generation islander and is shop manager at Don Irwin Collision. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, fighting fires and spending time with his family.

Fire safety tip: Check the batteries in your smoke detector and talk to your kids about playing with matches.

KURT IRWIN
Lieutenant - 12 yrs.

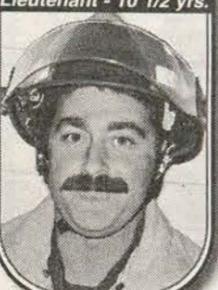


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A desire to help others led Dale to join the fire department. He is self-employed and has lived on Salt Spring for 13 years. His hobbies are golf and softball.

Fire safety tip: Boot up.

DALE LUNDY
Lieutenant - 10 1/2 yrs.



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Fire safety tips

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL

- In case of fire go to your neighbor's home to call.
- Teach your children how to get emergency help.

FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS!

- Even sparklers, which burn as hot as 1200 degrees F (649 C), cause thousands of injuries to children each year.
- Attend professional displays and leave fireworks to the technicians who are trained to use them.

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

- Create a safety zone around your home by clearing flammable vegetation.
- Keep your roof clear of leaves and needles.
- Discuss community fire safety with your neighbors.

USE ELECTRICITY SAFELY

- Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs.
- Replace any cord that is cracked or frayed. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired by a professional.
- Use the proper size fuses in your fuse box.

TREAT GASOLINE WITH CARE

- Store only a small amount of gasoline in an approved safety container outside the home.
- Use it as a motor fuel only, not for cleaning.

ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY

- Water your christmas tree daily and be sure it is placed away from exits and heat sources.
- Make sure holiday lights are labeled by an approved testing laboratory and in good condition.

CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE

- If you encounter smoke on your way out of a fire, use your second way out instead.
- If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.

SECURITY BARS ON WINDOWS CAN TRAP YOU IN A FIRE

- Use bars which have a quick release mechanism that everyone in the family can operate.

FIRE WON'T WAIT, PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- Have an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and a meeting place outside the home.
- Practice it with the whole family at least twice a year.

STOP, DROP, AND ROLL

- If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands

and roll over and over to smother the flames.

COOL A BURN

- If someone gets burned, place the wound in cool water for 10 - 15 minutes.
- If the burn blisters or chars, see a doctor immediately. Set the temperature of your hot water heater to 120 degrees F (49 C) or below.

SPACE HEATERS NEED SPACE

- Keep portable and space heaters at least 3 feet (1m) from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed and keep children and pets well away from them.

WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

- Install them on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area.
- Test them monthly and install new batteries.

MATCHES OR LIGHTERS CAN BE DEADLY

- Use child resistant lighters.
- Store all matches and lighters up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.

FIRE PREVENTION CHECK LIST

As the colder weather approaches and Canadians begin to think about relaxing next to a cozy fire or turning up their furnaces, it's important they remember to follow proper fire safety practices.

Many things, including gas water heaters, furnaces, wood burning stoves or fireplaces and blocked chimneys can cause house fires. This home and fire safety checklist will help ensure this winter is a safe and happy one.

Home Safety Checklist

Smoke Alarms

- Is there a smoke alarm on every level of the house?
- Does that include both types of alarms? Photoelectric for smouldering, slow-burning fires and ion-

ization for fast-flaming fires?

- Have the smoke alarms been tested once a month to ensure they are in good working condition?
- Have alarms that are more than 10 years old been replaced?
- Have the batteries been changed recently?

Fire Extinguishers

- Is there an extinguisher on every level of the home?
- In the kitchen?
- In the garage?
- If you have them, check the gauge to ensure it is still charged
- Does everyone in the house know how to use the extinguisher?
- P - Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher
- A - Aim the extinguisher
- S - Squeeze the trigger of the extinguisher

S - Sweep the extinguisher left to right to cover the base of the fire

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

- Is there a CO detector on every level of the home and outside the bedrooms?
- Have the batteries been changed recently?
- Have the fuel burning appliances and equipment been checked within the last year by a qualified service technician?
- Are fuel burning appliances properly vented?
- Are chimneys and vents clean and in good working condition?
- Have alarms that are more than seven years old been replaced?

Fire Escape Route

- Has the family cre-

ated a fire escape route?

- Does the plan include two ways out of every room in the home?
- Does your home have a Fire Escape Ladder?
- Have members of the family reviewed and practised the escape route within the last year?
- Do family members know how to unlock the doors and windows quickly, even in the dark?

Prevent a fire before it does start.

However, in the event that a fire does start in the home, the following steps should be taken:

1. First, get out!
2. Dial 911, from a neighbour's home.
3. Don't go back into the burning house.
4. If you think someone is trapped inside, tell the firefighters when they arrive.



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Eating cake

Thank you John Pottinger for your column putting the Vancouver/Whistler Olympic bid into perspective. (October 2 Driftwood.)

Our government's willingness to spend billions on a sporting event while at the same time reducing benefits to the most vulnerable members of our society is strongly reminiscent of Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake"!

People wishing to express their concerns should address them to:

International Olympic Committee, Chateau de Vidy, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.

JOHN BAXTER,
Salt Spring

Beneficial

On Thursday evening I attended my daughter's grade 5 parent- teachers get together down at the Fulford Elementary School.

Spiritual leaders tell us to "always pay attention" because extraordinary things happen when you are doing the most ordinary things.

Stella Weinert introduced the parents to the course material for the year and what immediately caught

More letters

my eye was something called "Social Responsibility."

This course attempts to instill in the children a sense of values which include looking out for and protecting the smaller children, respect for others and their property, standing up for yourself and what's right, sharing and a proactive stance to bullying.

Unlike our two local governments, the children of Fulford School have also embraced a path of democratic solutions to group problems. All of the children, not just a half-dozen elitists, form real consensus and develop real solutions to everyday problems.

This is not just theory. The children recently solved a tricky situation involving skateboarding which was endangering others.

There are many in government who could benefit from a trip to Mrs. Weinert's class. Stella is warm and friendly and quite skilled at correcting behavioral problems.

The grade fives now have

larger seats which can accommodate the biggest egos, and if you don't get with the program, Stella will take away your toys.

TOM PICKETT,
Lee Road

No Churchill

I was intrigued but at the same time puzzled by Francois Jaubert's comparison of today's political situation to that prior to WWII (October 2 letters).

As I recollect, in prewar years the megalomaniac leader (Hitler) of a superpower armed to the teeth (Germany) was threatening and delivering ultimata to smaller countries such as Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Following trumped-up charges of aggression, each of these countries was in turn overrun.

Meanwhile, a powerful but dispirited France and a disarmed Britain under Chamberlain stood by, afraid to interfere, while Hitler grew from strength to strength. Churchill's efforts to re-arm Britain were just

getting into gear when a failed bluff by Britain and France dragged them into war against Germany as Poland was invaded.

Francois is right when he points out that WWII was a close thing, but I must disagree with him on his modern-day assignment of roles. Bush is no Churchill. He is the megalomaniac leader of the superpower U.S. putting the squeeze on tiny Iraq, so is surely taking on the role of Hitler instead.

Iraq may or may not have weapons of mass destruction, but unfortunately many other countries certainly do. The U.S. is obviously no stranger to weapons of mass destruction, having invented many of them, and in fact been the only country ever to employ nuclear weapons in war.

Meanwhile the world is a much more dangerous place than it was in 1939. Any balance of power disappeared with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Britain and France are now second-rate powers. Disarmed Canada is

at best a fourth-rate power. The U.N. cannot control the United States. No Churchill is waiting in the wings this time.

Perhaps a restructured U.N. and a vigorous European Union may someday re-establish a balance of power, but until then we probably have to accept that the U.S. can pretty well do as it likes to whom it likes (see softwood lumber and Kyoto). We can only yearn for a relatively benign future U.S. administration and fervently hope that the "campaign against terror" does not degenerate into an all-out religious war.

Is it possible that Blair and Chretien might leave something of a Churchillian legacy for posterity by demonstrating dissent rather than abject complicity? At the moment they seem destined to be Chamberlains.

TOM WRIGHT,
Mount Belcher Heights

Comforting

Just wanted to send a brief note to all the paramedics,

first responders, firemen, nurses, caregivers and support staff at Lady Minto Hospital for the kindness, patience, professionalism and compassion extended to us during our recent stay there.

Time and time again folks went out of their way to help us through those difficult days.

It's comforting to know that in these times of brutal restraint, terrible uncertainty and overwhelming political and economic pressure to sacrifice the desperate needs of sick and infirm human beings to the cruelty of financial accounting that people on the front lines of this war are somehow finding a way through the heartache, the burnout and the dire, relentless frustration to still care for us all, help us when there is nowhere else to turn and keep this still a human world.

May the good lord take a liking to each and every one of you.

JIM and LAURA ANDERSON,
Salt Spring Way

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NORTH END TRIBE

'Banana' JOE CLEMENTE
Age: 38

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: I would have to say Gilligan, because he's always so happy go lucky. That's the way I am.

If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: Mary Ann wouldn't be so bad. There was always something I liked about that gal. (It must be her Banana Cream Pie!)

What's your lucky number?: 13

Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: I'm sure I would be trying to identify every exotic plant species on the island everytime we took a stroll through the jungle, & I would try & find reasons why we should stay rather than leave.

What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: I know what plants would be safe to eat.

BEN MARTENS Age: 67

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: The Captain...he's the boss and no one listens to him.

If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: Gilligan

What's your lucky number?: 67 (lucky to have lived that long)

Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: Jingling the change in my pocket.

What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: Motivated and resourceful.

MARY SMALL Age: 74

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: In 1964 I was the same shape as Ginger...now it's more like the Skipper!

If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: Probaby Gilligan, he was silly and I like that.

What's your lucky number?: What ever one works!! Maybe 11

Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: I don't think I have one — and that's very annoying!

What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: I can make a meal out of anyone...woops, I meant anything!

DAVE PHILLIPS Age: 52

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: Ginger, because I am vain and petulant.

If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: Ginger

What's your lucky number?: 09

Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: I pick my nose and smell my fingers after!

What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: Pyromania

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FASHION STORY: Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild members give a hint of the 1970s-2002 fashion show set for Mahon Hall next Friday night. Descending through the decades from left is Pat Davidson and Madalene Jory wearing their own creations, then Mary Paddon with a Gerry Layard coat and scarf, and Cheryl Wiebe in a Karen Selk 1970s poncho. See story on page A20.



Photo by Derrick Lundy

More letters

Scary

I'm not sure what alarms me more: that another oil baron Bush is ruling imperialist America, or that people like Mr. Jaubert fall for the cheerleading propaganda surrounding Bush, or compare him to Churchill in the present geo-political situation with Iraq. Scary.

Ever since this Bush literally stole the presidency, he

has been the unchecked and unilateral Hitler of those awful days in both domestic and foreign policies (ironically, just as a German government minister asserted recently).

And if you insist on history, please recall that Bush, Jr.'s grandfather, Prescott Bush, helped finance Hitler's dictatorship from the late 1930s through the war '40s. Wake up! Like father, like

son, like grandson; Bush, Sr. is also famous for financing and arming dictators all over the world, including Saddam.

As far as I can see, "Thief-in-Chief" Bush is by far the most dangerous person on the planet, along with all those people who blindly believe his speechwriters' lies.

The combination of this "leader" and the "flock" he

leads may well be the end of our so-called democracy and even our lives on this planet.

For more info on Bush's coup d'etat and other atrocities, check out Mike Moore's Stupid White Men — you might even gain another perspective on who did what September 11.

K. ROULEAU,
Salt Spring

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BALLOT!
OFF WAY!!

- Carol Simpson
- Sid Filkow
- Valdy

SOUTH END TRIBE

CAROL SIMPSON

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: Mary Ann — because she's resourceful enough to survive.
If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: The professor, because he's a survivor too!
What's your lucky number?: 2, I won the lottery on February 2nd, 2002!
Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: Snoring, every so gently, of course, but, still annoying.
What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: I cook, therefore we eat, and I'm an eternal optimist.

SID FILKOW

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: Gilligan, silly!
If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: Ginger, no explanation necessary!
What's your lucky number?: Fill 682-9554
Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: Forgetting their names.
What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: Knowing 2 of the 10 Commandments

MAGGIE MACWARBEY

FIRST VOTED OFF!
Alas, Maggie MacWarbey that playful siren from the south end becomes the first to be cast off of beautiful Salt Spring Island. First-cousin to Arvid Chalmers (see the resemblance?) Maggie was in a virtual dead heat with Dave Phillips & finished only 1 vote ahead. Tribal Council re-counted 3 times, to no avail. Comments from the voters who voted Maggie off included; "Eliminate this beauty & make room for other babes on the beach.", "She can't be for real", "Bad Disguise", "Nice, but who likes ironing as a hobby?"
Remember to clip out the ballot on this page & vote off the castaway of your choice at any of the participating Survivor businesses. Remember 1 ballot per week, per reader. Extra ballots in stores! The last cast-away wins \$500 for their favorite charity!

VALDY
AKA Paul Valdemar Horsdal

Which one of the characters from Gilligan's Island are you most like and why?: Gilligan, because he's the centre of attention, and he always was optimistic.
If you had to spend the summer on a deserted island with one of the characters from Gilligan's Island, who would it be?: The Minnow
What's your lucky number?: 57
Describe an annoying habit that is apt to get on other castaways' nerves: I tend to be too helpful.
What special survival skills do you possess that make you a valuable asset to your tribe?: I'm good with my hands.

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PAT and BERT BEITEL,
Salt Spring

Great trip

We recently attended a square and round dance weekend on Salt Spring Island, put on by the Swing 'n' Wheel square dance club.

This was our first visit to Salt Spring, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We found the people very friendly and helpful.

The Swing 'n' Wheel club put on a great dance, complete with a Salt Spring lamb barbecue. Many thanks to club president Angela Thomas and all her helpers.

We thoroughly enjoyed club caller David Baird and the visiting callers. There was also a golf game.

On the Sunday morning, we joined in the uplifting songs of gospel singer Alan Moberg. We were also entertained and shown around the island by our friends Trevor and Val Hutton.

On the Saturday morning we had a further example of Salt Spring's concern for people. When our car broke down on the Lower Ganges Road, Linda McKieve and her daughter Christy stopped their car and drove us to the Shell station. For the rest of our stay, our friends Derek and Winnie Corby drove us to all the activities.

Because it was necessary to get parts for the car from Ontario, we had an extended stay at The Wisteria. We could not have chosen a better place. Dee and Jean were the perfect hostesses.

We finally got the car back together, thanks to the efforts of Richard Jones of the Shell gas station and the Hindle Buick dealer in Duncan.

In spite of our car problem, we enjoyed the visit and look forward to further trips to Salt Spring.

GEORGE and BERYL LAWRENCE,
Weavers Square Dance Club, North Vancouver

Balanced board

I found the Boltons' letter

More letters

last week a tad misleading. First off, the members prepared to stand and subsequently elected to the Chamber are business people who offer their time to volunteer for the promotional and economic benefit of the island.

I was delighted to see that we elected two main-stays of the commercial district, Kevin Bell (Mouat's) and Arlene Dashwood, (Ganges Floor Coverings). The latter noted her interest in reviving the retail merchants committee as one of her goals. She operates a single family dwelling as a rental property.

John Wellingham, retired principal, long-time resident of Salt Spring as well as operator of a B&B (which is a legal operation under the bylaws) expressed interest in the tourism sector, jobs for young people on the island, and maintenance of the unique Salt Spring community.

Greg Simmons is a young family man, new to the island and looking to involve himself in the overall community. He is Canadian but has spent some time as a business consultant overseas. His interest is small business. He owns and operates Windrifters Cove.

The fourth member, who operates a B&B, is Ralph Bischoff who was not up for re-election.

The remaining three were re-elected. Tony Richards (newspaperman), Vicki Johnson (banker) and Doug Mitchell (retail business owner/operator) provide a strong balance on the board.

In review, one member only operates a seasonal business that falls within the questionable short-term rental slot and she is openly working for a solution to the problem. None of the elected board could be accused of lack of experience or of single-subject viewpoint. It is, in fact, a broadly based and exciting group.

As for the elimination of the clause in the code of conduct by the voting members of the Chamber — the clause covered an area of bylaw enforcement which is the legal responsibility of the Islands Trust, not the chamber, and for that reason was voted down.

Perhaps an apology would

be in order from the Boltons?

PATRICIA M. FRASER,
Stonemiller Way

Holman's priorities

When I declared my candidacy for CRD director in the summer, I expected that other candidates would have emerged earlier. In the absence of debate thus far, I wanted to briefly outline some of the priorities I would have as CRD director.

Water is our most precious resource, and demands more sustained attention and greater coordination between agencies. I propose a "water stewardship coalition" made up of agencies such as the Trust, water districts, CRD, the regional health authority, and local stewardship groups. Such a coalition would identify key water quality and conservation issues and coordinate strategies to address these concerns (including voluntary stewardship).

This sounds bureaucratic, but consider the success of a similar model, the South and West SSI Conservation Partnership, which laid the technical groundwork for the purchase of 2,600 acres of park and watershed lands from Texada.

Recent Driftwood coverage has rightly identified affordable housing, bike

lanes and public transit as key issues, all of which are being pursued by local groups. I will do everything I can to assist these groups by encouraging the Trust to use zoning tools such as amenity zoning and by cooperating with provincial agencies such as the Ministry of Transportation and B.C. Ferries. I propose the establishment of a stakeholder group to coordinate transportation efforts, including groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and Fulford Business Association to address traffic congestion in the villages.

I will support PARC in seeking public input into options for an affordable recreation facility, culminating in a referendum. I will also encourage PARC to increase support for nature-based amenities such as trail networks and greenways. As a member of the SSI Conservancy Board and the Salt Spring Appeal, I worked closely with CRD Parks on park land acquisition, and will continue to do so.

We need a permanent site for the sewage and septage disposal and composting. The Liquid Waste Committee and CRD engineering department indicate that composting (mandated by the original tax referendum), could eventually reduce the current tax levy

for this function. Present CRD director Kellie Booth helped secure infrastructure funding to investigate use of treated water from the Ganges sewer plant for watering school playgrounds. This innovative approach deserves continued support, subject to monitoring of health concerns.

To make local government "work better," improved cooperation between the CRD (including PARC), the Trust and other agencies is essential. I strongly support regular meetings of the Joint Trust - CRD Committee, and other agencies should also be invited as required. The "town hall" approach adopted by the Local Trust Committee, and more frequent reporting on CRD issues, would provide islanders with better access

to local government. I will also participate in the Trust's governance reform proposal. The incorporation vote indicated islanders want a different approach to governance. The Trust proposal offers a creative way to better integrate our fragmented rural system and establish more equitable tax sharing among Trust islands.

There are a number of other worthy projects and goals that deserve community support. The CRD Director should represent the community interest in these initiatives, but progress will depend, as always, on dedicated volunteers, cooperation among local government representatives and broad community support.

GARY HOLMAN,
CRD candidate,
2002 local government election

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WHAT DISTINGUISHES US FROM OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ON SALT SPRING?

- We look at "the bigger picture": We provide financial assistance to a wide range of worthy charitable organizations on Salt Spring each year, to help them carry out specific projects.
- One stop giving. A single donation to the community endowment fund benefits a wide range of charitable Island organizations each year.
- We are a funding organization. We do not compete against other charitable organizations; we support them.

YEAR 2001 SYNOPSIS

- **Grants:** Twenty-five grants totaling \$30,000 were distributed to various charitable organizations on Salt Spring. This was an increase of \$5,000 from year 2000, bringing total grants to over \$100,000 since our inception in 1984.
- **Growth:** By year-end the community endowment funds reached the point (over \$738,000) where we will now be able to provide a minimum of \$35,000 to help support registered charitable organizations in our island community, annually, in perpetuity.
- **Overhead and administration costs:** These remain extremely low, being only 1/4 of 1%. Virtually all were for out-of-pocket expenses for printing and mailing the annual report, and for publishing an abbreviated version in the Driftwood.

GRANT BENEFICIARIES, AND THEIR PROJECTS

There is not room on this page to list each of last year's grants, but here is a sampling:

• THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF B.C.: Purchase of "Texada" lands

Our largest grant this year went towards the purchase of "Texada" lands, through The Land Conservancy of B.C. Per their letter of thanks we "helped save 665 hectares of a mixed landscape of Douglas fir, Garry oak and arbutus forest, scenic rocky bluffs, and lush valley-bottom groves in the southwest area of Salt Spring Island". Additionally, "helped protect land for watersheds for domestic water supplies, viewscapes, and recreational trails, and for establishing parks of a regional and Provincial character".

• GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL: Peer Counseling Program

A well-regarded peer counseling program in operation at the Secondary School was struggling financially. We helped fund training programs and materials.

• "ARTSPRING": Directional sign and banners

"Artspring" caters partly to off-Island visitors. To help people find their way there they wished to install a directional sign beside the intersection of Fulford-Ganges Road and Seaview Avenue. They also wanted to make the building more inviting and attractive by placing banners on their lamp standards next to Jackson Avenue and in the courtyard area. These improvements were intended also to further develop Artspring's profile in the community and to support cultural tourism on Salt Spring.

Our foundation was the major source of funding for this signage and banners in 2001.

• STAGECOACH THEATRE SCHOOL SOCIETY: Youth training

The Stagecoach Theatre School Society's purpose is to provide training in the theatre arts to a dedicated group of 11-15 year old Salt Spring Island students. Instructors from the local arts community teach voice, acting, movement, and the technical elements of set design, lighting, costumes and stage-managing.

Our grant was towards equipment and materials to support this youth training.

• GULF ISLANDS MARINE RESCUE SOCIETY: Equipment for new rescue boat

This society is affiliated with the Coast Guard Auxiliary unit serving Salt Spring, Pender and Galiano islands. Among other activities their volunteers assist in Search and Rescue operations, often under difficult and dangerous conditions. They raised funding for the construction of a larger and safer rigid hull inflatable vessel to replace the marginal seventeen-foot Boston Whaler they were previously using. We helped provide funding for outfitting the new vessel with necessary operating equipment.

• SALT SPRING SKATEBOARD SOCIETY: "Seed money"

This society received charitable registration in 2001. Their goal is to establish a permanent skateboard park for the youth of Salt Spring Island. They have secured the use of a site on Kanaka Road, with the co-operation of the School District. They developed a conceptual plan. The next step was to hire an expert to design the park. We provided the initial funding for the consultant.

Earlier in the year, before the society was formed, and as a separate grant through the School Board, we helped fund the purchase of lumber and materials for skateboarders to build ramps during their "shop time" at school.

• S.S.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Cataloging and preservation of historical photographs

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society maintains an archives, located in the Mary Hawkins Library building. They had many irreplaceable photographs that they wished to catalogue, sort, file and preserve in acid-free materials.

Thanks to funding from our foundation for materials, and to volunteers for labour, this project has now been completed. Additionally, these photographs and other historical information about Salt Spring have been placed on their website and may be viewed at "http://gulflandislands.com/frank/archives".

• S.S.I. CONSERVANCY: Ford Lake ecosystems mapping project

Ford Lake's marshes are Salt Spring Islands' best example of a wetland environment in the Gulf Islands. A major portion of the surrounding lands were purchased a few years ago; first by a few individuals to hold it until permanent funding was raised. Then by Ducks Unlimited. Their goals are to conserve its ecological values, including landscape diversity, and to integrate existing farming as a partner in the maintenance of diverse habitats.

The identification and mapping of the boundaries of the various soils and vegetation and ecosystems was to be one step towards developing a management strategy and plan for this property.

Our foundation was a one-third partner with The Salt Spring Island Conservancy and with Ducks Unlimited in funding the consultants hired for this ecosystems mapping project.

* FARMERS INSTITUTE: Re-roofing of the main building

The Farmers Institute is probably best known for the Fall Fair, but that is by no means the only benefit that our community derives from the use of their buildings and grounds, plus other agriculturally-related programs and activities. Our foundation contributed towards the cost of much-needed re-roofing of the main building.

* LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE SOCIETY: Building repairs and upgrading

When the Beaver Point school closed in 1951 it had the distinction of being British Columbia's oldest continuously-operated school. The Little Red Schoolhouse Society now leases it from the British Columbia Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. They are responsible for its maintenance. We assisted them with funding for repairs needed for their operation of a pre-school for children of the community between the ages of three and five.

• SALT SPRING THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION: Start-up funding

There are nearly one hundred therapeutic riding associations throughout Canada. Therapy programs for people with intellectual, physical or emotional challenges often incorporate the riding and caring for horses. They promote positive rewards such as self-esteem, self-confidence, respect, sensitivity and sympathy. The Salt Spring association received charitable registration in 2001. We helped provide funding for start-up costs.

• FULFORD COMMUNITY HALL: Purchase of land for parking

A grant from our foundation helped reduce the mortgage that had been taken out to purchase adjacent property when it became available.

• CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND: "Talking Books" program

One of our early major donors has lost his vision. He values the availability of Talking Books from the library. At his suggestion we have contributed annually to the CNIB's Talking Books program for the benefit of persons with visual impairments.

• VOLUNTEER SALT SPRING: Part-time co-ordinator

Volunteer Salt Spring was set up to be a co-ordinating centre for all organizations and individuals on Salt Spring, thanks to a grant to the Community Services Society from the provincial government in 2000. A series of well-attended training workshops for volunteer groups were held. A "virtual" volunteer co-ordinating centre was set up on a website, rather than incur the cost of renting and staffing an office. On this website organizations could post information about themselves and their volunteer positions, and individuals could research organizations they may wish to volunteer for. Our grant in 2001 was to hire someone part-time to keep the website updated.

SWOVA: Civic responsibility course and handbook

In conjunction with students at the high school, SWOVA (full name; "Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse, Community Development and Research Society") developed a course on such matters as civic responsibility, social justice, healthy relationships, and violence prevention for youth. We helped finance that, plus a companion handbook that would help parents understand the skills that their children were learning and to provide a means for them to reinforce the material at home.

GRANTS, PREVIOUS YEARS

Beneficiaries of grants in previous years include the following:

- Mary Hawkins Library
- Bessie Dane Foundation
- "Meadowbrook" seniors residence housing project
- Home Support Services Society
- Community Services Society
- Island Wildlife Natural Care Society
- SSI Daycare Society
- Core Inn Youth Project Society
- Salt Spring Preschool Society
- Transition House
- SPCA
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- SSI Festival of the Arts Society
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While we anticipate that a few donors may not necessarily agree with every single grant, we believe that they reflect the community's wishes when looked at overall. If, however, a donor prefers to support one or more specific organizations, or fields of interest, this can be arranged through a donor-directed fund.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every little bit helps. A donation of \$20, for example, means that an additional \$1 or so in grants can be distributed every year thereafter. \$100 equates to about \$5 annually.

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• "In memoriam" contributions. A letter will be sent to the family of the deceased, letting them know that you have made a contribution (without specifying an amount) in honour of the deceased, and a tax receipt mailed to you.

• Leave a legacy to the community. Be remembered: This can be done either in your lifetime, or through your will. After providing for family, consider setting-up a "named fund" with the Salt Spring Island Foundation. Many island residents have done so already, either in their own name or in the name of a loved one. (These are listed further along in this report).

• Other: Donations can also be in the form of securities or life insurance policies.

As the endowment fund grows, so also grows the support that can be provided to island charitable organizations.

NAMED FUNDS

Most of us would like to help make things better in the community in which we live. Also, to be thanked for it, and to be given recognition for doing it. What better way than by setting up a named fund with the Salt Spring Island Foundation? This can be either in our lifetimes, or by leaving a bequest in our will.

A donation of \$5,000 or more (which can be pledged over several years) entitles you to have a specific fund set up in a name of your choosing. These are listed by name in the annual reports every year thereafter. Additionally, with a donation of \$10,000 or more you may specify that the earned interest go to a particular field of interest (e.g. seniors, youth, environment). Over \$25,000 you may specify one or more specific charitable organizations (e.g. Artspring, the library, the hospital, your church). Your name, or that of a loved one, could similarly be commemorated in this way (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).

One new fund was created in 2001 (Ruth Crane estate) and eight others added to.

As of 2001 year-end, "named funds" total \$621,472.

They are:

Ruby Alton Estate	\$200,000
Jessie Mouat Toynbee Fund	* 129,000
Dr. Raymond Rush Family Fund	* 34,738
Ruth Crane Estate	34,075
Elizabeth Baker Estate	25,000
Al Stubbe Memorial Fund	24,000
Barnie and Bill Cowan Fund	22,000
Hubert and Margaret Robinson Fund	15,000
Hector Perry Fund	12,930
Olivia D. Mouat Fund	11,011
George Lamont Memorial Fund	10,300
Nels Vodden	10,000
Marc and Jean Holmes Fund	10,000
William David Dexter Memorial Fund	9,525
John Lees Estate	9,000
Al & Mary Pike Fund	7,363
Bob and Sharon Brawn Fund	7,000
Dave Rayment Memorial Fund	5,280
Anonymous # 1	5,250
Mimi Gossett Memorial Fund	5,000
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Bill and Eleanor Puckering Fund	5,000
Drs. Albert & Peggy Mouat Johnston Fund	5,000
Gordon Parsons Estate	* 2,500
Cordula Vogt Fund	* 2,500
* Denotes pledges in addition to amount shown	
TOTAL	\$621,472

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

(unaudited)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS	2001	2000
Donations	97,336	105,532
Investment income	43,839	32,812
Other income	0	50
Flow-through grant	5,000	0
Total Receipts	146,175	138,394
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants, regular program	30,100	25,000
Grants, flow-through program	5,000	0
Annual Report Printing, Postage & Publishing	1,379	1,595
Fees and General Expense	302	344
Total Disbursements	36,781	26,939
 Net increase in Endowment Funds	 109,394	 111,455
Endowment Funds, beginning of year	629,542	518,087
Endowment Funds, end of year	738,936	629,542

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2001	2000
Cash	56,237	7,643
Term deposits	0	39,331
Investments, at cost (Market value, \$679,633)	683,139	578,660
Accrued interest receivable	6,991	6,290
Membership shares, Credit Union	69	119
Total Assets	746,436	632,043
LIABILITIES AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
Revenue received in advance	7,500	2,500
Total Liabilities	7,500	2,500
Endowment Funds:		
Named Funds	621,472	539,872
Community Fund	111,464	83,671
Administration Endowment Fund	6,000	6,000
Total Endowment Funds	738,936	629,543
	746,436	632,043

The foregoing is an abridged version of the annual Stewardship Report. A copy of the full report will gladly be sent upon request to 537-2501 (Bob Rush), or by writing to us at #2-110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K1H2, or by e-mail to rush@saltspring.com

With special thanks to all previous donors, and to our Grants Advisory Committee members Gladys Campbell, Marilyn Snook and Bob Wild,

Respectfully submitted, Trustees: Bob Brawn, Patrick Lee, Judy Norget, Edith Sacker, Tom Toynbee, Bob Rush (Chairman)

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all donations of \$10 or more
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More letters

Affordability

Re: affordable housing/shelter on Salt Spring Island.

Island citizens talk about affordable housing and shelter as if we know what that means. The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) sets the maximum amount of gross income (before tax dollars) for shelter at 30 per cent of that income.

To put that in perspective, a citizen earning \$6 per hour with a 40-hour work week earns \$12,480 in a year of \$1,040 per month before taxes, etc. Thirty per cent of \$1,040 is \$312 for shelter for that employed citizen of our community. This type of shelter is very rare.

A full-time employee earning \$30,000 per year, \$2,500 per month, can "afford" \$750 per month for shelter. This is what a family of 3, 4 or more can afford.

We as a community must define "affordable" and work together to attain that goal. Citizens (renters, owners), CRD, Trust — affordable is about diversity, about community, about a healthy economy. You and me and them and us.

Read the "for rent" ads in our community newspaper. The dollar numbers do not make sense. Think about affordable.

Creative solutions are needed. Some are under way. If we were united we could be innovative and ask vacation rental homes to tuck in a cottage/suite for the year-round caretaker. That would provide shelter and help stabilize neighbourhoods. We could limit the number of units to ensure a healthy mix of solutions.

Perhaps some old-fashioned boarding houses with 21st-century guidelines could create shelter for the citizens running them. Shelter and a modest income.

The need is real and growing. Do you have a clean, warm space you could offer to a citizen of your community based on what they can afford?

JEWEL M. ELDSTROM,
Lawn Hill Drive

Candy time

I would like to remind everyone that all the candy we see for sale in the stores means Hallowe'en is almost here.

For the last couple of years my family and I have been collecting candy to help the people of Maliview Drive, a popular street for kids to trick or treat, even for kids who don't live there, including us.

Each year 100 to 200 goblins and ghosts descend upon Maliview, raking in bags of delicious loot. That can mean a hefty grocery bill for those who actually live there.

If you and your family head out to Maliview on Hallowe'en, please consider donating a bag or two of goodies. Drop

boxes will be available at Ganges Village Market and at the post office. You may also leave donations at Fernwood School on October 31.

My kids and I will deliver the candy door to door after school on October 31.

LIANNE FIDLER,
Salt Spring

Chamber responds

We don't claim to be perfect, but nor do we take ethics lightly.

Terry and Bev Bolton have been insinuating that the ethics of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce are in some doubt.

They have done so because the chamber's annual meeting on September 25 approved a code of ethics that omitted a controversial clause requiring members to abide by local bylaws.

It's not that the chamber believes we should ignore local regulations and operate as we see fit. It's because there are myriad rules that are currently being broken that some caution was called for in adopting the code of

ethics.

And some members were uncomfortable with what they saw as the chamber undertaking bylaw enforcement on behalf of the Islands Trust.

The decision to adopt the code without the controversial clause was made by a vote of 40-1, and followed extensive discussion.

The Boltons were also critical that the chamber's new board is largely supportive of short-term vacation rentals.

Directors were elected from a slate prepared by the nominating committee, with the addition of one nomination from the floor. There could have been more nominations from the floor if anyone had wished to run.

Indeed, one or two of us might have willingly had our arms twisted to make way for new blood.

Instead, there was a democratic election of directors who share one view: the chamber must stand up for the economic interests of the Salt Spring community.

TONY RICHARDS,
President, SSI
Chamber of Commerce

Teacher 'begs' for supplies

A local teacher has decided to "put out a cup" and beg for donations to two Salt Spring Middle School (SIMS) programs.

"I could whine about school underfunding for the rest of my life," says SIMS band and woodworking teacher Mitch Howard.

But instead he has decided to turn to the community and "beg" for donations to his two programs.

Howard says there are several ways islanders can help SIMS' band program, including by donating instruments.

The band is in particular need of costly items such as a bassoon, oboe and xylophone.

"There is no way our band program can go out and buy any of these," he says. "But maybe someone on Salt Spring has one they inherited and never use. Maybe someone has one just sitting under the bed."

Islanders can also donate to the band by entering the music patron program.

Those who fund the cost of a band arrangement (between \$60 and \$100) will have their names included on book plates, right on the charts.

"As long as the music on that chart is played, the

donor's name will appear alongside it in the program," Howard says.

Donations are tax deductible if made to the SIMS band program through the Gulf Islands Educational Trust.

Howard is also looking for donations of scrap wood in "reasonable shape" for students in his woodworking class.

He said a recent contribu-

tion of scrap wood has really inspired students, even more so than newer wood bought last year.

"It's sort of like the ugly duckling syndrome — they take the wood nobody else wants and make some really incredible things."

He added, "I'm playing the part of beggar, here. I'm coming out with my little bowl and seeing what we get."

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A quirky penchant for hauling friends and family off to see the naturally composed beauty of special landscapes is one reason local photographer Richard MacDonald took up the camera.

"I used to drag friends to all these places and I'd say 'Oh, you should have seen it yesterday. It was a lot different.' I've dragged almost everyone I know to Bald Rock," MacDonald laughed.

Situated in the north Sierra Nevada mountains of the Sacramento Valley, Bald Rock is a school bus-sized bauble perched on a shelf of sandy rock.

"I've been there hundreds of times. No one goes there. It's one of those places where you can hang out and it's nice."

He has two photos of Bald Rock currently hanging in the Salt Spring Roasting Company show that opened last week.

One image of Bald Rock shows a skeletal bone-bleached tree that accentuates the curving symmetry of the monolithic rock and the desolation of the barren landscape.

"Unfortunately, someone knocked that tree down to build a fire a few years ago," MacDonald said.

His current show features a collection of close-ups and landscapes divided into three themes that revolve around rock, water and trees.

"The only guy that doesn't fit into the theme is Wat Po. I put him in here to watch over the show."

The Wat Po photo captures an ornate stone statue of a cheerfully aggressive warrior figure situated outside a Buddhist temple in Bangkok, Thailand.

"He's sort of a deity guarding the entrance to the temple. What they have to do with everything, I don't know . . . The composition came out well. It was taken late in the day. And it's old, probably older than anything else in the show, except maybe Bald Rock," he smiled.

In contrast, he described the impermanence of glassy water reflections for a brightly coloured fluid portrait of Kanaka Wharf on Salt Spring.

"The reflection was just a lucky moment in time."

MacDonald walks the oceanside loop around Ganges almost every day, he said. And on one occasion he caught a startling vision of rich colours and abstract shapes bouncing off the calm clear water.

"It was a still day in September and the water was clean. I had to run back to grab my camera."

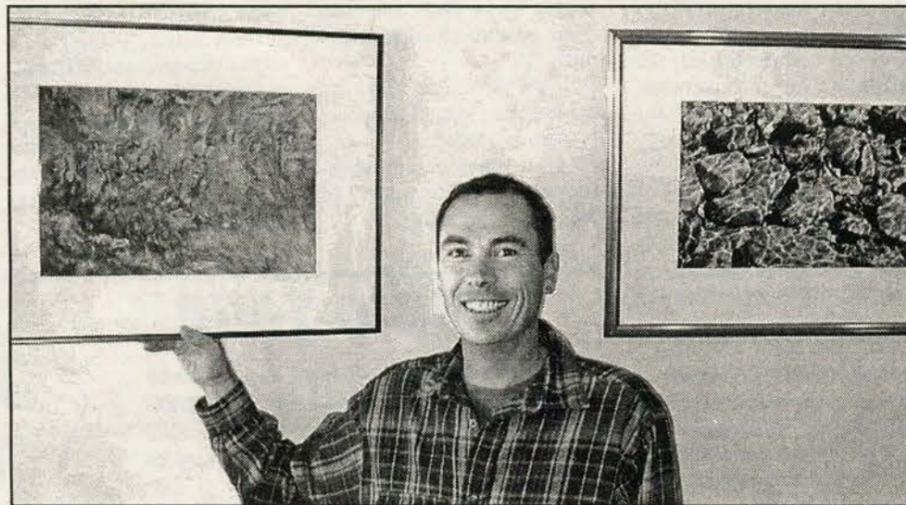
He included few shots of Salt Spring at the Roasting Company show because of the limited themes he'd selected.

"There's not a lot of clear mountain streams on the island," he laughed.

But MacDonald did manage to sneak in a print of Rocky Dimples, which features water droplets pooled on an eroded rock at Southey Point.

"The water looks like it's

MacDonald shares selected views



Richard MacDonald and two of his photos now on display

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

popping out because I have it hung upside down," he grinned.

Many of the photos feature Lynn Canyon, north of Vancouver. The mountain park was a convenient escape when MacDonald lived in the city with his wife Fiona before they made the island hop for a more rural life two and a half years ago.

One super-saturated aqua-blue shot from Lynn Canyon is called Blue Ice. It was taken during a low-light situation under a canopy of trees, late on a winter's day.

"It was so precarious around this little puddle in the woods. I was standing on icy rocks and I couldn't walk on the puddle because it was only a quarter-inch thick. So I was

kind of dangling on a little branch."

Normally MacDonald prefers to get very close to his subject and frame the image corner-to-corner, unlike the situation with Blue Ice, he laughed.

"The close-up stuff is what I've found works for me."

Pieces like Ice Puzzle and Autumn Leaves show a fastid-

ious attention to harmony, colour and symmetry in the minutiae of nature.

During the shooting of Impressions, where MacDonald hovered inches above a swift clear stream, a puzzled group of hikers had to divert their path through a thicket of bushes to inquire about his choice of subject.

"I almost never use a tripod. All these shots were taken with a hand-held camera using a 50-millimetre lens."

He also shies away from polarizers and other lenses in his work. He prefers a bare-bones manual Pentax set-up with just the one lens.

"It's compact and easy when hiking. Also, with a 50-mm lens you are closer to achieving what you actually see."

And while MacDonald's interest in photography is closely related to his attraction for nature and spending time in the outdoors, the camera work comes secondary to a simple appreciation of natural beauty, he said.

Even though he's headed for the Baja in Mexico this

winter, he's going more for swimming and body surfing than photography, he said.

"I might not take a photo for a month until I see something I like."

While discussing his works at the coffee shop Friday, several patrons approached MacDonald to share admiration for his captured visions.

In turn, he expressed appreciation for the warm reception by photography connoisseurs of Salt Spring.

"This place is the first place that gave me a chance to show my work."

Once he was encouraged to display pieces with the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists (ASA) photography at ArtSpring, he selected photos he deemed worthy and continued to collect more shots.

"Stuff going on here on the island is conducive to that sort of thing."

The only problem with his current solo exhibit is that now the walls of his home are bare for the month.

"I used pretty much every frame in the house."

MacDonald's photography will be on display at the Salt Spring Roasting Company in Ganges until October 31.

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Fashion through the decades at upcoming guild show

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

From ponchos and chunky, earth-toned yarn to sleek silk suits, the face of handwoven clothing has thoroughly evolved in the past 30 years.

What hasn't changed is the affection the creators of those garments have for their work and others'.

At ArtSpring last Thursday a throng of females flipped through racks of gorgeous coats, dresses and sweaters, took turns swirling scarves and marvelled at the classic designs and eye-catching details of their friends' pieces.

The women are members of the 65-strong Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild, which celebrates its 30th anniversary with an informal fashion show, demonstrations and displays at Mahon Hall next week.

The fashion show of clothing and accessories from the last three decades runs from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, October 18, with demonstrations and displays taking place from 10 to 4 on Saturday.

Gerry Layard and Josie Clement are two current members who have formed part of the group's special weave since the earliest days.

Back in 1971, said Layard, a woman named Emily Crosby found herself overwhelmed by response to a Driftwood ad asking for people interested in weaving to call her. The guild was then formally established in January of 1972 and had 25

paid-up members that year. Some workshop leaders in the first couple of years were Lotus Ruckle (spinning classes), Dorothy Field (Salish weaving and natural dyes), Cathy Dickerson (inkle weaving), Rose Nauman (tapestry techniques) and Ruth Stanton, who was an inspiration to many island weavers.

The group's first pre-Christmas sale, held with the potters, was in a storefront on McPhillips Avenue in 1973 and earned the weavers guild a \$21.19 profit.

Clement and Layard were typical of early guild members — inexperienced, but motivated to learn.

Layard's impetus was a desire to help extended care residents develop weaving skills. (Greenwoods still has a weaving program thanks to guild volunteers and its own section at the annual fall fair.)

Now, say Layard and Clement, the guild boasts several craftspeople with industry-wide reputations.

Spinners and weavers meet Thursdays in the ArtSpring gallery, and have space for supplies and a library in the adjacent storage area.

Next weekend's 30th anniversary fete is at Mahon, though, because of the guild's early connection to the endearing old hall.

"The old weavers guild members still have an affection and proprietary feeling for Mahon Hall," explains Clement.

Layard said the first meet-

ings were held in what was the board room at Mahon Hall, but the space was first shared with the potters guild and an imposing kiln in the middle of the room. While several years through the decades were spent at Mahon Hall, the guild also tried St. George's church hall, the United Church basement, Activity Centre and the Farmers Institute meeting room, said Layard.

Donna Vanderwekken is coordinating next Friday's fashion show, but Ida Marie Threadkell was standing in for her at the organizing fest last week.

Racks of clothes from each decade were being arranged after their creators had attached an identifying card.

"We have some absolutely spectacular things," observed Threadkell.

"I'm amazed at the timelessness of some of these pieces."

While times have clearly

changed when it comes to weaving styles and colours, many garments look as stunning now as when they were first worn in the '70s.

Moving through the 1980s rack where more blues and deep colours flash, she said, "The palette changes, definitely."

Then perusing clothing made in the '90s, "The weave is finer, as a rule."

In all the decades represented, the individuality of each piece is startling.

"Weaving is a wonderful hobby in that there are so many facets to it," said Layard.

These days the guild even has gatherings of spinners and knitters who meet outside the wider Thursday meetings.

Tanis Smythe is the guild's current vice-president. She praises the weekly meetings, which include guest speakers on specialized topics, videos, off-island trips and a "show-and-tell" component, where members bring in samples of their work.

"The most informative ones are usually their disasters," says Smythe, since people learn so well from their mistakes.

At the October 18-19 events, a panoply of what island weavers, spinners and knitters have learned and accomplished over the last three decades will form an enticing display.

Guild members hope islanders and visitors will take it all in next Friday night and Saturday.

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Hot entertainers at Moby's

Moby's will draw in the crowds this weekend when the pub hosts the Doug Cox Trio, featuring musical comedian Todd Butler.

Islanders with musical taste are familiar with Doug Cox, a slide guitar and dobro player who has performed on the island in the past with musicians such as Ken Hamm and Rick Fines.

Butler is also well-known for his satirical songs often heard on CBC radio.

Cox and Butler live in the Comox Valley.

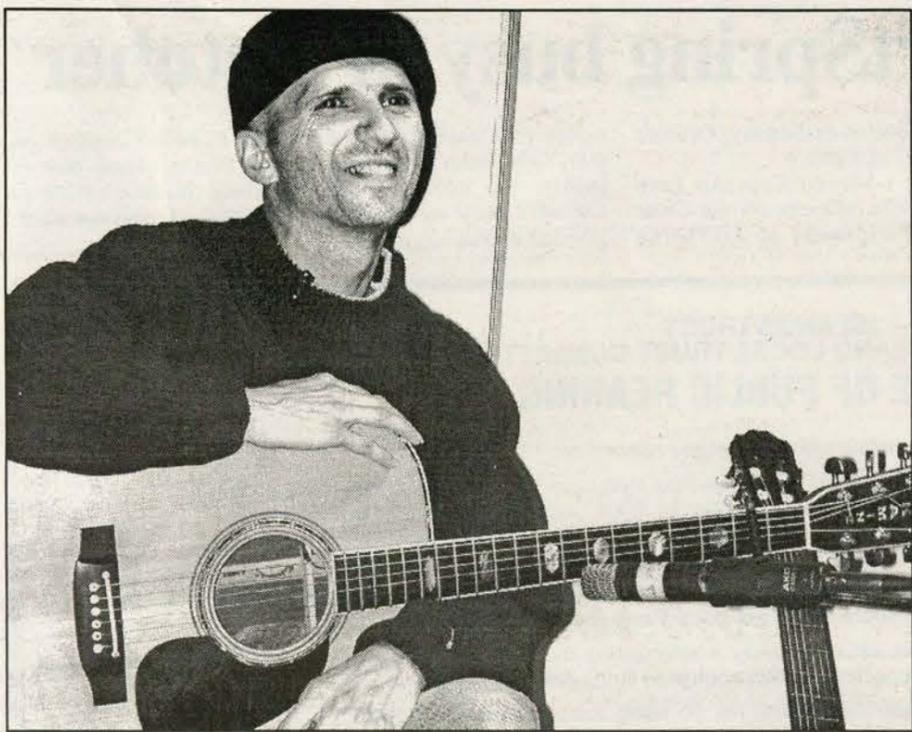
Cox recently released the CD called Stay Lazy, his

fourth as a leader in 10 years. It's a mix of original works and arrangements of songs ranging from Duke Ellington's Caravan and George Harrison's While My Guitar Gently Weeps.

Press material describes Stay Lazy as "a stunning collection of thoughtful songwriting, virtuoso playing and brilliant arranging."

The Boston Globe has called Cox "one of the world's most expressive dobro players."

The Doug Cox Trio performs Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 9 p.m.



NEW CD: Alan Miceli entertained with amusing anecdotes and classical guitar at ArtSpring Saturday night as he hosted a CD release party for *The Spaces Between*.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Sacred dance course directs participants to heart centres

A bevy of sacred dance enthusiasts on Salt Spring will gather this month to present a third Dithyramb Sacred Dance workshop.

Dance photographer and poet Diana Hayes, dancer Yiana Belkalopoulos, and esoteric arts teacher Doreen Grace Minshall will create the dance circle for three days next weekend (October 18-20) at Lions Hall.

According to event organizers, the Dithyramb was an ancient Greek dance that originally celebrated the god Apollo, but was later revealed to have originated with the worship of the great mother goddess Demeter and her daughter Persephone.

As part of the Eleusian Mystery School initiations for women, it encouraged

higher wisdom, healing and deep soul development.

"It classically heralded the descent in to the winter and darkness," notes press material. "Its ultimate goal was to direct women into their heart centre and the source of limitless love."

The Salt Spring sacred dance event will begin Friday night with a potluck of "divine foods" and a discovery circle honouring peace.

On Saturday, dancers aged 16 and up will experience gentle warm-ups, sacred dance preparation, dance drawings, ecstatic dance and movement meditation.

They will also explore personal mudras and inspirational mentorship.

The following day, dancers will learn about the

ancients' perspective on the feminine connection to the moon cycle and psychic arts.

Each participant will have a mini-astrology reading "that will inform the fully expressed personal sacred dancing that afternoon," note organizers.

The workshop winds up Sunday evening with a choral dance celebration.

Cost of the event is \$90. Registration, due by October 15, or further information can be obtained by calling 537-4088 or 538-0333.

Painters course slated

Salt Spring Painters' Guild is sponsoring a two-day acrylic/oil workshop with award-winning Vancouver artist Robert McMurray.

Set for ArtSpring on the October 26-27 weekend, space may be available to non-guild members.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

McMurray has earned several honours through the Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA), the Associated Graphic Awards and the White Rock and South Surrey Art Society.

He has been juried into shows in Seattle and Washington, D.C., plus numerous FCA exhibitions in Vancouver, been part of four-artist exhibitions at the Federation Gallery in Vancouver and done painting demonstrations for various groups. He is also a chartered accountant, and his workshop will include an open discussion on the business side of art marketing and related issues.

Examples of McMurray's work can be viewed at ArtSpring or, on Wednesday morning during painters' guild meetings at Lions Hall on October 9 and 16, or on the Internet at <http://www.artists.ca/gallery/rmcmurray.html>.

Workshop cost is \$150 for non-members of the guild.

For registration information, call Heather, 537-2407. For general information about the workshop, call Bernice Wood, 537-9360.

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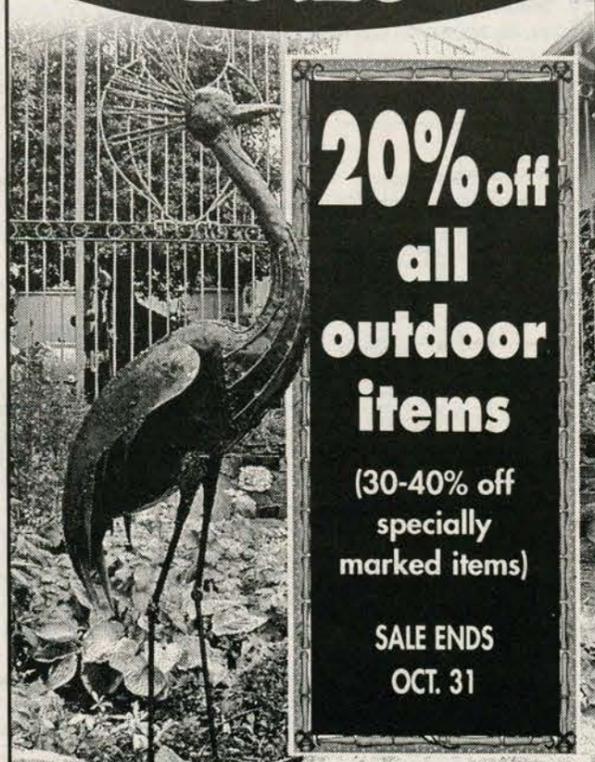
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From Pavlo to puppets, ArtSpring busy in October

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

Mark your calendars — October promises to be an exciting month at ArtSpring with lots of inspirational entertainment and activities scheduled.

- Running the gamut from ballad to bebop and all the stops in between, internationally acclaimed singer and pianist Carol Welsman brings her smooth jazz sound to the ArtSwings! opener on October 12 at 8 p.m.

- Pavlo takes to the stage on October 13, at 2 p.m. Pavlo's musical style can best be described as Mediterranean music that combines influences of flamenco, Latin, classical and Mediterranean guitar mixed with Greek bouzouki.

- Swatantr Jyoti (The Light of Freedom) will be on Salt Spring for one night after spending 25 years in India. Join her for a meditation and self-awareness session on Monday, October 14 at 7 p.m. in the guild room.

- With puppets flying through the air and over the audience, Dan Butterworth will entertain with his marionettes, performing Carnaval del Mundo, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.

- The Farmers Institute will be the venue for Brews 'n' Blues on October 19 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. This ArtSpring fundraiser will merge some extraordinary craft brewers and live blues music. Play it smart with the Safe Ride Home Program sponsored by Gulf Islands Brewery.

- ArtSpring marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with My Left Breast, a triumph of human spirit, which sees a transformation of victim to victor over an evil disease. The play is on for one night only on October 21, 8 p.m.

- The local comedy duo of Sid and Arvid will be back on the ArtSpring stage with The Topic of Cancer. Who knows what antics these guys will be up to next? Find out on October 26.

- ArtTalk, a one-hour monthly session will take place at noon on Friday, October 25. For \$3, you will get a tea or coffee and a talk.

- Peter Matthiessen, internationally acclaimed writer and naturalist, will be speaking at a benefit for the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. The engagement will take place in the

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theatre on Sunday, October 27 at 8 p.m.

- Mezzo-Soprano Jean Stilwell kicks off the Great Performers at ArtSpring

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For more information on these events, please visit or contact the box office at 537-2102 or visit www.artspring.ca.



ISLANDS TRUST SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 73 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2002"
- Proposed Bylaw No. 74 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 72, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2002"
- Proposed Bylaw No. 75 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 2, 2002"
- Proposed Bylaw No. 76 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 72, 2002, Amendment No. 2, 2002"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 20, 2002 at the Saturna Community Hall, East Point Road, Saturna Island.

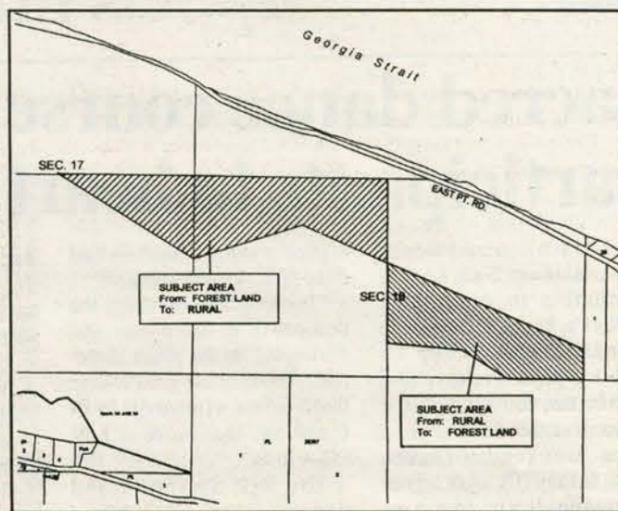
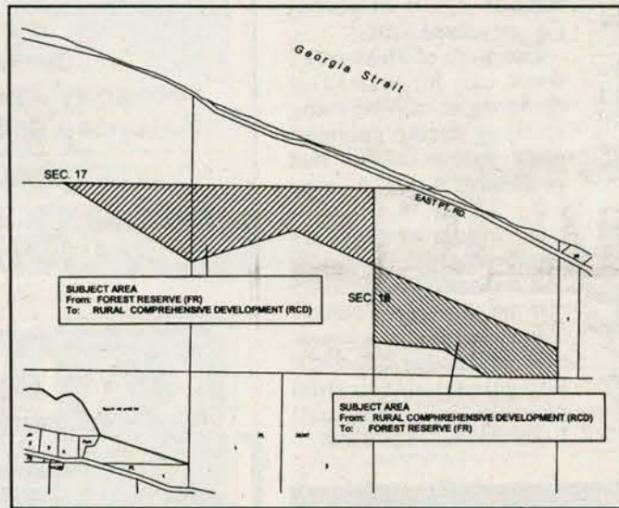
At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Bylaw No. 73 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2002"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 73 is to amend Schedule B of the Official Community Plan by changing the designation of lands legally described as portion of South East 1/4 of Section 17 and portion of South West 1/4 Section of 16, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from Forest Land to Rural; and, by changing the designation of lands legally described as portion of fractional East 1/2 of Section 16 from Rural to Forest Land as shown on the plan below:

Bylaw No. 74 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 72, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2002"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 74 is to amend Schedule B of the Land Use Bylaw by changing the zoning on the property legally described as portion of South East 1/4 of Section 17 and portion of South West 1/4 Section of 16, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from Forest Reserve to Rural Comprehensive Development; and, by changing the zoning of lands legally described as portion of fractional East 1/2 of Section 16 from Rural Comprehensive Development to Forest Reserve, as shown on plan below:

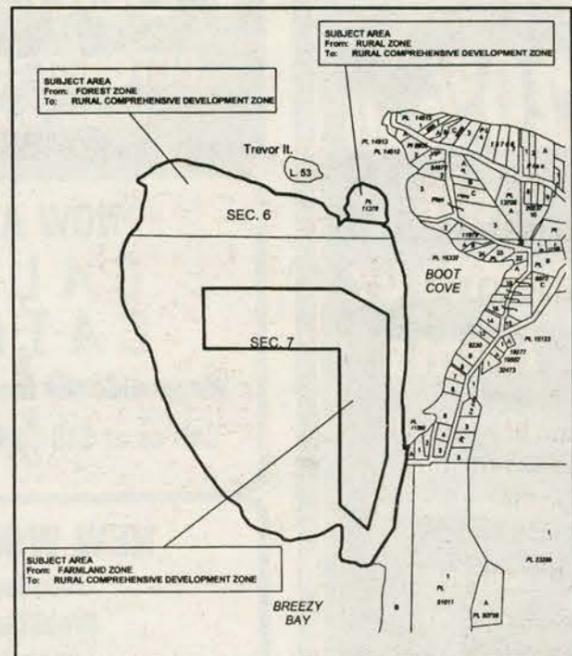


Bylaw No. 75 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 2, 2002"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 75 is to amend Schedule B of the Official Community Plan by changing the designation of lands legally described as Sections 6 and 7, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from Forest Land and Farmland to Rural, as shown on the plan below:

Bylaw No. 76 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 72, 2002, Amendment No. 2, 2002"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 76 is to amend the Rural Comprehensive Development Zone to permit a maximum of 28 residences on the parcel of land commonly known as "Old Point Farm" and legally described as Sections 6 and 7, Saturna Island, Cowichan District and Lot 1, Plan 11378, Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District and to amend Schedule B of the Land Use Bylaw by changing the zoning on the property legally described as Sections 6 and 7, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from Forest and Farmland Zones to Rural Comprehensive Development Zone; and, by changing the zoning of lands legally described as Lot 1, Plan 11378, Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from Rural Zone to Rural Comprehensive Development Zone, as shown on plan below:



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, October 9, 2002.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, October 9, 2002 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Saturna Island / Bylaws / Proposed

- Written submissions may be delivered to:
1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2002;
 2. after 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2002, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 20, 2002.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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Malaspina workshop jazzes up the island

An annual weekend of jazz is ready to set the beat at Gulf Islands Secondary School later this month.

Jazz musicians of all ages and levels are invited to participate in a three-day workshop and concert October 25-27 hosted by the Malaspina College music department.

Cost for the weekend workshop is \$145 and includes lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. A family price for more than one participant is negotiable.

The workshop is open to musicians with a variety of instruments as well as vocalists.

Due to an overwhelming number of vocalists eager to study with Joani Taylor last year, the vocal section is being limited this year to 10 people.

The weekend of group study, with a one-on-one teacher/student component, culminates in a concert Sunday night.

Musicians perform in combo groups while vocalists are backed by faculty members as they sing.

The weekend of jazz begins Friday (October 25) at 6 p.m., runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and concludes with the concert.

In addition to Taylor, other workshop leaders include Buff Allen (drums), Kenny Lister (bass); John Capon (trombone and piano), Ross Taggart (sax), Pat Coleman (guitar) and Arnie Chychosky (trumpet).

Registration is through Salt Spring Middle School band teacher Mitch Howard at 537-1159 (ext. 248) or 537-8881, or by e-mail at mhoward@sd64.bc.ca



IN TUNE WITH PEACE: Cassandra Miller and other members of Tuned Air were among those entertaining Saturday night at a weekend-long peace gathering held at the Harbour House Hotel.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Puppets plan ArtSpring visit

To kick off the newly formed Saltspring Island "Yes Strings Attached" Marionette troupe, a master puppeteer will perform his magic at ArtSpring.

Rhode Island puppeteer Dan Butterworth is set to present the "enchanted" Carnaval del Mundo on October 19.

According to press material, Butterworth's performance will appeal to both children and adults. The creatures perform on the stage, through the air and right out into the audience.

"All will be astounded when these master puppeteers weave their enchantments through the crowd."

Organizers say the performance will introduce the magic and ancient art of marionette puppetry to Salt Spring residents.

The new, locally formed marionette troupe is also hosting a week-long workshop to learn the art of carving and manipulating classical, state-of-the-art wooden marionettes.

The troupe's vision is to stage performances using local legends and themes for future performances.

Tickets for the

Butterworth show are available at the ArtSpring box office at a cost of \$12 per adult and \$7 per child under 12.

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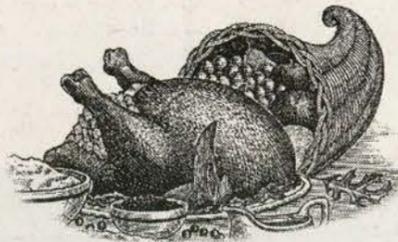
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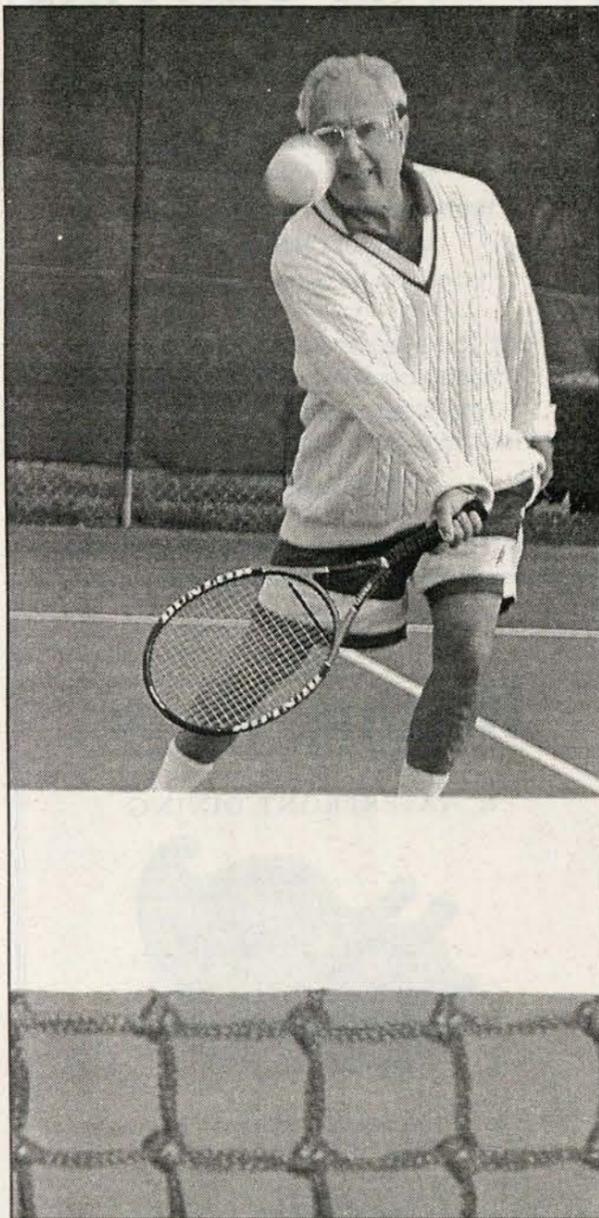
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TENNIS ANYONE?: Daniel Phelan easily puts the ball over the net for a point in tennis action Sunday morning at Portlock Park. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

Slayers hang on for a rough ride

Salt Spring Slayers faced some stiff competition Sunday when the Campbell River Falcons came to town.

"This is a team who has not lost a game in two years," said Slayers manager John Foley. "Their key player is about 6-foot 4 and 240 pounds. And they have a couple others who are not much smaller."

The first quarter marked a tough defensive battle that ended with the Slayers stopping the Falcons on the Slayers' 10-yard-line. Myles Teagle and company countered with a drive that took the ball to the Falcons' 40.

But midway through the second quarter, the Falcons scored to take a 6 to 0 lead. The Slayers answered back immediately with Peter Goodman on a spectacular 65-yard run making the score 8 to 6 Slayers.

Falcons responded with an aerial attack that caught the Slayers off guard and the score was 14 to 8.

Taylor Stibbards made a great 45-yard runback on the kickoff and two plays later Mike Windsor rumbled 20 yards for the major score, bringing it to 14-14.

The Falcons again took to the air to score, ending the half up 22 to 14.

Player Lowell Rockcliffe didn't dress for the game due to bruised ribs, but at

half time he couldn't handle just watching the game and got dressed to play. On his first carry he had a great run for 40 yards, setting up a Windsor touchdown that made the score 22 to 20.

Falcons' next drive ended on a John Foley sack that caused a fumble for Rockcliffe to recover. But the Falcons on their next possession made no mistake and went up 29 to 20.

Aaron Troy played an excellent game on the line and Robert Smith did well against the star Falcon player.

With four minutes left and down by nine, the Slayers went in tough. Teagle ran an option play that sent Goodman all the way and the score was 29 to 26.

With only a couple of minutes left, the Falcons went to the air again, but this time Goodman was on the spot and intercepted. He ran 30 yards to make the score 32 to 29 for the Slayers.

Then the Falcons were on their own 25 and, with 25 seconds left, they aired the ball one more time. Windsor picked it off and ran 35 yards to make the final score 38 to 29 for the home squad.

The Falcons coach said, "We have never had that many points scored on us."

Foley noted, "This was a total team effort — it was a great game."

Saints fall to Slugs' royal treatment

Even though Chad Kinnear tried to even the score with an own-net goal, the Mill Bay Saints collapsed 8-4 under the mucilage of Salt Spring Slug offence Sunday.

"It was a good game and hard-fought," said Patrick Akerman. "There was no fisticuffs or anything."

Expecting a possible visit from Queen Elizabeth II, the Slugs had dressed up Fuller Lake but the royal family of hockey fans didn't arrive to drop the first puck, Akerman said.

"We had the red carpet but she didn't show," he said.

On the scoreboard, Bob

Akerman gathered another hat-trick, Brad Scott pegged four goals and Blain Johnson scored a single.

"Marc Burrioni was held off the score-sheet again," Patrick Akerman said.

But Kinnear made a perfect redirection off his skate to kick one into his own net.

An earlier match against the Shoreline Bruins at the Panorama Leisure Centre Thursday ended in confu-

sion since the game was played without a referee.

"We said it was 5-5 and they said it was a 5-4 win for them."

The Slugs next play Squid Roe in Sidney October 17.

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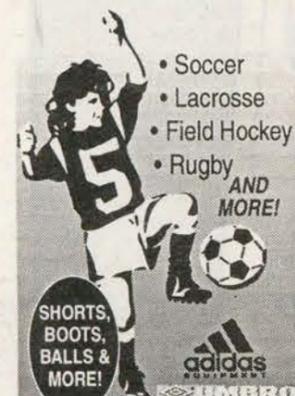
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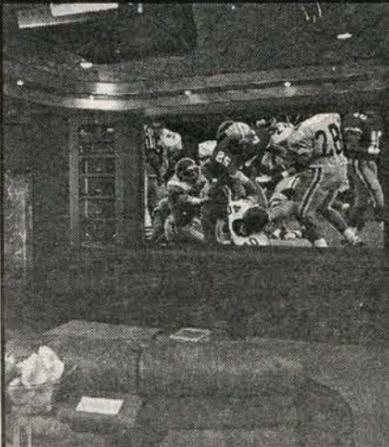
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• The U15 girls soccer team Hippy Chicks blew out Peninsula with a 7-0 spree Saturday.

The game started strong for Salt Spring after Mercedes Reynolds scored two goals and Emily Myers picked up another.

The Hippy Chicks then pounced on a fourth goal as Joanna Gauld turned a Peninsula attack on its ear with a steal and pass to Roshann Cornwall, who fed Myers with a winner.

The blast by Myers went into the net so hard that Meghan Drummond didn't realize Salt Spring had already scored and she finished the rebound.

Another goal went to Danielle Viozzi after a pass on the left wing by Ande Kuric.

Starting the second half with a 5-0 lead, the Hippy Chicks kept the ball in Peninsula's end.

Following a series of strong Salt Spring passes,

Drummond scored in the six-yard box. And, not to be left out of the action, Val Harkema dribbled up the centre to finish off a solo attack for the final goal.

• Salt Spring U14 boys Strikers held back Cowichan Titans for a 2-1 win at Portlock Park last Saturday.

Just minutes after the opening whistle, outside midfielder Tavis Morton's throw-in was smartly headed by defensive midfielder Alex Hannah to the feet of striker Liam Johnson.

Warding off two defenders, Johnson used a low drive to find the back of the Titans net.

Minutes later, the U14 Strikers left back Geoff Cronin sent left midfielder Kirby Garside up the flank with a crisp pass, and it was all Garside from the half line until he buried the ball into the top corner of the mesh.

SOCCER KICKS

The Titans switched to a 5-3-2 format to slow Salt Spring's penetrating runs and, with long balls bypassing the midfield, started to pressure the Strikers back line.

The stellar defence of Cronin, Marshall Barter, Eland Bronstein, Gordon Havelaar and DJ Lake responded time and again by forcing the play back to the half line.

Keeper Jordan Borth kept control of the 18-yard box until the middle of the second half when his rushing challenge at the corner of the box was deflected towards the open net, and Cowichan had its first on the board.

The Strikers re-took control of the middle third and



Monique Comeau is challenged by a Lakehill player as she snags the ball.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

kept Cowichan pressed into its half for the remainder of the match.

• Salt Spring Slammers U12 girls dominated play but had a hard time getting the ball into the net when they took on Lakehill at the upper high school field last Saturday.

However, the Slammers did emerge on the right side of a 1-0 score, after Monique Comeau nailed the ball into the net just before half-time.

Salt Spring keepers Lara Coelho and Danica Lundy saw little action at their end of the field, but Katie Villadsen made an awesome save in the second half when Lakehill finally broke through the Salt Spring defence.

Coach Dave Morgan noted the strong defensive play of Natasha Hollingsworth and Olivia Morgan, who time and time again sent the ball booming back into the Lakehill zone.

He also commented on the

quick action of defender Kaeli Dragomir.

Next week the girls head off island to play Prospect Lake.

• Salt Spring's U11 team fell 6-3 to Peninsula at Portlock Park last Saturday, but had "moments of brilliance," noted coach Sue Spencer.

Kirstie Girard scored all three of the island goals, and played an "unselfish game, passing when she could have exploited the wing," said Spencer.

Kate Hosie, Emily Gix and Sal Woodley-Wiltshire took turns in net.

Spencer also commended the play of Paige Hickman and Nicole Pal who were "very consistent in the self-appointed defensive position. . . They have learned timing and pace on clearances all on their own."

Robyn Millerd was also highlighted as attending well to the target position.

Next week the U11 girls have a bye, but are back with a home game on October 19.

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Div. 6 team wakes up to win match

Stymied by a lack of finish in the first half, Salt Spring's Division 6 men's team regrouped to trounce Gordon Head 2-1 in an off-island nail-biter Sunday.

"I think their team made very little difference over whether we won or lost," said Salt Spring midfielder Cameron Sweet. "It was all a matter of whether we were going to play football or not."

Frustrated during half a dozen chances in the early part of the game, the islanders dominated play but couldn't put the ball in the net.

"I was standing in the six-yard box with a perfect pass but I couldn't hit it," Sweet laughed.

At one point, Daemon Baker pulled off a great

deke to make a rush on goal, but with the net gaping all around him, he fired the ball at the keeper point blank.

"Daemon went in on a blazing breakaway and went five-hole, forgetting it wasn't hockey," said coach Mike Brown.

"We basically slept through the first half," he said.

With few chances of their own, Gordon Head finally put a ball on net in the last five minutes before the half.

"It was just a fumble bumble in front of the net," said Brown.

But several Div. 6 players were quick to take responsibility for the defensive lapse.

"Everybody seems to be

owning that goal," Brown laughed.

"I definitely wasn't cheering hard enough from the sidelines," quipped Tyler Sayer.

But as the half changed and Gordon Head enjoyed a celebratory flypast from the Snowbirds acrobatic jet team, Salt Spring developed the will to win and put up a fierce attack.

"We controlled the play, settled it down and started feeding the forwards with chances," Brown said.

With 30 minutes remaining, Corbin Scott switched from sweeper to striker and coach Brown jumped into the play with Tom Berry.

A fiesty Gordon Head squad drew cards and battles from Salt Spring players. The physical action

was highlighted by a wrestling "dance" between a Gordon Head player and Brown over an off-field ball.

"He was looking for love in the wrong places," said Brown.

But 20 minutes into the half, Joel Berry got taken down in the penalty area and Scott took the free kick.

"He wrapped it right around the wall and stuffed it in the top corner — a textbook shot," said Brown.

A second free kick by Brown fed Corbin with the game-winner.

"I never saw Corbin. He came out of nowhere, head and shoulders above the rest and buried it."

Div. 6 next faces Sooke at the lower high school field 2:15 Sunday.

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Dragons play aggressive one-goal game

By JOANNE O'CONNOR
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Dragons women's soccer team celebrated a hard-fought win over Cowichan on Sunday.

Playing on the opposition's field, the Dragons managed to withstand the physical plays of the solid Cowichan team.

Cowichan's speedy defencewomen were usually able to keep up with the Dragons strikers, resulting in many thwarted shots on net.

Dragons stopper Sue King noted, "[Cowichan is] the most aggressive team we've played so far. We're quite evenly matched, I think."

Dragons netminder Carol Adam successfully blocked several hard shots in the first half.

Outside midfielders Jana

Duke, Laura Green, Tara Brown and Glynis Finer braved many crushing hits to deliver the ball skilfully up the field.

Striker Robyn Huntley-Smith played her first game with the Dragons and held her own admirably on the front line.

The game was scoreless at the end of the first half.

The Dragons entered the second half of the game with a steadier focus and better organization. King admitted, "We started out pretty flat and let them set the pace of the game."

Dragons goalkeeper Tami Benoit stopped attempts on her net despite a swollen eye, which resulted from a close encounter with the ball during her stint as striker in the first half.

Cowichan switched goalkeepers later in the second

half and the Dragons took advantage of the change. Stopper Sue King moved up to a defensive centre-midfield position in order to increase the pressure.

King, in her usual inimitable fashion, jockeyed around the opposition to deliver the ball to the strikers.

Cowichan players weren't about to give up, though, and their strong defensive line held the Dragons at bay.

The tide finally turned with just over five minutes remaining in the game. King passed to striker Thea Wood, who delivered a shot on the Cowichan net.

A blatant hand ball inside the 18-yard box from a Cowichan defender stopped Wood's shot and the Dragons were awarded a direct free kick. Adam took

the kick and buried the ball in the opposition net, with a low, hard shot to the left corner.

The Dragons play in Ladysmith next Sunday, and are back on the island October 20 to challenge another aggressive team: the Sooke Trailblazers.

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The mixer-format tourney gave women the choice of partners and winners were determined by the team that won the most games, said tournament director Carol Wright.

Van Hasselt and Miville

won 27 games out of the four nine-game rounds, she said.

In second place was Doreen Johnson and Ron Perring with 24 won games.

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Old Boys miss Chris Cottrell but enjoy lunch stop at pub

Despite a dominating presence throughout the game, the Salt Spring Old Boys fell 1-0 on a tough-luck goal in Sooke Sunday.

"It was a humorous match," said Alvaro Sanchez. "We had to laugh or cry."

The Old Boys controlled the field for most of the game as Sooke backed into a defensive shell. But Salt Spring couldn't finish attacks even though they had many chances, he said.

"Donny Brown had a really good shot that missed by a foot. Doug (Pearson) had a good header but the keeper

saved it. Rainer (Funk) had chances and Antonio (Alonso) kicked it over the bar."

Salt Spring played one of their best matches of the season, Sanchez said.

"For the first 10 minutes we just ran over them... but at the end we were running out of ideas."

Salt Spring fielded 15 players to keep fresh legs moving and everyone played well but the islanders couldn't crack Sooke's defence.

"We were missing Chris Cottrell, which was probably affecting us."

In the final minutes,

Sooke put a corner kick into the box but Old Boys' keeper John Oblati couldn't get to the ball and it bounced off two defenders before it went in the net.

At least the Old Boys enjoyed fine company and good weather for the road trip, Sanchez said.

"We were happy it wasn't raining or windy the way it usually is when we go there."

The team packed into two vehicles for the journey and stopped at the 17-Mile Pub for a delicious lunch on the return leg, he said.

"By the time we got to the ferry, we were happy again."

Ladies bag poultry in golf play

Scratch golfer Violet Austin won a whole chicken for low gross play in the nine-hole ladies Chicken Shoot at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on October 2.

Winning a pack of chicken thighs, Ann Leigh-Spencer placed second and Kay Mowbray won chicken legs for high gross third.

Ruth Grant won the poultry putt pot with 14 shots.

In other golf news: A formidable team of Larry Davies, Colin Lawler, Warner Woodley and Lee Hurd shot a low net 57 to win the four-ball best-ball event Thursday.

Tom Locke, Pat Dalton, Tim McBride and Dave Sheppard shot net 58 for second.

Third place team went to Fred Lyhne, Dennis White and Eric Taylor for net 58. Also shooting 58 for fourth

GOLF TEES

place was Gordon Thorne, Michael Wheaton, Hank Doerkson and Dennis McMaster.

The fifth place team of Bruce Kirwin, Gus Mitchell, Campbell Blair and Hamish Simpson carded a net 59.

Closest to the pin (KP) awards were given to Davies (#15 and #11), Locke (#2), John Campbell (#11), Patrick Dalton (#6), Tim McBride (#2) and Reg Winstone (#6).

Eric Taylor won the long drive (low handicap) and Campbell won the high handicap long drive.

Marjorie Cade won the Crier's Cup for low net play among 18-hole ladies October 1. Cade also won KP, while Janet Butler won

runner-up low net and Grace Murchie won the putt pot.

All women players are welcome to attend the women's annual fall meeting at the club house 7 p.m. October 15.

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Cowichan football players shave heads

Salt Spring members of the Cowichan Timbermen bantam football team will be shedding their locks for the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock fundraising campaign.

Cody Hunsberger, Richard Hull, Jake Fraser, Graham Meek, Sasha Floercke and Jono Demandre make up one-third of the Timbermen team of 14-15-year-olds, commuting off-island to practices three times per week and playing in weekend games.

There is no football squad on island for youths their age.

They are now collecting pledges for the fundraising effort that will see their heads shaved on Saturday.

Fraser, Hunsberger and Hull have helped coach the Salt Spring junior bantam and peewee teams, and Fraser and Hull have taken a refereeing course this year.

These three boys, along with Meek, have been playing football with Cowichan since 2001, helping their team win the season with no losses last year.

All four boys were key players for the team and Hunsberger and Hull brought home trophies for their achievements.

For the next fall season, Salt Spring coaches Doug Mitchell and John Foley are putting together a bantam level varsity (high school) team.

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Salt Spring FC composed against brash Prospect Lake



BALL PLAY: Salt Spring FC clashes with Prospect Lake in front of the net at a home game last Sunday. The intense match, which took place at the high school, ended in a 1-1 draw.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring FC started and finished strong with several chances but ended with a 1-1 draw against the Prospect Lake Lakers after an intense match Sunday.

"Harrison Jason and Dion Hackett are quickly becoming the dominant striking pair in the league," said FC coach Ken Marr. "Their play together is magical. Quick one-touch play up front had the visitors' defence in complete confusion at times."

Runs from David McColl in left defence also had the Lakers scrambling to pick up marks.

But a Laker goal came at the 20-minute mark as the result of a missed clearance. Keeper Jono McDonald had no chance as the visiting striker buried the ball top corner from 12 yards.

The rest of the half deteriorated into a whining match, said Marr.

"The goal bumped FC off their game and the Lakers knew it."

One point shy of promotion last year, the older and experienced Lakers are confident of moving up to the first division this season, he said.

"Once they were up, they used every opportunity to hit

FC players after the whistle, whine about official's calls and goad on opposing players and officials."

Fortunately, Chris Jason (Dough), Jeremy Morrison, Jesse Fisher and Chris Langdon were stellar in their domination of the middle on defence and stopped all of the Lakers' kick-and-run attacks, Marr said.

"FC showed incredible composure in the second half, refusing to be drawn into verbal battles, answering the unprofessional behaviour with superior ball skill and continued offensive pressure," Marr said.

Ten minutes into the half, McColl took a free kick just inside the Lakers zone and switched it to Chris Griffiths, who launched a long, perfect cross for Tom McColl to head-in from eight yards.

For the last 20 minutes, the Lakers had nine or 10 men inside their eighteen-yard box as FC sent wave after wave of attack towards the visitors' goal.

"Mark Nordine and Rhys Beasley came on, giving FC an attacking defender on the right as well causing sheer panic in the older and obviously less fit Lakers."

Eventually a Laker received his second yellow card and was sent from the pitch.

"Attempts by H. Jason, Hackett and 'Dough' were frustrated by posts, cross bars and some really fine keeping. Only the final whistle saved the visitors from sure defeat," Marr said.

"Lots of positives will be taken from the game. If the Lakers really are contenders for the title, FC will definitely be in the hunt."

FC is still undefeated in league play since January of 2001 (26 games, 19-0-7).

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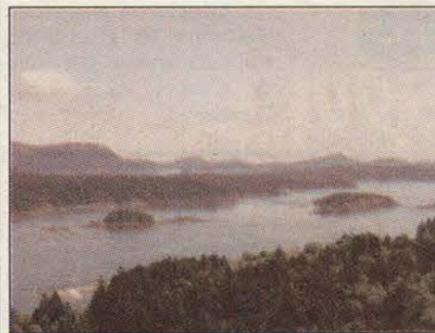


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